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From Pastor Darin

Discover Oakwood!

On September 9, as we launch two worship services (9 & 10:30 a.m.), we will kick off a new sermon series called *Discover Oakwood!* For five weeks we will discuss our mission to transform ordinary people into fully devoted followers of Christ by walking through the baseball diamond pathway. (Check out and share the new baseball video at www.oakwoodfl.org/about). This is a great opportunity to invite friends or neighbors to check out our church (and learn more about the basics of following Jesus).

- September 9 - Get in the Game (Matthew 4:18-22)
- September 16 - Love God (John 4:15-26)
- September 23 - Grow in Christ (Hebrews 10:19-25)
- September 30 - Serve the Church (1 Peter 4:7-11)
- October 7 - Reach the World (Acts 1:4-8)

If you've been around for a year or more this should be review. Last fall we studied the book of Philippians and learned what it means to ***Rejoice in the Lord*** - to find our happiness in Him alone as we seek to love Him with all of our hearts. In January and February we spent eight weeks in Romans 8 along with a study of the Beatitudes through the book *Momentum* (Colin Smith). That series (***Keep Moving Forward***) challenged us to actively pursue growth in Christ - and reminded us of the importance of being in regular fellowship with one another. This summer we spent four weeks in Romans 12 to apply the exhortation to ***Serve the Church***. And we are just finishing a series on ***Reaching the World*** with the Gospel. (All sermons are available on our website. Video is available since January.)

My favorite part of the baseball video (other than the after-credits scene) shows a bunch of people who bring beach chairs and set up around second base. It's meant to be ridiculous because - how could the game go on with a bunch of chairs on the field? Wouldn't those people get hurt just sitting around in the middle of a game? It's a visual parody of people who get stuck in their Christian growth. Instead of moving forward around the bases, they set up camp on just one or two.

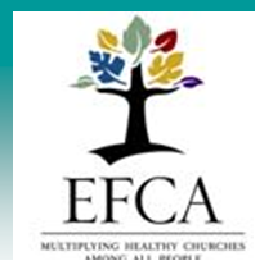
Maybe you love coming to worship but that's really your only connection with the church. That's like setting up your beach chair right there on first base. Some people actually skip first base and just hang out in a small group - not regularly attending worship to love God and not involved in a ministry or active in reaching out to others. We laugh when the batter hits the ball and then runs to third base - but it's really no laughing matter when those who claim to follow Jesus don't actually follow His instructions.

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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.



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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. [Click here](#) for more detailed class information or see the Oakwood Mill flier in your weekly Worship Program. Please register for the class you plan to attend on the flier or contact the Church Office.

9:00 classes

Purpose Driven Life—led by John Schneider and Rob Weyand
This class will meet in Room 102/104 (Library)

Bible Journaling—led by Katie Frost
This class will meet in Room 106

Full TreeHouse Ministry

Discovering Oakwood—our membership exploration class will be held September 23—October 14, led by Edson Bustamante and Dave Dorsey
This class will meet in the TreeHouse building—Room 402/406

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.
This class will meet in Room 102/104 (Library)

Genesis—taught by Guy Sas
This class will meet in Room 106

Full TreeHouse Ministry

Middle School class meets in the Education Building Room 103

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.

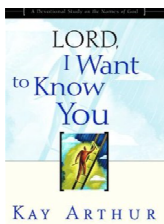
Women's Ministry Happenings

Two studies and a social are coming in September.



Tuesday's
September 11 - December 4
10:15-11:45 in the
Church Library

Book of Judges study guide is \$2.00
Please register at the Info desk or email
Sandy Wyatt at slwyatt7@gmail.com



Wednesday's
September 12 - December 12
5:30 p.m. - 7:00 p.m. in the
Church Library

This is a study on the Names of God.
Cost of the book is \$11.00.

Please register at the
Information Desk, call Terri Johnson at 813-675-
7608 or email her at bcj_tjj@verizon.net.

Sweetember Social

Saturday, September 29, 7:00 PM
Oakwood TreeHouse Building

Meet, Greet and bring your favorite Sweet

If you have a special treat that you would like to share with the ladies, please bring a sampler and the recipe.

Please RSVP at the Info Desk to help us plan appropriately..



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?



The Favorite

Just a reminder...

Plan to attend the upcoming Christian film, [The Favorite](#) on Friday, September 7 at local theaters (Regal Citrus Park, Studio Grill University Mall). Inspired by a car accident he barely survived in 2013, Luke Bernard wrote and acted in this screenplay about family, favoritism and the nature of a father's love. Start praying about someone you could invite to this movie and to one of our two worship services on September 9!

Missionary of the Month



Craig and Carolyn Clendinen have served with Wycliffe Bible Translators since 2005, helping to reach people who do not have the Gos-

pel in their own language. The Clendinens served in Washington, D.C., coordinating Wycliffe's work with foreign embassies as well as with UN representatives in New York. In 2011, they moved to Dar es Salaam, Tanzania, advocating for Wycliffe's ministry to the Bibleless peoples in east Africa. Craig joined Wycliffe's Asia leadership team in 2015 to help bring the Gospel to some of the most closed countries in the world. The Clendinens' current Wycliffe ministry is helping transform unreached people groups by demonstrating the power of the translated Scriptures through practical evangelism in projects throughout Asia. Those projects are Christ centered and allow the community and local church to live out the scriptures and bring faith, hope and spiritual transformation.

Prayer

1. We have several opportunities to begin new programs in India and Indonesia. Pray for open doors.
2. We have begun a new program of mentoring national workers on practical evangelism and want to expand the program.
3. There are still 1600 languages without any Bible translation project.
4. We are facing a challenge of continuing our Wycliffe ministry as a result of an increased budget and rise in expenses of ministry.



PowerHouse Schedule

Aug 31—Sept 1—Lock-In
Sept 2—No Youth Group Meeting
Sept 7—Food Bag Shopping Night
Sept 9—Food Bag Ministry & Regular Evening Meeting
Sept 16—Regular Evening Meeting
Sept 23—Regular Evening Meeting
Sept 30—5th Sunday & Regular Evening Meeting

Coming soon to PH

October 7—Outreach Party

November 4—PowerHouse Fall Festival

November 30-December 2—Winter Retreat

October 14—Important meeting for parents to discuss the summer 2019 trip to Haiti

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, September 9** 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, September 7. 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.

From Pastor Darin—continued

This sermon series will be a basic introduction to a life devoted to Jesus Christ, so it will be accessible to those who know little or nothing about Him. But it will also challenge those who have been walking with Jesus for decades. Are we really followers of Jesus or are we just fans? Are we actively obeying His clear instructions to love God, grow to maturity, serve His church and reach the world? Are we intentionally encouraging and challenging those around us to grow by moving around the bases?



The basics of baseball are not hard to understand but they take a lifetime to master. In the same way, the basics of Christianity are not hard to comprehend but they take serious, ongoing effort to live out. And that is precisely why we need to function as One Team - encouraging each other and working together to accomplish our common mission. Go Cu----- I mean, Go Rays! (Trust me, it'll all make sense when you see the whole video...)

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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](#)
Secretary—[Kailey Treadway](#)
Facility Manager—[Sam Tison](#)

Our Elder Team

Darin Anderson
Mark Beale
Edson Bustamante
John Schneider
Rob Weyand

Our Deacon Team

David Conner
Dave DePachter
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—Sept 2:

Sundays—10:00 AM
No education classes

Beginning Sept 9

9:00 AM & 10:30 AM
Education Classes
both hours

Calendar at a Glance



Aug 31—Sept 1—PowerHouse Lock-In

Sept 2—A Call to Prayer

Blood Mobile @ Oakwood

Fall Festival Leadership Meeting

Sept 3—Labor Day—Church Office closed

Sept 7—*The Favorite* Movie

PowerHouse Food Bag shopping

Sept 9—Fall Schedule Begins—Worship Services

@ 9:00 AM & 10:30 AM

Deacon Team Meeting

PowerHouse Food Bag Ministry

Sept 10—Deacon Team Meeting

Sept 11—Just For Joy Bible Study begins

Sept 12—Women's Evening Bible Study begins

Sept 16—Compassion Offering

Missions Team Meeting

Sept 17—Elder/Deacon Teams meet

Sept 23—Discovering Oakwood class begins

Sept 24—Elder Team Meeting

Sept 29—Women's Event

The Oakwood ACORN is a monthly 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:

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