



the Oakwood ACORN

A Chronicle Of our News

Road to Redemption II

-An Easter Series

Drama, Song, Fellowship, Message

A three service series that will transport you back in time! Back to two years following the death and resurrection of Jesus the Christ for a glimpse of mankind's response!

A series you will want to share with your friends and family!

April 17, 2011- Palm Sunday
Services at 9:30 and 11:00 AM

April 22, 2011-Good Friday
6:00 PM, Communion

April 24, 2011 -Easter Sunday
Outdoor Service
One Service Only- 10:00 AM
Dress Comfortably

Invitations are available in the Information Center for your use in inviting your family and friends.



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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
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Discovering Oakwood reception

Are you interested in finding out more about Oakwood Community Church and considering membership? You are invited to join us this Sunday, April 17 @ 10:00 AM in the Church Office Lobby for approximately 45 minutes. You will have opportunity to meet some of the elders, hear about our vision and learn about the process of becoming a member of Oakwood. Pick up a cup of coffee and a snack from the refreshment table and come join us.



Church Family Picnic

Due to some scheduling conflicts the picnic is postponed until...

When: Sunday, May 1 - following the 11:00 AM Worship Service

Where: Oakwood Community Church property

Why: Family fun and fellowship

What: Bring a picnic lunch for your family, a blanket or lawn chairs, and join us for a fun afternoon, spending time with old friends and making new ones.



Blood Mobile

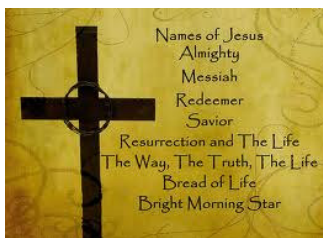
The Blood Mobile will be at Oakwood on Sunday, May 1 from 9:00 AM – 1:00 PM. If you are at least 16 years old, weigh at least 110 pounds, are in good health and haven't donated in the last eight weeks, you are eligible to donate.

Blood pressure checks Sunday, May 1, in the kitchen following the Worship Service. Don't miss this important health screening.



TreeHouse Volunteers needed

We have a number of TreeHouse volunteers who give of their time every week to minister to our wonderful children. We like to give this team of workers a break for the summer. Will you give us a hand and teach for a week, a month, or the summer? Please contact Dave Dorsey at 813-969-2303 or dave@oakwoodfl.org if you are interested in volunteering your time.



Prayer in 2011

Oakwood is focusing on prayer in 2011. Our April prayer focus is centered on our leadership, PowerHouse youth retreat leaders & students, and our supported ministries/ministries. Copies are available on our website (www.oakwoodfl.org/ministries/prayer-ministry) and at the information center.

Worship Arts Ministry

We are in the process of putting together the Celebration Arts vocalist/Instrumentalist/Drama/Slide Tech Schedule for the months of May 2011 through July 2011. If you have been thinking that this is the ministry for you, NOW is the time to let us know.



Musicians & Vocalists

If you are a musician/vocalist, auditions are being scheduled for those interested in using their time and talents as a member of our Praise & Worship team. **Current special need: Drummers!** Individuals that are interested or need more information should contact Chris Lehmann by calling the church at 969-2303, or email: chris@oakwoodfl.org.

Drama Actors

Like to "Ham it Up?" Have you ever thought about joining our Drama Team? If you have a desire to serve the Lord and the people of Oakwood with your special gifting, we have been praying for you. Individuals that are interested or need more information should contact Chris Lehmann by calling the church at 969-2303, or email: chris@oakwoodfl.org or our Drama Team Director, Brit White @ 937-545-3970, or email: brittaniekai@gmail.com.

Media Presentation Technicians

We need Media Presentation Technicians to run the Media Shout/PowerPoint programs for:

- Thursday evening Worship Team rehearsals at 7:00 PM, and
- Both services Sunday morning services

The ministry is best served by those who are detail oriented and that have the ability to focus through the course of the rehearsals and services. Thursday night rehearsal attendance is mandatory. Training is available. If you think this is the ministry for you or if you need more information please contact Chris Lehmann by calling the church at 969-2303, or email: chris@oakwoodfl.org.

Missions Moment

Below are some updates to prayer requests from two of our missionary families:

Pallatt Prayer Update - Japan. Requests for the Mori's: This is a recent update on the situation in Japan. Please pray for six families we've encountered recently who were directly involved with the earthquake and/or are helping us pass out food to those in need. We feel the leading of God strongly and know many who need to know Jesus. One believer's husband, a policeman, was saved from being swept away by the tsunami because he was stuck in a traffic jam for almost 6 hours.

Requests from Dr. Gene Wilson EFCA - Reach Global:

1. Please pray that the church in Lattakia Syria would be able to retain its official status (recognized since 1920). The government has said that it would lose it unless it has its own building. The long standing recognition offers some protection.
2. Please pray for the church in Northern Sudan. Three churches have moved south with the migration of the Christian population anticipating the partition of the country. Ibrahim, the church planting leader, anticipates a loss of freedom in the North and asks for prayer to start new churches and prepare existing ones for tough times ahead.
3. Pray for the upcoming training in Vietnam April 9-15.
4. Pray for God to touch hearts so that we can cover this ministry in the Middle East and Germany and I can go to train Vietnamese planters.

Your Team Tampa XII

Praise God! Once again He has orchestrated the formation of our next ministry team headed to the Czech Republic. Through English Camp, our team will be teaching conversational English and sharing the Good News of Jesus Christ! I am confident that He has assembled just the right team to accomplish His will this coming July.

Team Tampa XII



Front Row: (Lt. – Rt.) Lauren Fucarino, Lisa Beale, Chris Lehmann, Andrew Reilly, Nicole Roman
 Back Row: (Lt. – Rt.) Mary-Lynn Reilly, Jose Cariaga, Kenna Kelly, Mark Beale, Larissa Corrales, Dean Johnson, Alisa Linares, Randall Huber, (Not Pictured: Jill Cariaga)

We have begun formal weekly meetings and are all excited to see how God will use us as we prepare to *serve* along side of our sister church in Brno.

Although Team Tampa XII “out of country” team is formed, there are still opportunities to help here as a member of Team Tampa XII-“Home Team”. We need prayer warriors, financial supporters (we will be scheduling Czech offerings in our Sunday morning services), and volunteer ministers to help with various odds and ends to make this huge opportunity to go as smoothly as possible. If you want to join our “Home Team” please let us know. You can call Mary-Lynn Reilly or myself to let us know of your desire to partner with us. Lets all pray that this is the year that many Czech conversions for Christ become reality!

In Him,

Christopher G. Lehmann
 Team Tampa XII



Needless Needling- Christy Scannell

One couple's bad behavior makes us reflect on our own.

We have friends, a married couple named Don and Lee Ann, who are notorious for ruining most any event to which they're invited—and even the ones they host. In fact, my husband, Rich, and I refer to them privately as "The Needlers" because their behavior is so much like the characters in that recurring *Saturday Night Live* sketch.

If you haven't seen it, *SNL's* Needlers are a couple who constantly badger—or "needle"—each other with put-downs, causing everyone around them to grow increasingly uncomfortable. But while an *SNL* portrayal is funny in its over-the-top way, our Needler friends aren't such a joy to be around when they launch their poison arrows at each other.

Usually, the exchange starts with something harmless, such as Don mentioning that he washed their cars that day. As I'm busy shooting Rich a friendly "wow, you could do that, too" look, Lee Ann quietly launches her first arrow.

"Yeah, you got busy with that because you knew my sister was coming over," she says with an agitated tone.

As a race announcer would say, "They're in the gate, and ... they're off!"

Don: "Like I'd want to spend any more time than necessary with her."

Lee Ann: "Oh, that's right, you don't have to be around when my family visits but I have to wait on yours hand and foot."

Don: "You wouldn't know what waiting on someone 'hand and foot' even means, Miss Pampered."

Lee Ann: "Huh, like Mr. White Bread over there has a clue. I'll bet when you were little *your* mom never got so drugged out that she couldn't make dinner."

Don: "Are you 9 or 39? Get over your childhood finally!"

At this point, Lee Ann darts from the room to cry. Meanwhile, I have a big decision. Do I:

1. Follow her for the millionth time to listen to her sob over her bad marriage;
2. Stay with the rest of the group but risk Lee Ann accusing me of taking Don's side rather than hers;
3. Go home (if this is, hopefully, happening anywhere but our house).

Fortunately these meltdowns tend to occur at the end of our evenings together, so Rich and I usually can excuse ourselves and make the great escape. A while back, out of desperation we even developed a secret sign—one of us removes his or her watch and rebuckles it—so we know when it's time to go.

After enduring an episode with Don and Lee Ann, I'm always struck by the responsibility we have as Christians to help people understand that marriage is a model for the God relationship. Don and Lee Ann were raised in church but long ago gave up on religion and call themselves agnostics now. The result of this abandonment of God is reflected in their marriage. But it's not much better for the increasing number of active Christians I encounter who only have bitter, ugly words for their spouses.

When Rich and I were engaged, we agreed that one goal for our marriage would be to set a good example for others. So after we were married and Rich's guy friends teased him about the "ball and chain," he surprised them—and shut them up—by saying, "Marriage is great. I love my wife!" Similarly, when I'm with girlfriends who insist on husband bashing, I interject with something like, "Rich has his faults but he's such a great husband that I accept them."

That's not to say we have the perfect marriage. Rich and I have our share of shouting matches and silent treatments. But they're always in private and we don't drag our friends along for the ride.

Meanwhile, we keep praying for Don and Lee Ann. I have faith that the Lord will work in their hearts and show them his way. Their kids are asking Don and Lee Ann to take them to church, so I hope some day to see the whole family walking up the church's steps alongside us.

Until then, when we're with the Needlers, I'll never have to ask anyone else what time it is—I'll be wearing my watch.

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Fundraiser Opportunity

Students going to BUMP will be assembling food bags right after the Worship Service this Sunday, April 17.

BUMP Training Session

All students and adult leaders attending BUMP will be meeting for training right after food bag preparation.

Break Away Retreat 2011 April 8-10

We had 22 students and 11 adults attend the PowerHouse Spring Retreat at Camp Geneva recently. Thanks to David & Cindy Conner for all the planning and the adult team that participated.



Graduate Recognition

We would like to honor our graduates – whether from High School or College. Please loan us five or so pictures of your graduating student from infancy to graduation and a short bio of their future plans. These will be part of a graduation recognition video presentation on June 5. Pictures are due in to the Church Office no later than May 15. If you prefer, you may email them to marylynn@oakwoodfl.org or put them in the “Church Office” mail slot in the Worship Center kitchen. .

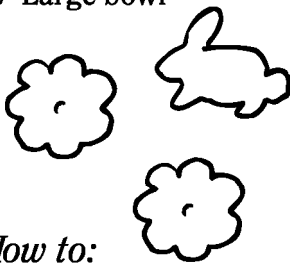


Kids Corner

Make a celebration snack!

You need:

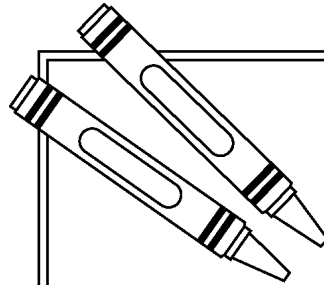
- * 4 boxes of gelatin dessert in any flavor (4-serving size)
- * Boiling water
- * 9" x 13" pan
- * Cookie cutters
- * Measuring cups
- * Spoon
- * Large bowl



How to:

Put dry gelatin in large bowl. Mix in 2½ cups of boiling water. Stir until dissolved completely. Pour into a pan. Refrigerate until firm (at least 3 hours). Cut spring & Easter shapes with cookie cutters.

Enjoy!



Just for KIDS Easter

Easter is a special day for Christians. The days before are dark and sad, but on that special day – we celebrate!
Why do we celebrate?

Write the word to fit each definition. Transfer the numbered letters to the corresponding boxes. Read the answer.

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1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13



□	□	□
14	15	16

□	□	□	□
17	18	19	20

great happiness

a place where plants grow

opposite of evening

a shape that means love

it rises every morning

a close companion

Jesus was nailed to it

it blocked the door of Jesus' tomb



1 12

11 20 16

13 7 6

15 9 19

8 4

10 18 17

3 5

14 2



Jesus rose from the dead!

joy, garden, morning, heart, sun, friend, cross, stone



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Office hours:

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

Calendar at a Glance



- Apr 17 - *Palm Sunday*
 - Compassion Offering
 - *Discovering Oakwood* seminar
- Apr 22 - *Good Friday*
- Apr 24 - *Easter Sunday*—One Service—10:00 AM



- May 1 - Blood Mobile @ Oakwood
 - Blood Pressure checks
 - Picnic following Worship
- May 8— *Mother’s Day*
- May 15 - Compassion Offering
 - Board Meeting

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Deadline	Publication date	News for dates including...
Apr 22	Apr 27	Apr 30 - May 13
May 6	May 11	May 14—May 27

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