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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.



Passing The Baton

In a few short weeks I will have the opportunity for the fourth time in my partnership with IPM (Interim Pastor Ministries) to “*Pass the Baton*” to a gifted, loving, visionary Shepherd. Darin Anderson will arrive soon to begin serving as the next Lead Pastor of Oakwood. His arrival will be the culmination of a comprehensive process in which many have invested months of prayer, collaboration, and research.

Oakwood owes a special debt of gratitude to the Transition Team made up of three church leaders and three women and men from the church at large. They were not asked if they had time to serve, rather they were asked if they saw the task of searching for their next Lead Pastor as so important that they were willing to make margin in their lives to serve on the team. All quickly responded in the affirmative. Their families sacrificed much as well so that the team could function.

Additionally, there were four Alternate Members of the Transition Team – two men and two women from the church at large. They met monthly to be caught up on the work done by the Transition Team in case they, like an alternate jurist, needed to step in and not miss a beat. Their prayer support for the process was immensely appreciated.

The Oakwood Office Administrator and Director of Ministries invested much additional time to support the work of the Transition Team. Communiqués, phone calls, text messages, emails and much more, as assigned by the Transition Team, kept the work moving forward. “*Thank you,*” seems to be a very appropriate, but inadequate response to the extra load they willingly carried to keep us moving toward Oakwood’s next Lead Pastor.

The Elders invested much for which I am personally grateful. When recommendations from the Transition Team landed on their agendas they invested time and prayer to facilitate the changes recommended. Then came the final and most important decision to act on the Pastoral Search Team’s (same as Transition Team) recommendation to invite Darin Anderson to be the candidate. They prayerfully, decisively, and harmoniously supported the recommendation after interviews with the candidate. Elders, job well done!



So many others have been involved in the process: the Deacons, the Prayer Team, and the entire Oakwood Family as you patiently, supportively, and prayerfully encouraged all who have been involved in the process.

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Women's Fellowship Dinner

CHICK NIGHT at Chicken Salad Chick



Meet the chicks from church for dinner and dessert!
Saturday, August 26th at 5pm

Chicken Salad Chick 2790 East Fowler Ave
Carpoolers meet at church at 4:30pm
RSVP via evite or connection card

Just For Joy Women's Study

Just for Joy Women's Bible Study begins Tuesday, Sept 12 10:15-11:45am in the Adult Ed. Bldg. The Holiness of God by RC Sproul is an 8 week examination into God's character that will lead you to a fresh understanding of sin, justice and grace. Workbooks are free. RSVP via the info desk or email slwyatt7@gmail.com.



Women's Fall Gathering

All the Time We Have
Saturday, September 16
8:30 AM-3:00 PM.



This mini workshop is based on Psalm 90:12 and promises to be time well spent. All ladies +18 can RSVP with \$15 at the Information Center. A continental breakfast and box lunch are provided. Scholarships are available.

Blood Mobile @ Oakwood

The Blood Mobile will be at Oakwood on Sunday, August 27 from 9:30 AM – 3:00 PM. If you are at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, are in good health and haven't donated in the last eight weeks, you are eligible to donate.



Will you roll up your sleeves and help us with this worthy cause?

Fall Schedule

Mark Your Calendar!



On Sunday, September 10, we will begin our Fall Schedule.

9:15—10:15 AM

Education Classes for all ages. There will be three new Adult Education Classes and one resuming class for you to choose from. See Page 3 for class descriptions and watch your weekly Worship Program for registration information.

10:30—11:45 AM

TreeHouse Ministry for children 2 years old through 5th Grade
Worship Service for Middle & High School students and Adults

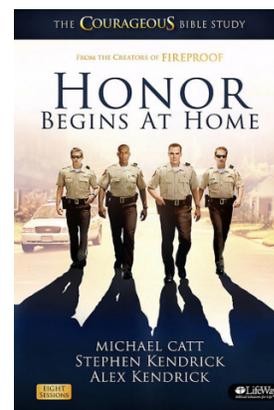
Labor Day

The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 4 for Labor Day.



Men's Ministry

Honor Begins at Home:
The Courageous Bible Study will guide the men of Oakwood through this compelling study based on the movie *Courageous*. This 4-session study will take our men deeper into biblical truths for a godly family, exploring topics such as redeeming your history, walking with integrity, and winning and blessing the hearts of your children.



Studies will begin the week of September 10. Sign up at the Information Center in the lobby.

Oakwood Mill



The Oakwood Mill is the Adult Education ministry of Oakwood Community Church. Three new adult education classes and one resuming class are being offered this fall on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. Our fall schedule begins on September 10. Register for one of these classes by filling out the registration form that will be in your Worship Program this Sunday or contact the Church Office.

Bible Art Journaling

Leader: Katie Frost

Would you like to dig deeper into the Word? Have you seen Bible art journaling and loved it but thought to yourself, "I could never do that!" or "I'm not that artistic!" Then this is the class for you! Our Bible art journaling class is about the process of connecting to Scripture, not the page you produce. Focus on God and His Word and the skill will come with time.

Each week we will learn new art techniques and meditate on the Word. The basic supplies you will need are a journal and/or Bible (journaling bibles are useful, but not necessary) and a Sigma Micron 01 pen in black. As we learn new techniques, we will introduce new supplies.

Join us as we draw closer to God and to each other through bible art journaling!

A Study in the Lessons of the Gospel of Mark

Leader: Dave Hill

Beginning in September, we will be taking an in-depth look at the gospel of Mark with the intent of understanding the parables and life of Jesus. In a discussion style setting, the purpose will be to encourage each other in our spiritual walk by understanding the context, content, and command conveyed by Mark's record of Christ's life.

Overview of Church History

Leader: Andrew Hasebroock

Have you ever wondered how the church got to where it is?

In this class, we'll study "turning points" that shaped church history.

We'll investigate such points as The Council of Nicea and Martin Luther's role in the Reformation.

Join me for this interactive study as we discover the variety of ways God has worked through the centuries in His church.

The Book of Acts

Leader: Guy Sas

This ongoing study of the Book of *Acts* will continue.

Classes for **Middle School and High School** students will be held during the 9:15 AM Education hour.

Childcare & Children's classes

In consideration of our volunteer staff, we will be happy to provide childcare for nursery age, a class for the 2 Year Olds-4 Year Olds and a class for Kindergarten-5th Grade if we have three or more committed weekly for each age group during the 9:15 AM hour. This commitment will be for at least three out of four Sundays each month. Please be sure to register early so that we can plan accordingly.

Fall Festival

Mark your calendars now for the 3rd Annual Oakwood Fall Festival on Saturday, October 28, 4:00—7:00 PM. Watch for more details.



Financial Update

2017 Financial Update for July:		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Offerings Received	229,310	
YTD Expenses	247,111	266,897
Offerings Over/(Under) Exp	(17,801)	(37,587)

Online Giving

Did you know that you can make financial contributions to Oakwood through our website? You can give one time or set up for recurring donations. Visit www.oakwoodfl.org and click “Give Online” on the right side of the menu on the home page.



Opportunity to *Serve The World*

Naomi's Daughters is a ministry for single moms that provides clothing and food 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.



Current needs –Clothing and shoes for infants to adults
Pantry needs: cereal, canned goods, rice, pasta, paper goods, personal care items, etc.

Donations can be left on the back porch of the gray house at the front of our property. Tax Deductible receipts are available.



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.

Passing The Baton—*continued*

Well, it will soon be time to “Pass the Baton.” Paul talked about the Christian life as a “*race*.” One of the most critical times in a relay race is the passing of the baton. If that is not done well, the rest of the race is severely hampered. All those listed above have effectively labored to pass the baton without faltering. Finally, the race is not over when the baton is passed. It continues with the blessed assurance that you have an excellent Servant as your next Lead Pastor.

Enjoyed the journey with you and looking forward to hearing the great things God will do through you as you follow Pastor Darin’s leadership!

Larry Chute



PowerHouse Schedule

August 20—Regular Evening Meeting
August 27—Regular Evening Meeting
Sept 1-2—PowerHouse Lock-In
Sept 3—No Evening Meeting
Sept 10—Food Bag Ministry & Regular Evening Meeting

PowerHouse Lock-In

**Mark your
calendar for
September 1-2 for a
PowerHouse Lock-In**



**Starts at 7:00 PM on Friday
and goes until
7:00 AM on Saturday.
Cost: \$20 includes Broomball
and food**

**You must have a signed waiver
(available in PowerHouse) to be
able to participate in Broomball**

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 and Jacksonville. 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, September 10** 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, September 8. 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 Giannone at (813) 969-4136.

Winter Camping Retreat

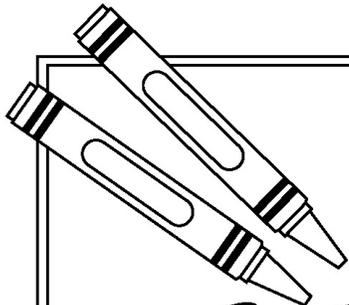


**Join us December 1-3
Lakewood Retreat
Brooksville, FL**

**Registration begins
in September**



Kids Corner



Just for **KIDS**

As for our family...

With school starting, schedules are getting busy again. Sometimes you might feel like you're going in too many directions and forgetting what's really important. Use the key below to remind you of where your family's real focus should always be.

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JOSHUA 24:15 B

Answer: "But as for me and my household, we will serve the LORD."



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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—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: 9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
 Tuesday - Friday, 9:00 AM - 5:00 PM

Worship:

Sundays—10:00 AM

Beginning Sept 10

Education Classes :

Sundays - 9:15 AM

Worship:

Sundays—10:30 AM

Calendar at a Glance



Aug 20—Compassion Offering
 Aug 21—Elder/Deacon Teams meet
 Aug 26—Women’s Fellowship Dinner @ Chicken
 Salad Chick
 Aug 27—Oakwood Cares Team Meeting
 Blood Mobile @ Oakwood
 Aug 28—Elder Team Meeting



Sept 1-2—Youth Lock-In
 Sept 3—Communion during Worship
 Blood Pressure checks following Worship
 Sept 4—*Labor Day*—Church Office closed
 Sept 10—**Fall Schedule Begins**
 Education Classes at 9:15 AM
 Worship at 10:30 AM
 Deacon Team Meeting
 Oakwood Cares Team Meeting
 PowerHouse Food Bag Ministry

The Oakwood ACORN is a bi-weekly E-newsletter from Oakwood Community Church, published to keep our church family and friends informed about events and people at Oakwood. Articles may be submitted via e-mail to Office@oakwoodfl.org. Article deadlines and publication schedule is:

Deadline	Publication date	News for dates including...
Aug 25	Aug 30	Sept 2—Sept 15
Sept 8	Sept 13	Sept 16—Sept 29

Missed a Sunday message? Listen online @ www.oakwoodfl.org/messages/