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Around the State.....

After 32 years of ministry in Florida, Dave Walker is retiring. He served as an Associate, then Assistant Pastor at White Chapel in South Daytona from August, 1976 through October, 1979. He served as Senior Pastor at The Lighthouse Church in DeLand from November 1, 1979 until December 31, 2007. He has served as Executive Pastor these last seven

months, assisting with the transition. We congratulate him on his retirement and say "thanks" for his service to God's Kingdom.

Send Us Your News

Do you have news or information you'd like to share? Send your article and pictures (jpg format please) to rebecca@flcog.org. Articles may be subject to editing.

Invitation to All Pastor's Wives

The 2008 Pastor's Wives Retreat will be held on October 10th - 12th at the WordSpring Discovery Center located in southeast Orlando. The Center is an extension of Wycliffe Bible Translators. The weekend will provide a variety of ways to strengthen your relationships with God and others as well as offering lots of fun and laughter.

We will be spending some time with Beth Moore, via DVD, learning how to love the people in our lives - even those who are humanly impossible to love. As pastor's wives, these kinds of lessons are vital for healthy, effective ministry.

Mark your calendar and join us for a weekend that you won't soon forget!

Register before September 1st for the early bird fee of \$90. [Click here for the registration form and more information.](#)

Safety Deeding Information

The Church of God's informal approach to membership is one of our strengths. But, like any strength, it has a weak side that makes local Church of God congregations potentially vulnerable to persons or groups taking over the church for the purpose of gaining control of the assets of the local congregation. While this vulnerability could be utilized by less than honorable people, a far greater fear is for a cult or other group to manipulate the vulnerability and gain control of property that has been dedicated to ministry for Christ. This involves persons or a group attending the church until the membership requirements are met (usually 6 months), having a majority present at a business meeting, and then taking control of the church and its assets in a hostile takeover.

Safety deeding assures a Church of God congregation that their property assets will remain part of the Church of God and will not be taken over by persons or a group not affiliated with the Church of God. [To read more of the article.](#)

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Intercessory Prayer Time

A group of us gather weekly on Fridays @ 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.

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

**Spirit Lake Community - Winter Haven
Community Chapel - Zephyrhills
Iglesia de Dios - Zephyrhills**

2008 Youth Convention theme: Illusion '08

Dates: Oct. 31 - Nov. 2, 2008

Where: Rosen Plaza (not Rosen Centre) on International Drive in Orlando.

Main speakers: Illusionist Brock Gill (www.brockgill.com) will be the Friday night main service speaker and he will have a late night illusionist performance after service. Brock will also speak in the Saturday morning main service.
Rev. Suzanne Haley (from Baltimore, MD - Director of the Emerging Leaders Movement in the Church of God) will speak in the main service on Sunday a.m.

Worship leaders: Collin Moneymaker and band from Miami.

Conferences: Saturday evening, 8 Breakout conferences will present everyday "illusions" young people face in our world and offer the help that Jesus Christ can bring to reveal the truth for their lives. A special Florida Student Leadership Institute breakout (for level 1) will also be offered at this convention during the breakout sessions. The Adult Leaders conference will be led by Rev. Suzanne Haley and a member of the FLCOG Student Ministry Leadership Team.
Information will be shared about the new focus for FYLI - now called Florida Student Leadership Institute (FSLI). There will also be a time of ministry training to add value to local ministries with students.

Cost: \$135.00 per person (includes hotel lodging and convention registration)

Special Activities: 3-on-3 basketball tournament, a special late night experience on Saturday following breakouts, and each group will be encouraged to get involved in a new offering at SYC 2008, "Serve Orlando", on Saturday afternoon. More info and a list of partner organizations will be included in the registration packet.

For up-to-date information, see the Florida Church of God Student Ministries website: www.floridayouth.net. A convention information and registration packet will be available for download on our website by mid August.

Calendar of Events

Check out the FLCOG website at www.flcog.org for upcoming events....

Have a wonderful God-filled week!

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