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Oakwood is to...

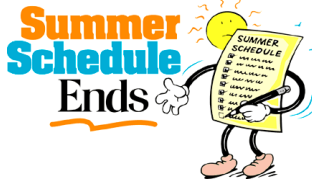
Transform ordinary people  
into fully devoted followers  
of Jesus Christ.

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



## Seeds For Growth

### Mark Your Calendar!



**Sunday, September 4** is the last Sunday of our Summer Schedule, with Worship at 10:00 AM



**On Sunday, September 11, we will begin our Fall Schedule.**

**9:15—10:15 AM**—Education Classes for all ages. There will be four new Adult Education Classes 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

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## Child Dedication—August 28

On Sunday, August 28, we will be having a Child Dedication Service during our Worship Service. Anyone interested in participating in this service is asked to contact the church office.



## Self-Defense Class

### FREE Self-Defense Training

11209 Casey Road, Tampa, FL 33629

**KEEP YOURSELF SAFE**

Tuesdays 7 – 8 pm  
Sept. 6, 13, 20, 27

ATTENTION! Oakwood Cares is sponsoring a FREE community-wide self-defense class during the month of September 2016. Join us each week beginning Tuesday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 7 PM to 8 PM.

Learn practical techniques to enhance your personal awareness and safety. This class will be taught by a former special agent for U.S. Customs and Homeland Security and is designed for adults and mature teens. Invite your friends and sign up on the [Oakwood Cares Facebook page](#).



Call **813.969-2303** for details.  
[www.oakwoodfl.org/cares](http://www.oakwoodfl.org/cares)  
[fb.me/OakwoodCares](http://fb.me/OakwoodCares)

## Blood Pressure checks

Blood pressure checks on September 4 in the Worship Center kitchen following the Worship Service. Don't miss this important health screening.



## Labor Day

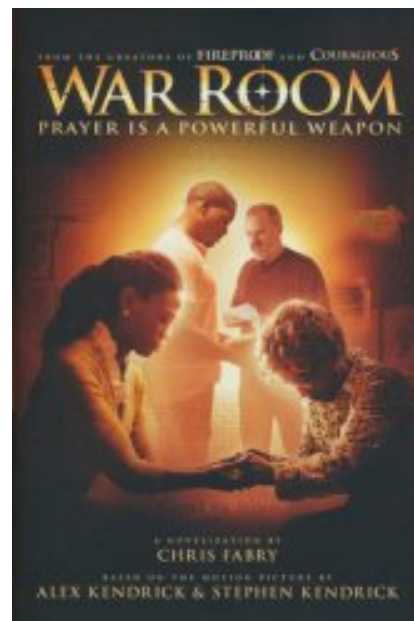
The Church Office will be closed on Monday, September 5 for Labor Day.



## Movie Night @ Oakwood

Do you believe in the power of prayer? Do you know how to fight on your knees?

The movie, *War Room* will inspire and motivate you to put a battle plan into place.



Bring your own snack and a friend to the Worship Center on Saturday, September 10 at 7:00 PM.

## Oakwood Mill



The Oakwood Mill is the Adult Education ministry of Oakwood Community Church. Three adult education classes are being offered this fall on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM. **Classes will begin on September 11.** 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.

### ***Grasping God's Word—Women's Adult Education Class***

Leader: Andrea Cress

"A person who truly grasps God's Word will find that Word grasping them."

This class is intended for women who are serious about getting a firm grip on the solid rock of Scripture – how to read it, how to interpret it, and how to apply it. Our approach will be hands-on using numerous biblical examples to help guide us through the 3-fold interpretive journey. Not only do we need to read God's Word, we need to understand it, hold on to it, and apply it. Doing so will result in a deeper, more vibrant relationship with God and more effective service. This fall session will focus on some basic tools for careful reading and how to determine the context. The only materials required are a writing utensil, a Bible, and a willingness to invest some effort. Contact Andrea Cress for more information ([andrea-cress@outlook.com](mailto:andrea-cress@outlook.com)).

### ***The People of Proverbs***

Leader: David Turner

A six week class on the main character types in the book of Proverbs. The five character types we will be discussing: The Simple, The Sluggard, The Fool, The Scoffer, and The Wise. It's a great class for parents raising kids entering the teen years, but it also good for learning how to characterize those around us.

### ***The Silent Years***

Leader: Guy Sas

A study about the four hundred years between the Old and New Testament. Watch for more details.

### ***CONNECTION***

Leaders: Bill and David Clarke

CONNECTION is a place to meet together, build relationships and study the Bible together. Our emphasis is to build relationships or connections with visitors and newcomers to Oakwood.

The subject of study will be the Apostle Paul's *Letter to the Philippians*, his most personal and most Christ-centered epistle. It is a letter from a loving father to his children. It is a book of joy. "If you need encouragement, a cheery boost of joy, a happy and hopeful word to lift your spirit, you have come to the right place when you open the pages of your Bible to this letter" (Swindoll). But it is also a book about *living the Christian life*. Visit us.

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 and 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.

## 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.


## Elder led Prayer

Everyone is invited to join in a time of prayer with the elders **from 9:00—9:45 AM** the first and third Sunday of the month. We meet in the Library. Childcare will be provided.

## Prayer Chain Ministry

The purpose of Oakwood's **E-Prayer Connection** is to communicate prayer requests for our fellow Oakwood members, our families, friends, others personally known to us, and the ministries of our church.

If you would like to partner in prayer for the needs of our church family, send your full name and email address to [ekrex@verizon.net](mailto:ekrex@verizon.net) with Prayer Chain Ministry in the subject line. You can also send items to be published for prayer at this same email address.



i b o w  
 my knees  
 before the  
**F**ather,  
 from whom  
 every family  
 in heaven  
**a**nd on earth  
 takes its  
 name.  
 Ephesians 3:14-15

## Fall Festival

*Oakwood Community Church's 2<sup>nd</sup> Annual*

# FALL FESTIVAL



SATURDAY  
OCTOBER 29<sup>TH</sup>

4:00 **To** 7:00pm

Activities **FREE**

Family Fun Games

Hay Ride | Bounce House

Dunk Tank | Obstacle Course

**TRUNK OR TREAT AT 6:00PM**

Food & Drink

**PHOTO BOOTH**  **LIVE MUSIC**

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For more info, call the Church Office (813)969-2303

## WE NEED YOUR HELP!

- We are looking for individuals and families to donate candy for the Trunk or Treat. There will be a bin in the Church Lobby through October 23 to collect your donations.
- We still need more volunteers. There will be a sign up sheet at the Information Center in the lobby. Please sign up no later than August 28.
- We are still looking for small groups/families to help make games for the festival. Please sign underneath the games on the poster boards in the Worship Center. Deadline to sign up is August 28.
- We welcome all help in spreading the word to neighbors and friends. Flyers will be available at the Information Center. An electronic copy of the flyer is available by contacting Melanie Hoglievina in the Church Office and she will email it to you.

## 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.

## Women's Ministry Opportunities



### Women's Crock Pot Luncheon

All women are invited to bring a Crock Pot specialty or if you prefer, a salad or dessert to share. We will meet in PowerHouse this Sunday, August 21<sup>st</sup> following the Worship Service. *Come early to plug in your pot or refrigerate your dish.*

### Beth Moore Simulcast

#### Beth Moore Living Proof Ministries Simulcast



Don't miss this mini retreat on Saturday, Sept 17<sup>th</sup> 10:30am - 5:15pm! We will plan to carpool and sit together. To register, go to [www.idlewild.org](http://www.idlewild.org) and click on "Register for an event." Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.

## Opportunities to *Serve the Church & World*

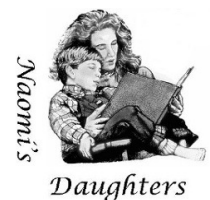
**Naomi's Daughters** is a ministry for single moms that provides clothing to the moms and their children. The Oakwood family, along with others in the community, provides donations of clothing, food and money to keep this ministry moving forward.



**Current needs**—Clothing and shoes for infants to adults—**especially need summer/fall clothing for school age children K5—12th Grade**

**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.





## PowerHouse Schedule

Aug 21—Regular Evening Meeting

Aug 28—Regular Evening Meeting

Sept 4—Labor Day, no Youth Group

Sept 9—Food Bags & Fall Lock-In—ends Saturday morning

Sept 11—No Youth Group

## Fall Retreat—December 2-4

Our Fall Retreat for Middle & High School students will be in Orlando, including a day at Disney's Hollywood Studios.

**Pick up a brochure in PowerHouse for all the details.**

Deposit: \$25.00

Early Registration: \$100 (deadline: Sept 15)

Registration: \$125 (Sept 16 - Nov 20)

Registration Deadline & Balance Due: November 20

Registration includes Lodging at the Red Lion Hotel (near Disney) for Friday and Saturday, Disney Park ticket, 3 meals on Saturday and breakfast on Sunday.

Each participant is responsible for their meal on Friday night and lunch on the way home on Sunday.

## Food Bag Ministry

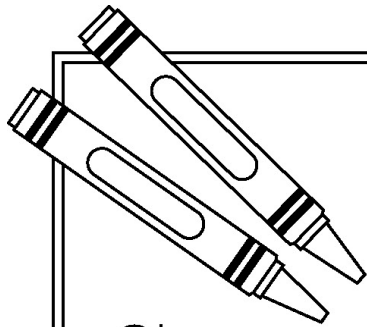
Our PowerHouse students have a monthly fundraiser assembling food bags that are distributed to medical clinics in Tampa, Lakeland, Haines City and Winter Haven. These bags are distributed to indigent patients at the clinic to provide some basic food needs of the patients and their family.

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 **Friday, September 9 during the Lock-In.**

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 9. 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.



Kids Corner



Just for **KIDS**

# Search for Wisdom

It's the start of a new school year! You'll learn many things and read many books. There's an important book in the Bible called the book of Proverbs. It tells us to learn about God and to search for wisdom.

Read Proverbs 2:1-5 (NIV) below, and then search the puzzle for the capital words.



“... if you **ACCEPT** my words and store up my **COMMANDS** within you, turning your **EAR** to **WISDOM** and applying your **HEART** to **UNDERSTANDING**, and if you call out for **INSIGHT** and cry aloud for understanding, and if you **LOOK** for it as for **SILVER** and **SEARCH** for it as for hidden **TREASURE**, then you will understand the fear of the **LORD** and find the **KNOWLEDGE** of **GOD**.”

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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**



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 Sept 6—Self Defense Class  
 Sept 7—Transition Team Meeting  
 Sept 10—*War Room* Movie Night  
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Deadline	Publication date	News for dates including...
Aug 26	Aug 31	Sept 3—Sept 16
Sept 9	Sept 14	Sept 17—Sept 30

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