



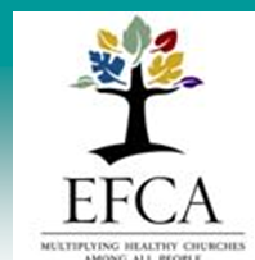
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The mission of
Oakwood is to...

Transform ordinary people
into fully devoted followers
of Jesus Christ.

Oakwood is a member of
the Evangelical Free
Church of America.



Testimony Sunday

On July 1, instead of a sermon, you are the message. The Oakwood family will have the opportunity to share for 2-3 minutes about how God has been working in your life.

Not only will we hear testimonies, we will celebrate communion as a church family, hear an update from our missionaries Nick & Sofia Audas, celebrate our recent successful VBS Program, and have a prayer send-off for our Middle & High School students as they head off to Kansas City for the bi-annual EFCA Youth Conference.

Start thinking now about what you can share to encourage the body.

Serve the Church

Our verse of the month for June and July is:

"As each has received a gift, **use it to serve one another**, as good stewards of God's varied grace: whoever speaks, as one who speaks oracles of God; whoever serves, as one who serves by the strength that God supplies—in order that in everything God may be glorified through Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 4:10-11

Serving one another in a local church is not optional. It is the clear expectation of those who are stewards of God's grace. Every believer has been entrusted with at least one spiritual gift *for the building up of the local church*. We are not owners of those gifts, but are managers of them who will give an account to the One who gave them to us. Therefore we speak with the very authority of God. We serve in the very power of the Holy Spirit. And we do everything for the glory of Jesus Christ.



What is your gift? What has God entrusted to you for the sake of His church?



Check out a ministry area this summer. Talk with a Ministry Team Leader. Try something on to see if it fits. Talk with me or Dave or Marcos and we will gladly point you toward a current opportunity. May Jesus be exalted as His church is edified!

Darin Anderson
Lead Pastor

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Blood Mobile@ Oakwood

The Blood Mobile will be at Oakwood on Sunday, July 1 from 9:30—11:30 AM. 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.



Will you roll up your sleeves and help us with this worthy cause?

School Supply Drive

Oakwood Cares is sponsoring a supply drive for nearby Cannella Elementary School to help them get stocked up on items that are needed and quickly run out.



You can help during the month of July by dropping any of the following items into the labeled box in the Worship Center lobby:

Lysol or Clorox Wipes
Black Expo Markers
Ream of White Copy Paper

Game Night with Bahia Vida

Saturday, August 4, 5:00-8:00 PM

Mark your calendars and come enjoy food, fellowship and fun with our brothers and sisters from Bahia Vida!

Please bring a family size dish to share for our potluck and your favorite indoor or outdoor game to play.



There will be water activities for children so they may want a swimsuit and a towel!



Women's Ministry

Women's Ministry invites you to:
Painting With A Twist!

Painting with a Twist - Women 18+ are invited to create their own masterpieces on Friday, July 20 at 7:00 PM in the Tree-House. If you can paint by number, you can paint with a twist! Please RSVP with \$10 at the Info desk. Space is limited so don't delay.



Summer Bible Study

All women are invited to *Crossing the Waters*, a video series presented by Leslie Leyland Fields on Tuesdays through 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.

Independence Day

The Church Office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4, in celebration of Independence Day.

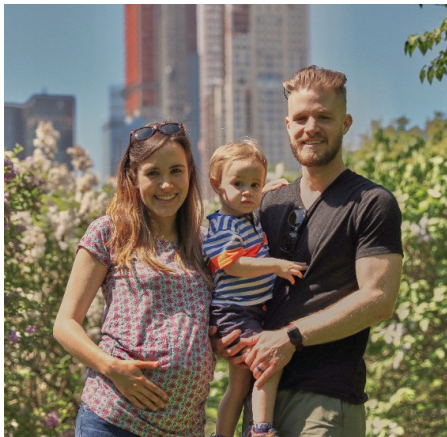


Financial Update

Oakwood 2018 Financial Update through May		
	Actual	Budget
YTD Offerings Received	\$200,681	
YTD Expenses	\$192,715	\$194,867
Offerings Over/(Under) Exp	\$7,966	\$5,814

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



Nick & Sofia Audas are our Missionaries of the Month for July. They serve in NYC with Cru, a worldwide missions organization.

We are praising God for this past school year: it truly felt like a breakthrough year for us personally and in ministry at City College of New York. We connect with students in different ways, usually with some type of survey that helps a person share their "life story" and spiritual journey with us. This helps us discover what their experience of faith has been like, what their worldviews, hopes, and dreams are, and find an inroad to be able to share the gospel. In March alone, we saw 26 students come into a relationship with the God who loves them passionately.

Please pray that God would shepherd our student leaders over the summer as they are no longer in school, and that He would prepare a "harvest" of students who would get involved next year.

Last fall, Nick had the wonderful opportunity to minister to a group of ROTC students in NYC. Many of these folks were new Christians so the opportunity to help them get going in their spiritual journey was exciting.

We have adjusted well to New York City and feel it is "home" for us. If you didn't know already, we are adding a "fourth" member of the Audas team this fall. If you would like to know about our ministry during the year, we would be glad to add you to our e-mail listing. You can e-mail me at nick.audas@cru.org

Prayer Opportunities

PowerHouse trip to Kansas City

July 2-8 a team of 32 will fly to Kansas City for the bi-annual youth conference of the EFCA—*Challenge*. Please pray for health, safety, for God's working in them through worship, teaching and ministry time. This team is:

Emily Adams, Caleb Anderson, Joel Anderson, Seth Anderson, Aaron Bustamante, Rebekah Bustamante, Josh Campbell, Anissa Clendinen, Ariana Clendinen, Maddie Clendinen, Joseph Cress, Abigail Hasebroock, Eli Hasebroock, Mekhi Odang, Noah Odang, Avery Pellizze, Julia Pellizze, Aiden Rexroad, Donovan Rexroad, Anthony Reyes, Callie Schneider, Colton Schneider, Trey Schneider, Henry Symulevich, Joseph Symulevich, Kailey Treadway, Winter Whipple, Jack Wyatt, Donna Bustamante, Katie Frost, Frank Reyes, and Cam Whipple.

Czech Republic Trip

July 11-25 Val brand, La Verne Cluff and Alisa Fowle will be in 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.

Please pray for health, safety, for the team's final preparations for teaching classes, for hearts to be ready and for the team to make the most of the opportunities God provides.

AMPED—Vacation Bible School 2018

Thanks to all of the volunteers who helped make VBS 2018 a success.





PowerHouse Schedule

July 1—No Youth Meeting due to Challenge trip
July 8—No Youth Meeting due to Challenge trip
July 13—Aldi Shopping and PowerHouse Fun Night
July 15—Food Bags and Challenge Review 2018
July 20—Rainbow River—6:30 AM—3:00 PM
July 22—Regular Evening Meeting
July 29—5th Sunday and Regular Evening Meeting

Challenge Review

**Sunday, July 15
5:00 PM**

The Church family is invited to come and hear a report of the experiences of the teens at their conference in Kansas City.

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, July 15** 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, July 13. Meet at Aldi at **Linebaugh & Sheldon Rd** 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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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



July 1—Testimony Sunday
Communion
Blood Mobile @ Oakwood
July 2—PowerHouse team leaves for Challenge
July 4—*Independence Day*—Church Office closed
July 8—Deacon Team Meeting
July 9—Elder Team Meeting
July 11—Czech Team leaves

July 15—Compassion Offering
PowerHouse Food Bag Ministry
Missions Team Meeting
Challenge Review
July 16—Elder/Deacon Team Meeting
July 20—Women's Painting With a Twist
July 23—Elder Team Meeting

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