



The Beacon
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Scripture Memorization, December

Ephesians 4:32

“And be kind and compassionate to one another forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.”

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Dear Island Chapel,

The 2015 *Celebration of Life Dinner & Program* held November 14, 2015 was a great success! What an exciting time from the “Winning for Life” pep talk by NFL Super Bowl Champ Earl Christy to the stirring “Stand in the Gap for Life” message and announcement of giving results by keynote speaker Pastor Charles Flowers. We were also inspired to see the **Next STEPP** vision of “Vibrant Families” and “Communities Whole & Complete Lack Nothing, through Jesus Christ” coming to reality in the testimonies of three of our client families. All of these moments helped us capture the story of what we do and why we do it.

A record number of nearly 300 guests attended and by the end of the evening over \$15,800 in prior gifts, checks, cash and credit cards had been received. In addition to the gifts that came in, attendee pledges totaled \$30,000 over the next year. What a grand evening and wonderful celebration of life.

We are so grateful for your gift of \$250 each month to stand in the gap for life. Your generosity moves us closer to expanding services and reaching more women and men with life-affirming solutions.

During this season of thanksgiving, we at the **Next STEPP Life Center** have much to be thankful for. We thank God for His goodness at all times and we especially give thanks for you. It is our prayer that you and your families will have a wonderful time of celebrating God's goodness and blessings during these holidays.

In Christ for Life – with gratitude,

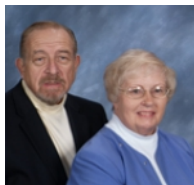
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**December's Deacon
 of the Month**

Bill Dusett

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Bill and Pat

SUNDAY SERVICES

December 20, 2015

10:00 am

Sermon:

“The Message of Christmas”

Luke 2:8-14

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Children's Sunday School 10:00 am

Nursery available for children 3 1/2 and under

WEDNESDAY SERVICES

Prayer Meeting and Bible Study

Restarting Jan. 6th

**Your generous giving helps supports these ministries,
 selected by The Island Chapel Outreach Committee:**

Ministry	2015/16 Monthly Amount
LOCAL	
Suncoast Association	\$ 874
Manna on Wheels/Lighthouse Ministries	\$ 250
The Next STEPP Pregnancy Center	\$ 250
Florida Baptist Children's Home	\$ 250
D & D Missionary Homes	\$ 225
Intervarsity Christian Ministries	\$ 100
S.T.A.A.R. (Human Trafficking Rescue)	\$ 100
Center for Women's Ministries	\$ 100
NATIONAL	
Military Ministry/Campus Crusade	\$ 225
Jesus Project Ministries	\$ 100
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	\$ 1,000
INTERNATIONAL	
FL Baptist Convention Cooperative Program	\$ 2,330
North India Christian Ministries	\$ 125
Rafiki Foundation	\$ 125
New Hope Ministries (Haiti Orphanage)	\$ 100

Schedule of Events

Announcements

THIS WEEK		
Dec 20	10 am Service Only	10 am
Dec 20	Children's Christmas Party	4-6 pm
Dec 21	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
Dec 23	No Wednesday Evening Service	
Dec 24	No Thursday Bible Study	
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Services	5 & 6 pm
COMNG UP		
Dec 27	10 am Service Only	10 am
Dec 28	Holiday – Office Closed	
Dec 30	No Wednesday Evening Service	
Dec 31	No Thursday Bible Study	
Jan 4	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
Jan 5	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th St. So, St Petersburg	8 am
Jan 6	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7 pm
Jan 7	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm

Prayer Breakfasts

Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

1st and 3rd Monday of every month

8:00 am

Skyway Diner
4000 34th Street South
St. Petersburg, FL

Men's Prayer Breakfasts

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month

8:00 am

International House of Pancakes
4199 34th St. South
St. Petersburg, FL

Y E A R - E N D
GIVING



**Please turn in or post mark by
Dec. 31st**

Children's Christmas Party
with
NEXT STEPP
Dec. 20th
4 – 6 pm
Sign up in the Lobby

Many of you have expressed an interest in giving stock to the Church. We are set up for that. Please call the office and ask for our Charles Schwab account number.

