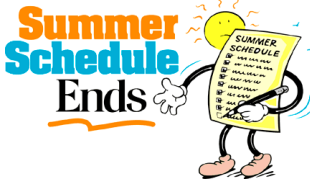




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Mark Your Calendar!



This 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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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.



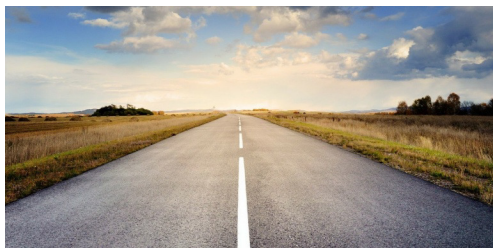
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Journey Wall

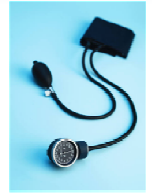
When: September 10, from 9:00 AM - 11:00 AM
Where: North Large Room in TreeHouse
Why: We need your help to trace the history of Oakwood Community Church, celebrating victories and learning about challenges that God has brought us through.
Who: All adults, 18 years of age and older

Please help us plan appropriately by registering on the sign-up sheet at the Information Center in the Worship Center lobby or contact the Church Office.



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.



Pancake Breakfast - Sept 10

Before the

JOURNEY WALL.

STOP by **PowerHouse** for



ALL you can eat

PANCAKES

\$5.00

Saturday, September 10, 2016

8:00am-9:00am

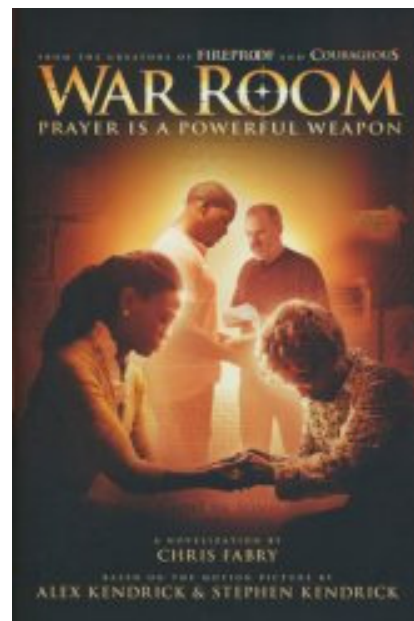
**RSVP on the Connection Card or
 call the Church office
 813-969-2303**

Proceeds will support the **PowerHouse** Youth Ministry

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).

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.

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 6th 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
fb.me/OakwoodCares

Congregational Meeting

Everyone is encouraged to attend the Congregational meeting on Sunday, September 18 following the Worship Service. The leadership team will be communicating where we are financially.



Nursery will be available.

Women's Ministry Opportunities

Bible Studies

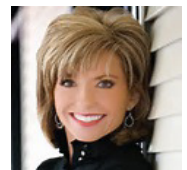
A New Women's Bible Study begins on Wednesday, Sept. 14 10:00-11:15 AM at the home of Lorraine Watkins. During this 6 week study, Lorraine will teach on the humanity and deity of Jesus Christ. To RSVP for this study call or email Sandy Wyatt (960-8168 or slwyatt7@gmail.com).



Just for Joy Women's Bible Study resumes on Wednesday, Sept. 14 at a new time 7:00-8:30 PM in the library. During this 12 week study we will unwrap the book of Ephesians. Study guides are \$9. To RSVP for this study call or email Sandy Wyatt (960-8168 or slwyatt7@gmail.com).

Beth Moore Living Proof Ministries Simulcast

Don't miss this mini retreat on Saturday, Sept 17th 10:30 AM - 5:15 PM! We will plan to carpool and sit together. To register, go to www.idlewild.org and click on "Register for an event." Cost is \$25 and includes lunch.



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.

Please note: beginning September 18 we will resume meeting on Sunday Evenings at 5:30 PM instead of 9:00 AM.

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.

Fall Festival

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.



Opportunities to *Serve the Church & World*

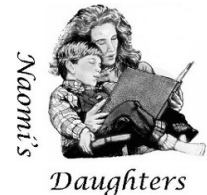
Naomi's Daughters is a ministry for single moms that provides clothing to the moms and their children. The Oakwood family, along with others in the community, provides donations of clothing, food and money to keep this ministry moving forward.



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.

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.





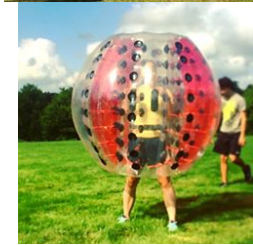
PowerHouse Schedule

- Sept 4—Labor Day, no Youth Group
- Sept 9—Food Bags & Fall Lock-In—ends Saturday morning
- Sept 11—No Youth Group
- Sept 18—Regular Evening Meeting
- Sept 25—Regular Evening Meeting

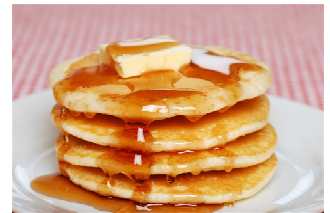
PowerHouse Lock-In (& Food Bag Ministry)



Join the fun on **Friday, September 9**. We will begin with our **Food Bag Ministry at 5:00 PM** and the **Lock-In starts at 7:00 PM** and **ends Saturday at 8:00 AM** with a **church-wide Pancake Breakfast**.



Cost: \$20.00/person
Knockerball (must have a signed waiver to participate)
Late Night Pizza Party
Invite your friends



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)

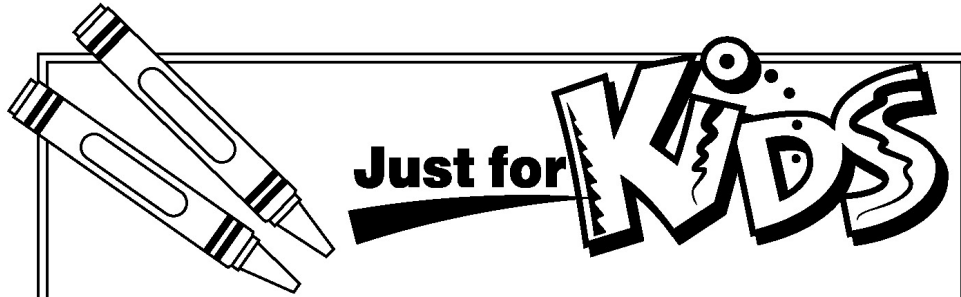
Registration Deadline & Balance Due: November 20

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.



Kids Corner



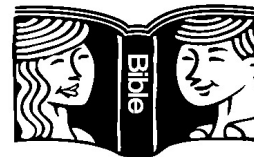
★ **EXTRA! EXTRA!** ★
READ ALL ABOUT IT!

Many people read their local newspapers, but Jesus says we should read and share God's Word daily! Below, hidden among the words READ YOUR BIBLE, is a message from Jesus recorded in Mark 1:15, NIV. Circle those words and write them on the lines below. (For extra fun, count how many times the word "Bible" appears in the article!)

LOCAL EDITION *BIBLE TIMES* TODAY

GOOD NEWS!

READ YOUR BIBLE THE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE TIME HAS READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE COME READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE THE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE KINGDOM READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE OF READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE GOD READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE IS READ YOUR BIBLE NEAR READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE REPENT READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE AND READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE BELIEVE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE THE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE GOOD READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE NEWS READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE READ YOUR BIBLE.



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MARK 1:15, NIV

Answers:
 "The time has come The kingdom of God is near. Repent and believe the good news!"
 Bible: 48 times



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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

Beginning Sept 11

Worship:

Sundays—10:00 AM

Education Classes :

Sundays - 9:15 AM

Worship:

Sundays—10:30 AM

Calendar at a Glance



Sept 4—Elder led Prayer—9:00 AM
 Blood Pressure checks following Worship
 Sept 5—Labor Day—Church Office closed
 Sept 6—Self Defense Class begins
 Sept 7—Transition Team Meeting
 Sept 9-10—PowerHouse Lock-In
 Sept 10—Pancake Breakfast
 Journey Wall
 War Room Movie Night

Sept 11—Fall Schedule begins
 Deacon Meeting following Worship
 Sept 13—Missions Team Meeting
 Self Defense Class
 Sept 14—Women’s morning Bible Study begins
 Just For Joy Bible Study begins
 Sept 18—Compassion Offering
 Congregational Meeting following Worship
 Elder led Prayer—5:30 PM

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...
Sept 9	Sept 14	Sept 17—Sept 30
Sept 23	Sept 28	Oct 1—Oct 14

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