

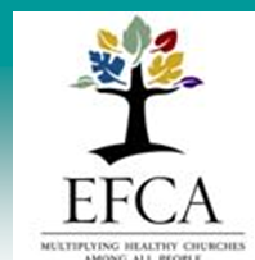


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The mission of
Oakwood is to...

Transform ordinary people
into fully devoted followers
of Jesus Christ.

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From Pastor Darin

God is at Work in Tampa!

Jesus said, *"My Father is always at his work to this very day, and I too am working"* (John 5:17, NIV). So we should not be surprised to hear how God is moving His people to bring glory to Jesus and mobilize His church in our city. Recently I have been very encouraged to learn some of the ways in which God is working around us and how we can join Him in that work.

First, I learned about **a prayer group**. At the funeral for Louise Oleson (Margie's mom) I met the pastor who led Louise to Christ many years ago. His name is Joe Brown and he just retired from the ministry after participating in a weekly pastor prayer group for the last thirty years. He connected me with Pastor Ken Klassen (TBCC) who still leads that prayer group. Every time God has done something powerful in history it has been preceded by intentional, fervent prayer. Obviously the people of Oakwood have been praying for our city throughout these same thirty-plus years. This information should lead us to expect that God is preparing to act in a significant way.

Second, I heard about **a citywide evangelism campaign**. Revive Florida (www.reviveflorida.org) has been spreading the word in Tampa since January about a nine day evangelism effort now set for October 19-27 with the goal of sharing the Gospel in every neighborhood of Hillsborough County. They are building a coalition of over 100 churches to labor together on this project. We will be hosting a lunch for pastors and leaders in our area on Tuesday, August 14, to help grow this network. We will also be providing and serving breakfast for the evangelists on Monday, October 22. Does it seem "coincidental" that the last day of this campaign lands on our fourth annual Fall Fest?

Third, I connected with Daniel Bernard who has been leading Somebody Cares Tampa Bay since 1997. This organization supports community service and compassion efforts all over town, especially related to feeding the hungry through programs like the Supper Bowl. Daniels' son, Luke Benjamin, just wrote and acted in a film that releases in Tampa theaters only on Friday, September 7. It is called ***The Favorite*** and tells the story of two brothers vying for their father's attention and approval. Inspired by a car accident he was in five years ago that left Luke in a coma for several days with a serious brain injury, the movie grapples with tragedy, fear, loss and dealing with struggles as a family. Following in the footsteps of movies like *Facing the Giants*, *God's Not Dead*, and *I Can Only Imagine*, *The Favorite* creatively presents the Gospel to a broad audience. This film centers on the theme of God's unconditional, Fatherly love for all of His children. Opening just two days before we start two services, it gives us another opportunity to invite friends and neighbors to hear about Jesus!

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Game Night with Bahia Vida



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

TreeHouse Ministry



We took some time off to give our workers a break, but our TreeHouse Ministry for children Kindergarten—5th Grade will resume on August 5 at 10:00 AM!

Our theme for August is *The Hunt—Wisdom*.

What's Next?

We have just finished a sermon series on *Serving the Church* - using our gifts to build up the body here at Oakwood. If you haven't yet found *your place of ministry*, please contact me or Dave Dorsey to talk through your gifts, interests and availability. On August 5 we start a six week series called *Reach the World*. This represents home plate in our baseball diamond discipleship pathway. We start by loving God (first base), move on to grow in Christ (second base) and serve the church (third base) before bringing runners home as missionaries sent out as salt and light in this ever darkening world.



On September 9, as we kick off two worship services at 9:00 and 10:30 a.m., we will start a new series called *Discover Oakwood*. This will provide a five week introduction and overview to our mission and strategy as a church. The first week will challenge us to "get in the game" as followers of Jesus, not just fans. Then we will walk through each of the bases: 1) we gather worshippers to love God; 2) we connect believers to grow in Christ; 3) we train followers of Jesus to serve the church and; 4) we send out workers to reach the world. This is an ideal series to bring a friend who is curious about Oakwood and wants to learn what we are about.

As summer wraps up and school starts up, let's use the month of August to pray that God will move - first in our own hearts, then in our church and also in our city!

Pastor Darin

Blood Pressure checks

Blood pressure checks on August 5 in the kitchen following the Worship Service. Don't miss this important health screening.



Blood Mobile@ Oakwood

The Blood Mobile will be at Oakwood on Sunday, September 2. 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?



Fall Schedule & Oakwood Mill

Two Services

We will begin our Fall Schedule on Sunday September 9 with Worship Services at 9:00 AM and 10:30 AM.



Oakwood Mill



There will be Education Classes for adults and children 2 years old—5th Grade during both services. Middle School students will meet during the 10:30 Service. High School students are encouraged to serve in some area or attend one of the adult classes. Nursery care will be provided during both services.

Following is information on what classes will be offered. Watch for more details:

9:00 classes

Purpose Driven Life—led by John Schneider and Rob Weyand

Bible Journaling—led by Katie Frost

Full TreeHouse Ministry

Discovering Oakwood—our membership exploration class will be held September 23—October 14, led by Edson and Dave Dorsey

10:30 classes

The Art of Bible Reading—taught by Andrew Hasebroock

Come and learn the fun of reading the Bible as we dig deeper into several Bible passages.

Genesis—taught by Guy Sas

Middle School class

Full TreeHouse Ministry

Childcare & Children's classes

In consideration of our volunteer staff, we will be happy to provide childcare for nursery age, 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. This commitment will be for at least three out of four Sundays each month. Please be sure to register early so that we can plan accordingly.

From Pastor Darin—*continued*

We also praise God for how He has been working at *Oakwood* over the last year. Many of you are new to our church and represent the 20% growth in attendance we have seen since this time one year ago. Financial strength has come with this growth thanks to the church family's ongoing generosity. This allowed us to hire a Worship Ministry Intern (Marcos Lopez) and a Facility Tech (Sam Tison) - both of whom are godly men, uniquely equipped to serve the church and help us continue to grow and reach out with the good news of Jesus Christ. So we are well positioned to launch two worship services on September 9, opening more doors for people to learn about Jesus and sing His praises with us. We look forward to continuing this journey of faith with you - for the building of our church and the blessing of our city, all for the glory of our Lord and Savior.



Darin Anderson
Lead Pastor



PowerHouse Schedule

Aug 3—Beach Day
Aug 5—Regular Evening Meeting
Aug 10—Aldi shopping and PowerHouse Fun Night
Aug 12—Food Bag Ministry & Back to School Party
Aug 19—Regular Evening Meeting
Aug 26—Regular Evening Meeting

PH Lake Day

Lake Day - August 3

13816 Plainview Rd Odessa, FL 33556
11:00 AM—4:00 PM

Outdoor picnic, tubing and volleyball

Meet there. If you need a ride contact Cam or carpool with a friend.

Students please bring \$5 for food, we will be having BBQ.

Don't forget to bring towels and sun-screen!

Fall Lock-In

Mark your calendar now for

PowerHouse Lock-In

**August 31 (5:00 PM) -
September 1 (1:00 PM)**

Watch for more details

Food Bag Ministry

Our PowerHouse students have a monthly fundraiser assembling food bags that are distributed to medical clinics in Tampa, New Port Richey 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, August 12** 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, August 10. 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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Our Vocation & Volunteer Staff

Lead Pastor—Darin Anderson
Director of Ministries & Coordinator of Children's
Ministry—Dave Dorsey
Worship Ministry Intern—Marcos Lopez
Director of PowerHouse Ministry—Cam Whipple
Office Manager—Martha Dorsey
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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



Aug 3—PowerHouse Lake Day
Aug 4—Potluck & Game Night w/Bahia Vida
Aug 5—TreeHouse Resumes
Communion
Blood Pressure checks
Aug 10—PH Aldi shopping and fun night
Aug 12—Deacon Team Meeting
PH Food Bag Ministry & Back to School
Party

Aug 13—Elder Team Meeting
Aug 19—Compassion Offering
Missions Team Meeting
Aug 20—Elder/Deacon Teams meet
Aug 27—Elder Team Meeting
Aug 31-Sept 1—PowerHouse Lock-In

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