

## FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH, OCOEE, FLORIDA, JOINS DHF IN DIFFICULT DECISION

On November 19, the Ocoee Christian Church, Ocoee, Florida, voted to leave the Disciples of Christ denomination and join DHF. Following is a news release sent out soon after the meeting:

### **Surprise Move creates NEXT Non-Denominational Community Church**

Pastor Scott Billue and the Congregation of Ocoee Christian Church, after voting to remove itself from fellowship with the Disciples of Christ Denomination and continue on as a fully non-denominational church, found themselves without a building to Worship. Moments after the voting results were read to the congregation it was announced by a DoC Representative that the Church Property was now owned by the DoC as the property had been deeded to the DoC Denomination earlier in the morning by a few leaders and former leaders of the church. The DoC Representative announced to those leaving the Annual Congregational Meeting that the current Pastor and Congregation had two weeks to vacate the property.

After 10 years of decline, Ocoee Christian Church under the leadership of Pastor Billue grew from less than 30 remaining members to nearly 90 members and over 180 people actively involved in the church week to week in just a little more than a year. With the surprise announcement the membership decided it should continue with its vision and remain together as a Body thus has formed a new church plant that for the time being will begin meeting November 26 at First Baptist Church Winter Garden on Sunday evenings at 6:00 PM. The newly birthed NEXT Church is in the process of seeking a place to call home and begin offering a morning time of Worship as soon as possible.

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