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## Around the State.....

Don't forget to mark your calendar for the Florida Church of God Ministries Question and Answer Session nearest you. You will have the opportunity to ask questions of the state leadership team.

The evening schedule is for 6 -9 p.m. and includes a dinner sponsored by Florida Church of God Ministries.

We need your reservations not later than March 20, 2008.

Jacksonville: March 31, 2008  
Location: Beverly Hills Church

Perry: April 1, 2008  
Location: Perry Church of God

Bradenton: April 3, 2008  
Location: Bradenton First Church of God

South Lake Wales: April 4, 2008  
Location: South Lake Wales Church

Palm Beach Gardens: April 5, 2008  
Location: Church in the Gardens

Orlando: April 7, 2008  
Location: Hope Community Church

For more information and RSVP's please contact Fay at [fay@flcog.org](mailto:fay@flcog.org) or 407-737-7633.

*Send us your news! We want to share the joy with others...send your article and pictures (jpg format please) to [rebecca@flcog.org](mailto:rebecca@flcog.org) . Articles may be subject to editing.*

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### **Spanglish at Coral Springs**

Two weeks ago Saturday, Spanglish Ministries had the first Conference for Hispanic Pastors and Leaders in South Florida. Community Church in Coral Springs with Pastors Bob Cohee and Carlos Daza were the hosts of this event.

After 2 years working with leadership development in Central Florida, Hispanic Ministries of Florida Church of God is starting to work in South Florida.

### **Relevance: Women of the Church of God Examines the Needs**

How can women connect in meaningful and supportive ways? What are the specific ministry needs of women? How can women better support the ministry of their local church? Women of the Church of God is

conducting a major study to find the answers to these questions and others, and you may be asked for your thoughts.

"Our number one goal is to be a ministry that serves Jesus and the kingdom of God," said Arnetta McNeese Bailey, executive director for Women of the Church of God. "We recognize the world is an ever-changing place, and to be effective in ministry, we must be relevant, relevant to women, to our church, to our pastors, to our family, and to our community. To be relevant, we need to know who we are, how others view us, and what the ministry needs of women are."

In partnership with Dr. Michael Wiese, professor of marketing at Anderson University, Women of the Church of God will conduct an extensive research project, aptly named Relevance. Information for the study will be collected through interviews, surveys, and focus groups with women and pastors from across the movement. The project will be ongoing throughout the spring of 2008.

"I encourage all the women and pastors selected for the research project to participate and tell us what they think," said McNeese Bailey. "We really want to hear from the church so we can better plan to meet the ministry needs of women." You can learn more about Women of the Church of God by visiting [www.wchog.org](http://www.wchog.org).

## **2008 Church of God Associates Retreat**

April 23-26, 2008  
Whitehall Camp & Conference Center, Emlenton, PA

Retreat leaders include Vickie Doyle, Jeff White, Nigel Parker and a Women in Ministry Discussion Panel.

Total cost is only \$150 for lodging with private baths, meals, snacks, recreation facilities including fishing & hiking, and conference center. Golfing is available for an additional fee. Check out the camp at [www.whitehallcamp.org](http://www.whitehallcamp.org)

Registration due by April 1. For additional information, please contact Tim Julian at [tjulian@meadowpark.org](mailto:tjulian@meadowpark.org).

## **Galatians 6:6 Marriage Retreat Scholarships Available**

Florida Church of God Ministries has a limited number of scholarships available for the next Galatians 6:6 Retreat to be held May 2 & 3, 2008 in Orlando.

The event hosts a complimentary hotel room (May 2), meals, and registration.

This opportunity is for pastors and spouses who have never attended a Galatians 6:6 retreat.

If you are interested in attending, please contact Barbara at the Ministries Resource Center at [barbara@flcog.org](mailto:barbara@flcog.org) or 407-737-7633.

Intimate Life Ministries is committed to providing encouragement and support to ministry marriages by providing marriage retreats for pastors and spouses. If you are a full-time senior pastor, click here to find out more about [Galatians 6:6 Retreats](#).

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2511 S. Lakeline Blvd  
Cedar Park, Texas 78613  
800-881-8008 [www.greatcommandment.net](http://www.greatcommandment.net)

## **Intercessory Prayer Time**

A group of us gather weekly on Tuesdays @ the FLCOG Ministries Resource Center for a time of prayer for our pastors and churches. If you are interested in joining us for this time, we will begin @ 9AM and go until 10AM. If you have specific prayer requests for your church or pastor, please email those to [prayer@flcog.org](mailto:prayer@flcog.org).

**Join us this week wherever you are as we pray for the following "churches of the week":**

**Tenth Street Church of God- Lakeland  
Silver Lake Community Church- Leesburg**

Metro Christian Fellowship- Lehigh Acres

## Outreach News from The Church at Bradenton

Pastor Ancil Abney of The Church at Bradenton writes, "We have closed the church property for Palm Sunday, rented out part of GT Bray Park and are holding worship services at the Park at 10 a.m. The school board has allowed us access to four elementary schools consistently this school year to invite the school families to participate with us in Friday night outdoor movie nights (2400-3200 flyers sent home for each event). This has provided a positive and non-threatening opportunity for us to build relationships with community families. For The Church at GT Bray (Palm Sunday) the school board has allowed us to send flyers to each student's home inviting them to a community wide Easter Egg Hunt on Palm Sunday at 11:30 a.m. - followed by a picnic in the park ... hotdogs, hamburgers and all the stuff that goes along with it.

This is a huge event for us -- just closing the church and worshipping in the park is an amazing challenge.

We're hoping to rub shoulders with a lot of people who would never have made it to a traditional church service, but might meet Jesus in the park with us!

This is the wrap up of a series of messages called, "The Church Has Left The Building". We decided if we were going to teach the theme, we should put some shoe leather on it and "leave the building -- as the church!" God is doing some incredible things in Bradenton in the hearts of our people and in the heart of our community. We're making an impact in the lives of families that has never been felt before."

## Calendar of Events

Check out the FLCOG website at [www.flcog.org](http://www.flcog.org) for upcoming events....

**Have a wonderful God-filled week!**

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