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The mission of Oakwood is to...

Transform ordinary people into fully devoted followers of Jesus Christ.

Oakwood is a member of the Evangelical Free Church of America.



Seeds For Growth

THE IPM PROCESS CONTINUES

Every Interim connected with Interim Pastor Ministries discovers the reality that some within the body have a different perspective with regard to the process. The Interim and the leaders with whom he most closely labors are constantly thinking PROCESS, while some within the body are thinking TIME. The answer to the question, “*When will we begin the search for the next Servant Leader?*” is quite simply, “*We already have.*” The process is designed to be a step-by-step movement toward our next Pastor.

During the first phase, The Connection Phase, 122 interviews have been completed and a summary report of those things the church members celebrate and those things that are of concern was given to the body a few weeks ago. There has been an overwhelmingly supportive response to the key discoveries. We will be building on that as we move now into the next Phase.

The second phase, The Assessment Phase, has already begun. Key to the success of this next step in the process is the establishment of a Transition Team. The Elders, Deacons, and Church Members were all asked to suggest names of people who represent a broad spectrum of the body. There will be one elder and two deacons from the leadership on the Team as well as three women and three men from the church at large. There will be members of the Team who have been here a long while and others who have been members a shorter period of time. All members will be already serving in some capacity through Oakwood. You can pray, as we will have an Orientation Meeting on Sunday evening, June 26th for those invited to consider serving on the Team. We hope to be able to communicate the names of those who are committed to serve by July 1st. Their work can well be described as extremely important to the success of the process. Thus, they need your prayer support. We are not looking for people who have sufficient margin in their lives for accomplishing this work. Rather we are looking for those who can be led to so value the work that they are willing to create margin in their lives believing this is so important that it’s worth the sacrifice.



Elaine and I are very encouraged by the progress already made and we want you to know we are moving prayerfully and carefully with you to prepare well for your next Servant Leader.

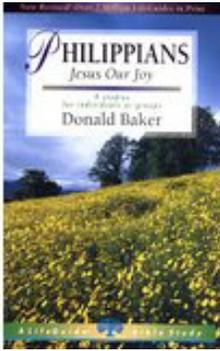
Enjoying the journey!

Larry

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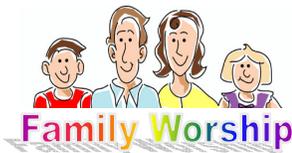
Women's Summer Bible Study—*Jesus Our Joy*



It is easy to be happy when things go well. But what would it be like to have a sense of joy that continues even in times of trouble? Such was the deep joy that the apostle Paul experienced - even in prison. His contentment was neither dependent on circumstances nor changed by difficulty. In his brief letter to the *Philippians*, Paul teaches us how to live joyfully in every situation.

This study will meet in the church library from 7:00-8:30 pm on Monday evenings starting on June 27th. Using a LifeGuide Scripture Study, participants will be encouraged to do their own personal study at home and then come prepared to share what they've learned in a small group discussion. Please contact Andrea Cress at (813-615-0838) or (andrea-cress@outlook.com) to sign up for the study. An approximate head count is needed so that the proper number of study guides can be ordered. Cost of the books will be \$9.

TreeHouse News



Family Worship in June

Hey TreeHouse Parents!

The kindergarten through 5th graders will enjoy being with their parents in the main Worship Service for one more Sunday. There will be some activity sheets available to keep them engaged. This will let our kids see what it's like in "big people" worship and give you a great opportunity to talk with your child about the lesson from the day. TreeHouse ministry will resume on Sunday, July 3.

Dave Dorsey

TreeHouse Volunteers needed

We have a number of TreeHouse volunteers who give of their time every week to minister to our wonderful children. We like to give this team of workers a break for the summer. Will you give us a hand and teach for a week, a month, or the summer? Please contact Dave Dorsey at 813-969-2303 or dave@oakwoodfl.org if you are interested in volunteering your time.



Opportunities to *Serve the Church & World*

Naomi's Daughters is a ministry for single moms that provides clothing to the moms and their children. The Oakwood family, along with others in the community, provides donations of clothing, food and money to keep this ministry moving forward.



During the month of June we are collecting school supplies to help these single moms have their children ready for school in August. There will be a box in the lobby for your contributions.

Please pray that we can continue to reach people in this ministry and show the hands and feet of the Lord to those who come through our doors.

English Camp in the Czech Republic

Team Tampa XVII

Oakwood is sending our 17th team to the Czech Republic to lead an English Camp for our sister church, Brno Evangelical Fellowship. You can help support the team in two ways:

1. **Give a financial gift** to help defray some of the expenses for the Czech Team. We will be taking a special offering on Sunday, July 10 or you can give online, through our website. Please write "Czech Team" in the memo portion of your check. We still need to raise \$1,000.
2. **Pray for the team – La Verne, Steve, Lori and Dean.** The biggest overall prayer requests would be for help in our preparations, for hearts to be ready and for us to make the most of the opportunities God provides.



Prayer Focus



Our Prayer Team works each month to provide a guide for specific prayer requests. You will have a weekly Prayer Focus printed on the Announcement Sheet in your Worship Program. There is also a Summer Prayer Guide available at the Information Center.

Elder led Prayer

Everyone is invited to join in a time of prayer with the elders from 5:30 – 6:30 PM the first and third Sunday of the month. We meet in the Worship Center.

Childcare will be provided.

PTSD Support Group

Supportive Arms Support Group meets every Friday from 7-9 PM in the Church Library.



This support group is for Veterans and current service members that suffer from PTSD/Trauma. Open to men and women. The goal is to give support and comfort in a group environment to those that struggle with PTSD/Trauma; to help in their daily lives with insight, support, and spiritual guidance; to show that they are loved and cared for through the Grace of God. While everyone may not have served, chances are we have a family member or friend who has and that is struggling in their everyday life. This is an opportunity for them to receive much needed care and support.

Group facilitators are Terrence Morman and Chris Schmidt.



PowerHouse Schedule

June 20-24—Help with VBS

June 26—Regular Evening Meeting—Cookout & Dodgeball

Friday, July 1—Depart for Challenge Conference

Saturday, July 9—Return from Challenge Conference

July 10—No PowerHouse Meeting

Youth @ Challenge Conference

On July 1, sixteen of our middle and high school students and four adult leaders will head to Louisville, KY, for the EFCA student conference—Challenge 2016.



Our students have worked hard since last summer raising funds with the Food Bag Ministry to help pay for their trip. They have bagged over 7,800 bags with grocery items (see information below) and earned almost \$11,000 towards this trip.



Please pray for the team for safety as they travel and a great conference.

The team consists of:

Students: Rebekah Bustamante, Anissa Clendinen, Ariana Clendinen, Joseph Cress, Cici Killeen, Lauren Killeen, Abbie Kluck, Anthony Reyes, Taylor Sas, Jackie Shields, Kimberly Taylor, Gabi Torres, Kailey Treadway, Winter Whipple, Wyatt Whipple and Jack Wyatt.

Leaders: Doug Cress, Katie Frost, Maritza Torres and Cam Whipple.

Food Bag Ministry

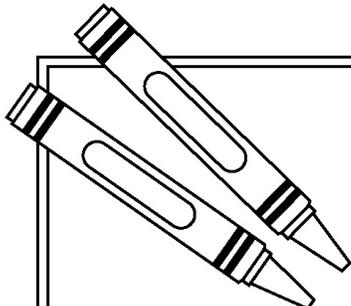
Our PowerHouse students have a monthly fundraiser assembling food bags that are distributed to medical clinics in Tampa, Lakeland, Haines City and Winter Haven? These bags are distributed to indigent patients at the clinic to provide some basic food needs of the patients and their family.

PowerHouse teens can raise money for summer mission/conference trips by participating in our monthly Food Bag Ministry, typically on the second Sunday of each month. Our next Food Bag prep day is **Sunday, July 17** right after the Worship Service.



Teens can raise extra funds by helping shop for the food and/or helping with delivery of the food bags to the medical clinics. Shopping for the next fundraiser will be Friday, July 15. Meet at Aldi at Bearss & Florida Ave. at 5:00 PM (or contact Cam Whipple—813.265.9895) if you want to help. For more details on deliveries, contact Cindy Gianone at (813) 969-4136.

Kids Corner

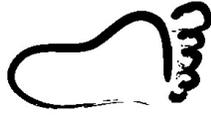


Just for KIDS

Unique CREATIONS

Have you ever walked along the shore and noticed the footprints you make in the sand? A famous poem called "Footprints in the Sand" reminds us we are never alone.

Unscramble each word and write it inside the footprint. See what Psalm 119:133 (NRSV) says about our footsteps. *(The bold letters are the first letters of the words.)*

			
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Psalm 119:133, NIV

Answer: "Direct my footsteps according to your word; let no sin rule over me."



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Our Vocation & Volunteer Staff

Interim Pastor—Larry Chute
 Director of Ministries & Coordinator of Children’s
 Ministry—Dave Dorsey
 Director of PowerHouse Ministry—Doug Cress
 Associate Director of PowerHouse Ministry—Cam
 Whipple
 Office Manager—Martha Dorsey
 Secretary—Melanie Hoglievina

Our Elder Team

Mark Beale
 Edson Bustamante
 Larry Chute
 John Schneider
 Rob Weyand

Our Deacon Team

David Conner
 Dave DePagter
 David Fowle
 Larry Giannone
 Brian Johnson
 Mike Wyatt

Office hours:

Monday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Worship:

Sundays—10:00 AM

Calendar at a Glance



June 27—Women’s Summer Bible Study begins



- July 1-9—Teens in Louisville for Challenge conference
- July 3—Blood Pressure checks following Worship Elder led Prayer Time
- July 4—Church Office closed
- July 10—Blood Mobile @ Oakwood Board Meeting of elder and deacon teams
- July 12—Serve The World Missions Team meeting
- July 13—Czech Team leaves for Czech Republic

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Deadline	Publication date	News for dates including...
July 1	July 6	July 9—July 22
July 15	July 20	July 23—Aug 5

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