



ACORN

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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.



Oakwood Mill

Oakwood Mill is the Adult Education Ministry of Oakwood Community Church. A new adult education class is being offered on Sunday mornings at 9:15 AM beginning February 19. Below is a description of the class. You can sign up on Sunday on the insert in your Worship Program or by contacting the Church Office.



Oakwood 201

One of the Biblical portraits of the church is a family. And as family members we are to promote healthy relationships based on love. The New Testament gives us many commands concerning ways we are to love one another. They are sometimes referred to as the *One Anothers*. Beginning February 19, we will look at eight of these *One Anothers* in our Adult Class at 9:15 AM on Sunday morning.

Our schedule is:

Lesson	Teacher	Date
<i>Love One Another</i> —John 13:34	Mark Beale	Feb 19
<i>Instruct One Another</i> —Romans 15:14	Larry Chute	Feb 26
<i>Serve One Another</i> —Galatians 5:13	Mark Beale	Mar 5
<i>Forgive One Another</i> —Ephesians 4:32	Larry Chute	Mar 12
<i>Submit to One Another</i> —Ephesians 5:21	Rob Weyand	Mar 19
<i>Build Up One Another</i> —1 Thessalonians 5:11	Dave Dorsey	Mar 26
<i>Encourage One Another</i> —Hebrews 3:12-13	Dave Hill	Apr 2
<i>Pray For One Another</i> —James 5:16	Edson Bustamante	Apr 9

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.

Classes are available for both Middle School and High School students during the Education hour.

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Returning Hearts Celebration

Awana Lifeline's *Returning Hearts Celebration* is an opportunity for incarcerated men to spend a play day with their children. For this to happen, we need a volunteer base to serve in various areas.



A *Returning Hearts Celebration* will be held on Saturday, March 18 at Hardee Correctional Institution in Bowling Green, FL. If you have interest in learning how you can help with this celebration, please attend a brief informational meeting following the Worship service on Sunday, February 5, in the front of the Worship Center.

You can find out more about Awana Lifeline and the *Returning Hearts Celebration* at awanalifeline.org. If you have more questions, please contact Dave Dorsey in the Church Office at 813-969-2303 or email at dave@oakwoodfl.org.

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; 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.

Note of Thanks

I thank my God every time I remember you. Phil 1:3

Thank you to Nan Duncan and Cindy Gerrard who have served faithfully for many, many years in our hospitality ministry. And to Lilliam Vera who continues to lead our nursery team with consistent love and care.

Work Day

**Saturday, February 18—
8:30 AM—Noon**



We are looking for Small Groups, families and friends to have a great time of fellowship and work together on projects inside and out at Oakwood.

We appreciate your help—whether you can come for an hour or for the morning. If you have questions, please contact Dave Fowle at david-fowle1@gmail.com.

Attention Women

Just for Joy women's Bible study meets on **Tuesday mornings from 10:00—11:30 AM** in Room 106 of the Education Building.



The books of Ezra and Nehemiah focus on God restoring His holy city and His chosen people. Study guides are \$7.

RSVP to Sandy Wyatt at slwyatt7@gmail.com or call 960-8168.

Cookie Decorating with La Verne

Learn new decorating techniques, enjoy fellowship and feast on your edible creations. Please RSVP with \$3 at the info desk and come Saturday, February 25 (Children's Ed Bldg.) from 10:00 AM-noon. Invite a friend!



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.

Oakwood Cares

The Oakwood Cares team is sponsoring several events over the next few months. Check out the details below to see how you can be involved.



A Yard Sale will be held on Saturday, February 4 from 8 AM to 2 PM. Our desire is to give our neighbors an opportunity to get to know us little bit better, while raising funds for Oakwood Cares.

If you have household goods, clothing or furniture you would like to donate, please contact Chris Schmidt (813-786-8863) for details on dropping off your donations.

Your unwanted or unused items can become another person's treasure.

Lifeline Screening

Oakwood Community Church is pleased to offer a preventive health event. Life Line Screening, a leading provider of community-based preventive health screenings, will host their affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings on Saturday, February 11, 2017. Five screenings will be offered that scan for potential health problems related to: blocked arteries which is a leading cause of stroke; abdominal aortic aneurysms which can lead to a ruptured aorta; hardening of the arteries in the legs which is a strong predictor of heart disease; atrial fibrillation or irregular heart beat which is closely tied to stroke risk; and a bone density screening, for men and women, used to assess the risk of osteoporosis.



Register for a Wellness Package which includes 4 vascular tests and osteoporosis screening from \$149 (\$139 with our member discount). All five screenings take 60-90 minutes to complete.

In order to register for this event and to receive a \$10 discount off any package priced above \$129, please call 1-888-653-6450 or visit www.lifelinescreening.com/advantagemembers.

Printed information with more details about these screenings is available at the Information Center in the lobby.



PowerHouse Schedule

Feb 5—Super Bowl Party @ Bustamante home
 Feb 12—Regular Evening Meeting
 Feb 19—Food Bag Ministry & Regular Evening Meeting
 Feb 26—Regular Evening Meeting
 Mar 5—Talent Show

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, February 19** 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, February 17. 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.



Youth Missions Trip

Where: Haiti
When: July 8-15
Who: 6th—12th Grade students
Why: We will work with Greg & Maria Shepherd of RTS Missions to lead a VBS and serve the children in Lascahobas and surrounding villages. We will learn about missions and consider God's work through us for His mission.
Cost: \$1,000
Questions: Contact Cam Whipple at 813.265.9895

An informational brochure/registration form is available in PowerHouse with more details on the trip. We are raising funds for this trip through the monthly Food Bag Ministry (see details above). **The time to register is now!**

Visit the RTS Missions website:
www.rtsmissions.com

Spring Retreat

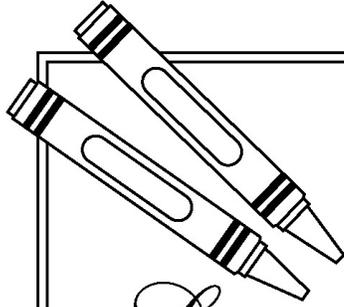


MARCH 24-26
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PICK UP AN INFORMATIONAL BROCHURE AND REGISTRATION FORM IN POWERHOUSE FOR OUR SPRING RETREAT.



Kids Corner

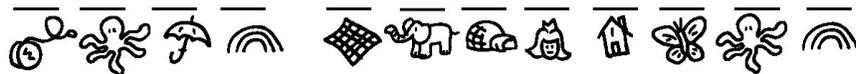
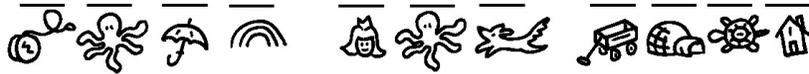


Just for KIDS

Love is the greatest commandment!

What did Jesus say when asked about the greatest commandment of God?

Write the first letter of each picture on the lines below.



Mark 12:30-31

Answer: Love the Lord your God with all your heart and ... Love your neighbor as yourself.



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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

Education Classes:

Sundays—9:15 AM

Worship:

Sundays—10:30 AM

Calendar at a Glance



Feb 4—Yard Sale
 Feb 5—Blood Pressure checks following Worship
 PowerHouse Super Bowl Party
 Feb 11—Lifeline Screening
 Sweetheart Dinner
 Feb 12—Deacon Team Meeting
 Oakwood Cares Team Meeting
 Communion during Worship

Feb 14—Missions Team Meeting
 Feb 15—Transition Team Meeting
 Feb 18—Work Day
 Feb 19—Compassion Offering
 PowerHouse Food Bag Ministry
 Feb 20—Elder/Deacon Teams meet
 Feb 25—Cookie Decorating w/La Verne

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...
Feb 10	Feb 15	Feb 18—Mar 3
Feb 24	Mar 1	Mar 4—Mar 17

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