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# ACORN

## Seeds For Growth

### Random Thoughts

Several weeks ago, I was spending time reading in the Psalms. Many of you have read Psalm 119 and know that in every verse there is a reference to God's Word. There are a number of descriptions the writer uses to emphasize the importance. In this chapter, words such as precepts, testimonies, statutes (good old term!) and commandments are used to stress the importance of paying attention to what God says.

One verse the Lord used to challenge me is Psalm 119:133. There are times I enjoy reading in some of the newer translations and then there are times I really appreciate the richness of the language of used in some older translations. Here is Psalm 119:133 in the New American Standard Bible.

"Establish my footsteps in Your word, and do not let any iniquity have dominion over me."

I love even saying this! Say it slowly and with a slight British accent. You will get the picture.

The word "establish" means to be firm and the original meaning of "footsteps" is "a beat or occurrence." The beat is a rhythm term like the beat of a drum. Do you get the sense of this? The writer is asking God the help the rhythm of his life be in sync with God's Word. What a great picture!

A number of years ago (a long time ago!), I had the privilege of studying Music Education at USF. I spent most of my days in the fine arts building. It was fascinating to see some, particularly the upper classmen, who spent all day in the music building. Their lives were consumed by music. Even to watch them walk around campus, their pace had a metronome sense to it. (Ask a musician if you don't know what a metronome is.)

What if our lives were consumed with the Bible and getting to know the One who spoke it? In looking at the meaning of those words, I believe our lives would have a rhythm to it that would be undeniable. It would also seem if our lives were in sync with God's Word, the opportunity for iniquity to have dominion would diminish. For those who like a more American way of saying this, evil won't overcome me.



Pastor Larry has been going through and excellent series on the spiritual armor. In every message, and every opportunity Pastor Larry gets, he encourages us to "reach for your Bible."

I hope we can become a church family where our footsteps, our rhythm, will be firmly established in God's Word.

That is all I am saying today.

Dave Dorsey

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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## Fall Festival



This Saturday, October 29, Oakwood will once again be hosting a free Fall Festival for our Church family and as an outreach to our community. Invite your family and friends to join you for this time of fun.

If you built a game, it can be delivered to the Church on Thursday or Friday during the day (call first to verify someone is in the office), or it needs to be delivered on Saturday by 12:00 Noon.

ALL Trunk or Treat cars and ALL volunteers need to be a church by 3:00 PM.

Thanks to all who are helping make this outreach event a success.

## Elder/Deacon Recommendations

The Elders and Deacons are considering individuals to serve in these ministry positions. If you have someone you would like to recommend, please fill out the appropriate recommendation form available at the Information Center. Completed forms may be placed in the "Church Office" mail slot in the kitchen, scanned and emailed to [office@oakwoodfl.org](mailto:office@oakwoodfl.org), or mailed to the Church Office.

Those being recommended to serve on the Elder Team must have been a member of Oakwood for at least two years.

Those being recommended to serve on the Deacon Team must have been a member of Oakwood for at least one year.

## Daylight Saving Time Ends

Just a reminder that Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 6. Be sure to turn your clocks back one hour before going to bed on Saturday night.



## Women's Ministry Opportunities

### Girls Night Out

Oakwood women are invited to a Girls Night Out with Chonda Pierce on Saturday, November 5 at 7:00 PM in the TreeHouse building. Chonda, also known as the "Queen of Clean" is a well known and loved Christian comedian. LOL with your friends (a perfect outreach opportunity) and sisters in Christ as we view one of her many hilarious videos. Bring your favorite movie munchies to share.



### Bible Journaling

Back by popular demand, Katie Frost will hold a Bible journaling workshop on Saturday, November 12 from 10:00 AM - 12:00 noon in the Education Building. To spruce up your Bible please bring colored pencils, alphabet stickers or stamps and a dark pen or marker.

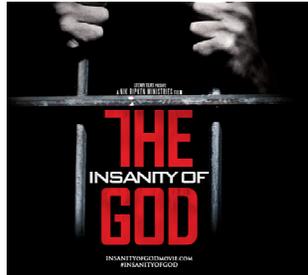


**Just for Joy Women's Bible Study** meets on Wednesdays from 7:00-8:30 PM in the Oakwood Library. During this 12 week study we will unwrap the book of Ephesians. Study guides are \$9. For more information, call or email Sandy Wyatt (960-8168 or [slwyatt7@gmail.com](mailto:slwyatt7@gmail.com)).



## Movie Night—*The Insanity of God*

*The Insanity of God* is the personal and lifelong journey of an ordinary couple from rural Kentucky who thought they were going on just your ordinary missionary pilgrimage, but discovered it would be anything but. After spending over six hard years doing relief work in Somalia, and experiencing life where it looked like God had turned away completely and He was clueless about the tragedies of life, the couple had a crisis of faith and left Africa asking God, "Does the gospel work anywhere when it is really a hard place? It sure didn't work in Somalia."



Nik recalls that, "God had always been so real to me, to Ruth, and to our boys. But was He enough, for the utter weariness of soul I experienced at that time, in that place, under those circumstances?" It is a question that many have asked and one that, if answered, can lead us to a whole new world of faith.

Join us Sunday, November 13 in the Worship Center at 7:00 PM for this inspiring movie.

## IPM Update

If you were not able to join us for the IPM Update on October 23, you can get a copy of the information shared by contacting the Church Office at 813.969.2303 or [office@oakwoodfl.org](mailto:office@oakwoodfl.org).

## Directory Registration

It's time to update our Oakwood Directory. Please fill out the blue Directory Registration Form in your Worship Program this Sunday and drop it in the offering basket.

## Psalms, Hymns & Spiritual Songs

In cooperation with our sister church, Candlewood Community Church, the Oakwood family is invited to a special evening of singing, worship and prayer on Saturday, November 12, 7:00—8:30 PM here at Oakwood. Luke & Sarah Schrieber will lead the evening. Luke was previously on staff at Candlewood Community Church.

The night will consist of psalms set to music, hymn arrangements, other familiar songs of worship, Scripture reading, and prayer. Luke and Sarah are also excited to share with you some original songs that they have written over the past 7 years that are special to them.



Many musician-friends of theirs, that they have had the privilege of doing music with in the past, will be able to join them for the night. Also, the event will serve as a way for Luke and Sarah to briefly share more about the ministry God has called them to in Mexico City and invite you to partner with them in that ministry.

We hope that you are able to attend because we believe that God will use the night to greatly encourage and strengthen all of us in our faith.

## Elder led Prayer

Everyone is invited to join in a time of prayer with the elders the first and third Sunday of the month. We meet from 5:30—6:30 PM in the Library. Childcare will be provided.

## 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.

## Opportunities to *Serve the World*

**14:6 Connection** invites you to join them for their Annual Charity Clay Shoot on Saturday, November 19, at Tampa Bay Sporting Clays, 10514 Ehren Cutoff, Land O Lakes, FL.



All proceeds benefit women and children in Hillsborough County through the programs of 14:6 Connection: Assure Women's Center, Abundant Life, and Achieve.

**Schedule:**

- 8:00 a.m. Registration & Warm Up
- 8:30 a.m. Welcome & Rules
- 9:00 a.m. Shotgun Start
- 11:00 a.m. Lunch & Awards

For more information or to register, please contact Melissa Smith at [Melissa@14-6.com](mailto:Melissa@14-6.com) or 813.978.9737. You can also visit their website at <http://www.14-6.com/events> for more details on the event.

14:6 Connection is supported through the Missions giving at Oakwood.

**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.



*Daughters*



**Current needs** –Clothing and shoes for infants to adults; school supplies

**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.

## Blood Pressure checks

Blood pressure checks on November 6 the kitchen following the Worship Service. Don't miss this important health screening.



## Financial Update

2016 Financial Update through September:		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Offerings Received	299,530	
YTD Expenses	376,554	397,479
Offerings Over/(Under) Exp	(77,024)	(97,949)

**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](http://www.oakwoodfl.org) and click "Give Online" on the right side of the menu on the home page.



## PowerHouse Schedule

October 30—Fifth Sunday and Regular Evening Meeting

November 6—Regular Evening Meeting

November 13—Food Bag Ministry & Regular Evening Meeting

November 20—Thanksgiving Festival Outreach Party

## 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.

**PLEASE NOTE: Only 4 spots are still available**

Deposit: \$25.00

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 **Sunday, November 13** 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, November 11. 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



## A Time for Everything

In the fall we move our clocks back an hour. The weather gets cooler and it gets dark earlier. As the seasons change, we have faith that God's planning and timing is perfect. In Ecclesiastes 3:1-8 (NIV), God tells us there's a time for everything.

**Fill in the blanks using the clock code below.**

build	dance	die	everything	laugh	gather
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚
give up	hate	heal	heaven	mend	
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	
peace	refrain	speak	throw away	uproot	
⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	⌚	

There is a time for \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

and a season for every activity under \_\_\_\_\_: ⌚

a time to be born and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to plant and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a to kill and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to tear down and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to weep and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to mourn and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to scatter stones and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to embrace and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to search and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to keep and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to tear and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to be silent and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time to love and a time to \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

a time for war and a time for \_\_\_\_\_, ⌚

Answers: everything; heaven, die, uproot, heal, build, laugh, dance, gather, refrain, give up, throw away, mend, speak, hate, peace.



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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  
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 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

**Education Classes:**

Sundays—9:15 AM

**Worship:**

Sundays—10:30 AM

**Calendar at a Glance**



Oct 29—Fall Festival



Nov 2—Transition Team Meeting  
 Nov 5—Women’s Night Out—Honda Pierce video  
 Nov 6—Daylight Saving Time Ends  
 Blood Pressure checks following Worship  
 Elder led Prayer—5:30 PM  
 Nov 8—Missions Team Meeting  
 Nov 12—Bible Journaling Class  
 Evening of Prayer & Praise—concert by  
 Luke & Sarah Schrieber

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Deadline	Publication date	News for dates including...
Nov 4	Nov 9	Nov 12—Dec 2
Nov 25	Nov 30	Dec 3—Dec 16

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