

# the Oakwood ACORN

A Chronicle Of our News

## Worship With All

*Shout with joy to the Lord, O earth! [2] Worship the Lord with gladness. Come before Him, singing with joy. [3] Acknowledge that the Lord is God! He made us, and we are His. We are His people, the sheep of his pasture. [4] Enter His gates with thanksgiving; go into His courts with praise. Give thanks to Him and bless His name. [5] For the Lord is good. His unfailing love continues forever, and His faithfulness continues to each generation.*

*Psalm 100:1-5*

What a great Psalm and packed with instruction for the Christ-follower. Once again I was impressed with the biblical model of what worship should look like. Worship is an event! “Worship” literally means “to serve like a slave.” We don’t simply *come* to worship or *attend* worship, we **DO** worship and we shouldn’t do it half heartily! It is not passive! It is active, something we **DO!** Something we should throw ourselves into! So often we get into the “habit” or “routine” of simply attending our Sunday services and we lose sight of the real purpose for showing up in the first place, to “give, (active), thanks to God and bless His name.” We **DO** it with a “Shout,” a shout of triumph or a battle cry! We are to **DO** it with “joy in our hearts and by singing joyful songs.” We are to **DO** it with “Gladness.” Do you feel this exhilaration, gladness, exuberance, even ecstasy and if not, why? Look closely at verse 4 and see that we are to **enter** His gates **with** “thanksgiving and praise.” Not just show up and attempt to “get in the mood and see what happens.” We are to “**enter with,**” **come prepared for,** and **looking forward to** worship. This should not be passive but active and **requires preparation.**



In short we are to **worship with all that we have.** Let’s purpose to give Him all that we have during our time together on Sunday’s mornings for He alone is worthy.

In Him,

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## Congregational Meeting

The Oakwood family is invited to join us right after the morning worship time this Sunday, January 23. The meeting will begin at 11:30 AM and end no later than 12:15 PM. We also want to allow sufficient time for questions and comments from our church family.

## Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

This Sunday, January 23 thousands of churches will observe Sanctity of Human Life Sunday. Since 1973 this observance has taken place annually on the Sunday closest to the anniversary of the *Roe v Wade* decision that legalized abortion in America.

Because God is the God of life, we at Oakwood strongly affirm the sanctity and preciousness of life. This means, as the people of God, we recognize the value of fellow human beings created in the image of God from the womb to the grave, and everything in between. We are committed to seeking the well-being of all, especially those who are weak, defenseless and marginalized. We remind you as God's people that He is a God of life, and that this truth has profound implications for how we care for others all year long!

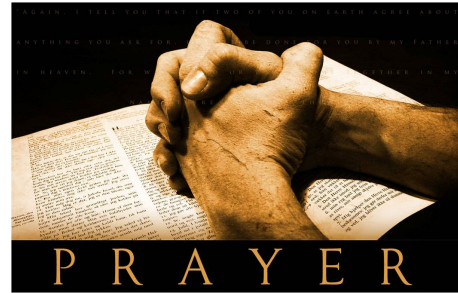
Oakwood supports Pregnancy Care Center through our Missions giving. Pregnancy Care Center restores hope and offers encouragement to hundreds of women facing unexpected, unintended pregnancies each year and who do not know where else to turn.

## Communion

We will celebrate communion in our Worship Service this Sunday, January 23.



## Prayer in 2011



We invite you to pray throughout the month of January for the ministries and families of Oakwood Community Church. Prayer calendars are available at the Information Center in the church lobby, on our website [www.Oakwoodfl.org/Ministries/Prayer-Ministry](http://www.Oakwoodfl.org/Ministries/Prayer-Ministry), or look for us on Facebook.

*We always thank God for all of you, mentioning you in our prayers. We continually remember before our God and Father your work produced by faith, your labor prompted by love, and your endurance inspired by hope in our Lord Jesus Christ.*

1 Thessalonians 1: 2-3



## Super Bowl Party

Sunday, February 6, PowerHouse teens will have a Super Bowl Party at the Conner home - 15008 Hutchison Rd.

Doors open at 5:30 and the game begins at 6:30. There will be door prizes, lots of food and the legendary Conner bonfire. So plan on lots of fun, food, smores and fellowship.

Students only need to bring the following to enter:

All Young Ladies - bring soda

All Young Men - bring a bag of chips

All are welcome to stay for the entire game, but you can leave early if necessary.



## The Art of Marriage - presented by FamilyLife Coming to Oakwood February 11-12, 2011

**The Art of Marriage** brings together some of the most respected and influential pastors and experts on marriage and family all in one setting. It also brings a fresh approach to a video event by weaving together some of the following elements to help couples fully experience God's design for marriage:

- engaging stories
- real-life testimonies
- man-on-the-street interviews
- humorous vignettes

**The Art of Marriage** consists of six video sessions and an accompanying manual that provides couples with projects to help apply the principles taught during each session. The manual is also designed for couples to use after the event by offering articles, date night ideas, and useful tips for continuing to strengthen their marriage.



### Topics Covered

#### Session 1: love happens (purpose of marriage)

- God designed marriage and has a great plan in mind.
- The primary purpose of marriage is to reflect God's glory to a watching world.
- It is important to receive your mate as God's perfect gift for you.

#### Session 2: love fades (drift to isolation)

- Couples naturally drift toward isolation.
- Our differences and weaknesses push us apart.
- Sin has affected every marriage.
- The gospel brings healing and reconciliation
- Couples must learn to walk by the power of the Holy Spirit in marriage.

#### Session 3: love dances (roles)

- God designed different responsibilities for men and women in marriage.
- Though their responsibilities are different, men and women are still equal in value.

- God calls men to sacrificially love and lead their wives.
- God calls women to respect and support their husbands.

#### Session 4: love interrupted (communication)

- Conflict is common to all marriages.
- The goal is not to be conflict-free but to learn to handle conflict correctly when it occurs.
- Healthy conflict resolution occurs when couples are willing to seek and grant forgiveness.

#### Session 5: love sizzles (romance and sex)

- God created sex and has a wonderful design in mind.
- A satisfying sex life is the result of a satisfying marriage relationship.
- The ultimate purpose of sex is to bring pleasure and glory to God.

#### Session 6: love always (legacy)

- To leave a godly legacy, we must think about the impact of our lives on future generations.
- Our hope for leaving a lasting legacy is through the gospel of Jesus Christ.
- Leaving a godly legacy requires putting a stake in the ground.

**The cost is \$40 per couple if registered before February 4. After February 4, registration is \$50 per couple. Registration includes two seminar manuals, snacks and continental breakfast on Saturday.**

**Register today at the Oakwood website - [www.oakwoodfl.org](http://www.oakwoodfl.org).**

#### Seminar Schedule:

##### Friday

7:00 - 9:30 PM - Session 1 & 2

##### Saturday





8:30 AM - Continental Breakfast

9:00 AM - 12:00 PM - Sessions 3 & 4

12:00 - 1:45 PM - Lunch Break

1:45 - 4:00 PM - Sessions 5 & 6

Kids Corner

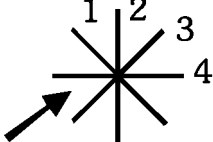

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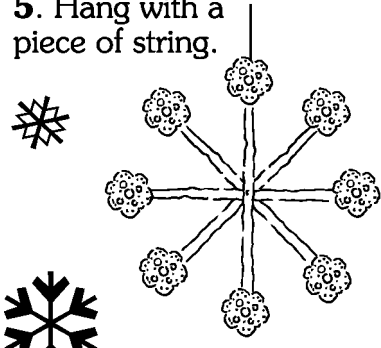
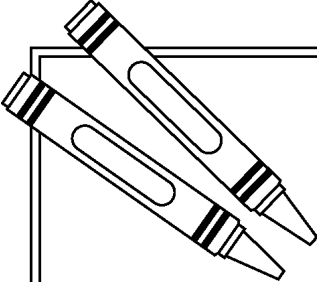
**SNOWFLAKE**

*to remind you that "you are special!"*

**You will need:**  
 4 drinking straws,  
 1 large paper doily,  
 stapler, scissors,  
 string, white glue

**How to:**

1. Crisscross straws. 
2. Staple in the center where they all cross (can use tape if needed).
3. Cut round designs out of doily. 
4. Glue a "doily design" on the end of each straw.
5. Hang with a piece of string.

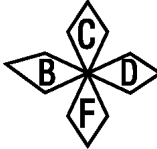
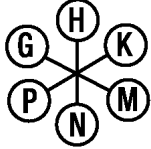
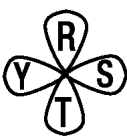



**Just for KIDS**

**You Are Special!**

Have you heard that no two snowflakes are the same? Each is different – unique – special ... just like each of God's children.

Here are some words from the Bible that talk about this. Use the code to find the missing letters.

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“You are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it.”

“There are different kinds of gifts, but the same spirit.”



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

**Calendar at a Glance**



- Jan 22 - Community Group Leading Training
- Jan 23 - Sanctity of Human Life Sunday
  - Communion in Worship
  - Congregational Meeting following Worship



- Feb 1 - Missions Strategy meeting
- Feb 6 - Youth Super Bowl Party
- Feb 11-12 - The Art of Marriage - seminar
- Feb 13 - Board Meeting
- Feb 14 - MISCOM Meeting

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Feb 11	Feb 16	Feb 19 - Mar 4

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