
COASTAL FAMILY CHURCH

A Threat to Churches in Florida — Our Story & A Call to Stand Together



Coastal Family Church of Flagler Beach recently purchased the former Badcock Furniture building in a local shopping plaza to accommodate our growing congregation.

Prior to Badcock’s occupancy, the building had been vacant for nearly eight years. After purchasing it for \$1.9 million, we invested significantly in renovations and worked diligently to be respectful neighbors to the surrounding businesses.

Our church family began to flourish in this new space.

However, a legal challenge was brought against us by a local entity, using restrictive association rules that do not appear to be enforced consistently across the plaza.

A court ruling has now prevented our congregation of nearly 400 people from holding services in the building we purchased.

Why This Matters

This case is now being appealed to the Florida Supreme Court.

If this ruling is allowed to stand, it could set a precedent impacting churches across Florida —especially those meeting in shopping centers, retail spaces, or commercial properties.

Many churches today rely on these types of spaces to reach their communities.

How You Can Help

We are asking our community and churches to stand with us:

- Pray for wisdom, justice, and favor in this case
- Help raise awareness by sharing this story
- Encourage leaders to be aware of the potential religious liberty implications

Case Information

Flagler Square-Jax, Inc. vs. Roderick J. Palmer, Trustee of the 2501 Moody Blvd Land Trust Agreement

We are being represented pro bono by Liberty Counsel.

Our Heart

We remain committed to serving our community, sharing the message of Jesus, and honoring God in every step of this journey.

We believe the Church is strongest when we stand together.