

June 2018



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Worship Schedule Change



As we have done in the past, from

June 3—September 2,

our Worship Service will be at

10:00 AM on Sunday Mornings

No education classes for Children, Youth or Adults at 9:15 AM.

During June & July, we will have **Family Worship** with children Kindergarten—5th Grade worshipping with their parents.

There will be nursery care for children birth—23 months old and TreeHouse ministry for two through four year olds during the service.

In August we will have our full TreeHouse Ministry available for children two years old—5th Graders during the Worship Service.

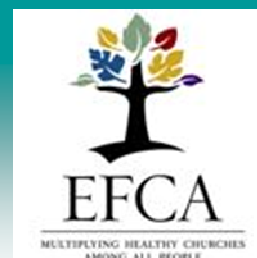
Be sure to mark your calendar so you don't miss this change.

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Oakwood is to...

Transform ordinary people
into fully devoted followers
of Jesus Christ.

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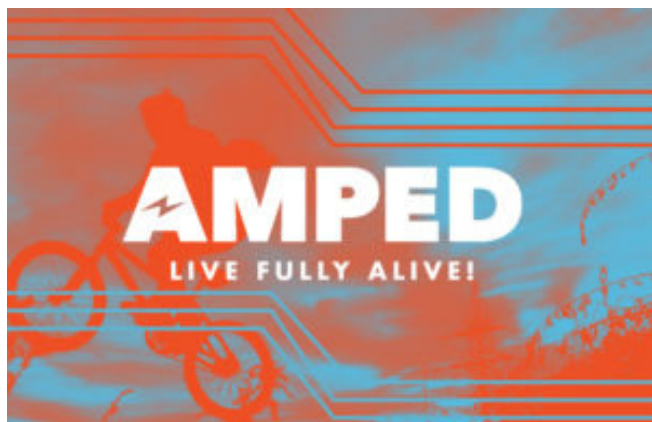


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AMPED—Vacation Bible School 2018



VBS 2018 is AMPED!

Get your gear on because we are taking life
to the "xtreme"!

We're not just talking **boards** and **bikes** ...
we're talking

living like you know God is with you *(The life of Joseph)*

living like God has a plan for you *(The life of Esther)*

living like Jesus is alive *(The life of Jesus)*

living like people matter *(The story of the Early Church)*

living like you're a part of a bigger story *(The life of Paul)*

LIVING FULLY ALIVE!

Entering Kindergarten – 5th graders –

Registration is open at the TreeHouse Welcome Desk. You can also call the church
office (813.969.2303) or signup online through the Oakwood website.

We can't wait for you to join us from 6:30-8:30PM on June 4-8

to learn how God wants us to live FULLY ALIVE
because we can believe that what He says is TRUE!

"I have come so that they may have life.

I want them to have it in the fullest possible way." ~ John 10:10 NIV

Blood Pressure Checks

Blood pressure checks on June 3 in the kitchen following the Worship Service. Don't miss this important health screening.



Congregational Meeting

Everyone is invited to join us following the Worship Service on June 3 for a brief Congregational Meeting.

The elder and deacon teams will present the Proposed Budget for 2018-2019, to begin July 1, 2018.

Members will vote on new members and the Proposed Budget on Sunday, June 17.



A Call to Prayer Event

Join us on Sunday morning, June 3, 9:00—9:45 in the Education Building, Room 106/108.



We will pray for VBS, Challenge trip, Czech trip and our church ministry teams.

Oakwood Night @ the Ballpark

Have some family fun at the Tampa Tarpons (formerly Tampa Yankees) game on Friday, June 22, 6:30 PM at Steinbrenner Field.



Cost is \$18 per person and includes the game, dinner and a hat. Purchase your tickets by clicking this link - https://www.fevo.com/edp/Oakwood-Summer-Baseball-Outing-ujkuCab?referrer_hash=Lx6wd4l2

Women's Ministry

Summer Bible Study

All women are invited to *Crossing the Waters*, a video series presented by Leslie Leyland Fields on Tuesdays June 12-July 24 (not meeting on July 3) in the Education Building from 7:00-8:30pm. The focus of the study is "Following Jesus- Through the Storms, The Fish, The Doubt and the Seas."



Please register via the Info Desk or online at slwyatt7@gmail.com. Call Terri Johnson at (813)675-7608 for further details. There is no fee/workbook.

Women's Ministry invites you to:
A Favorite Things Party

Friday, June 22 @ 7:00 PM
Oakwood Adult Education Building

Bring 3 identical favorite things (valued at \$4 or under).

Two will be given away and 1 will be donated to an OCC missionary wife.

You will go home with a lot of great ideas and 2 new favorite things.

Please sign up at the info table to help us plan

Financial Update

Oakwood 2018 Financial Update through April		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Offerings Received	\$166,818	
YTD Expenses	\$152,393	\$155,894
Offerings Over/(Under) Exp	\$14,425	\$10,924

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 and click "Give Online" on the right side of the menu on the home page.

Missionaries of the Month



Gerry & Sharon Pruden started attending Oakwood while it was still Trinity Evangelical Free, meeting at Gaither High School. They joined in the early '90s. Gerry has served as a deacon and Sharon led a women's Bible study about 20 years.

They joined Bible Basics International as missionaries in 1981 serving with the founder, Eugene Priddy and his wife Monna Dean. The ministry started to grow, with more missionaries joining, it was time to move from New Jersey to Tampa in 1986. They have been supported by Oakwood since the mid-90's.

Over the years Gerry has done many different things in the ministry. His current project is particularly rewarding. Dr. Eugene Priddy's heart's desire, before his fall in 2013 that made him a quadriplegic, was to have his books published as E-Books. Gerry is working hard to fulfill that desire. The basic doctrine book, *Keep from Stumbling*, has been finished and in the Kindle format on Amazon. Currently he is working on *Exploring the Book of Revelation*. It is more complicated. It has phrase-by-phrase explanations with maps and charts. Sharon is proofreading the E-Book version. The hope is to have it done this year.

Sharon's duties were doing the accounting for over 30 years, however that baton has been passed. Now she is enjoying proofreading, answering letters from listeners to Bible Basics radio programs, helping the staff with information, and general office duties.

Praises:

Return of health and strength after recovering from an automobile accident and surgeries.
God's provisions for our needs for 37 years as of August 1, 2018, including Oakwood's support.
The joy of having a part in spreading God's Word around the world.

Prayer:

Pray that *Exploring the Book of Revelation* can be finished and published. It is such a relevant subject.
Pray for safe travel as plan we spend time on the road this summer for vacation and visiting friends and supporters around the country.

Czech Team

Team Tampa XIX

On July 10 La Verne Cluff, Alisa Fowle and Val Brand will be traveling to the Czech Republic to help at the 19th English Camp that Oakwood has sponsored in conjunction with our sister church, Brno Evangelical Fellowship. Camp dates are July 15-21. The theme this year is American Culture.

How can you support our team?

1. Pray for the team—Pray for preparations for teaching our classes, for hearts to be ready and for us to make the most of the opportunities God provides.
2. Give a financial gift. On Sunday, June 3, we will collect a special offering during the Worship Service to help the team defray their costs. The trip costs \$2,000 per person.





The Power of Prayer

It is commonly said that “prayer is powerful.” Technically that statement is not true. ***God is powerful and prayer connects us with His power***, but prayer in itself has no power. Think about it. Would you say that a light switch is powerful? No. The switch by itself is just simple molded plastic with some cheap conductive metal in it.

The only reason a light switch appears powerful is when it is connected to a substantial power source. A flashlight switch that draws light from a couple of batteries has a little power. A breaker at a football stadium turns on the flow of a lot more electricity. That is what prayer does. It connects us – as weak, insignificant and misguided as we are – with The Power that spoke the universe into being.

“As with the truth that is preached, prayer has no inherent power in itself. On the contrary, true prayer is bound up with a persuasion of our inability and our complete dependence on God. Prayer, considered as a human activity, whether offered by few or many, can guarantee no results. But ***prayer that throws believers in heartfelt need on God, with true concern for the salvation of sinners, will not go unanswered***. Prayer of this kind precedes blessing, not because of any necessary cause and effect, but because such prayer secures an acknowledgement of the true Author of the blessing. And where such a spirit of prayer exists it is a sign that God is already intervening to advance his cause.”

Iain Murray, *Revival and Revivalism*, p. 129

The “prayer is powerful” mindset can devolve into ***the false and dangerous idea that prayer is magic***. If you just get the words right or the fervency right or the minutes and number of people praying right – *then things will happen*. No. That treats God like a vending machine and He will not be handled that way. Much of our unanswered prayer is the result of a magical view of prayer that God is intent on correcting. But ***the opposite error is just as problematic*** – to pray nothing but “Thy will be done,” as nothing but resignation to the pre-determined decision of a distant and impersonal deity.

“The Bible simultaneously pictures God as utterly sovereign, and as a prayer-hearing and prayer-answering God. Unless we perceive this, and learn how to act on these simultaneous truths, not only will our views of God be distorted, but ***our praying is likely to wobble back and forth between a resigned fatalism that asks for nothing and a badgering desperation that exhibits little real trust***.”

D.A. Carson, *Praying with Paul*, p. 31

Prayer is neither magic nor fatalism. ***Prayer is all about a relationship with our all-Sovereign, lovingly responsive heavenly Father***. Trust is the solution to the badgering petitioner who demands things from God. Rest in His Fatherly plan. Believe in His goodness. Trust in Him with all of your heart and conform your thinking and desires to His. And faith is also the cure for the fatalist – faith that looks forward, that dreams with God of all that He can do and wants to do, that asks for the impossible and believes it will happen – not because *we* are wise and powerful but because *God* is gracious and mighty and good, and He works all things together in His perfect plan, even orchestrating our prayers into the symphony of history that resounds to the glory of His name.

Join us this coming Sunday in the school of prayer from 9-9:45 a.m.! We are all students, learning from and with one another. The best way to grow in prayer is to come and pray – so don’t let inexperience or lack of confidence keep you from coming. Also note that ***Sunday Prayer is open to everyone*** – in my office from 9:15-9:45 a.m. on Sunday mornings all summer. Let’s increasingly become a people of prayer who love God passionately and cry out to Him with total confidence in His plans and bold faith to ask for the impossible.



Darin Anderson
Lead Pastor



PowerHouse Schedule

June 3—Schools Out Party—Pool Party @ Bustamante home (see below)

June 8—Aldi shopping and PowerHouse Fun Night

June 10—Food Bags & Regular Evening Meeting

June 17—*Father's Day*—no evening meeting

June 24—Regular Evening meeting

Pool Party & Baptism

Sunday, June 3, 5:00 PM

Invite your friends and join us for lots of fun as we celebrate the end of the school year with a Pool Party @ the Bustamante home 9827 Tree Tops Lake Rd, Tampa



We will also celebrate with some of our students who will be baptized.



Mark your Calendar...

July 2-7—Challenge—Kansas City—No PowerHouse meeting July 1 & July 8 due to Challenge

July 15—Challenge Review

August 12—Back to School Party

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 and Jacksonville. 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, June 10** 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, June 8. Meet at Aldi at **Linebaugh & Sheldon Rd** (note location change) 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.



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Our Vocation & Volunteer Staff

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Office Manager—Martha Dorsey
Secretary—Kailey Treadway

Our Elder Team

Darin Anderson
Mark Beale
Edson Bustamante
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

Worship—Summer Schedule:

Sundays—10:00 AM

No education classes

Calendar at a Glance



June 3—Summer Schedule Begins

A Call to Prayer
Czech Offering during Worship
Communion during Worship
Blood Pressure checks following Worship
Congregational Meeting after Worship

June 4-8—Vacation Bible School

June 10—Deacon Team Meeting
Oakwood Cares Meeting
PowerHouse Parents Meeting
PH Food Bag Ministry

June 11—Elder Team Meeting

June 12—Women's Summer Video Series begins

June 17—*Father's Day*

Congregational Vote on Budget
Compassion Offering
Missions Team Meeting

June 18 — Elder/Deacon Teams meet

June 22—Women's "Favorite Things"
Oakwood Night @ the ballpark

June 25—Elder Team Meeting

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