



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,

Enjoy a client's testimony from the **Center for Women's Ministries**:

*One, two, three...Happy 3<sup>rd</sup> Birthday! Out go the candles, as does my childhood. The sexual abuse began. The rest of my childhood and young adult life was destroyed by an emotionally abusive, rage-aholic parent. My few years as a single adult were peppered by promiscuity and poor choices.*

*In my mid-twenties, I became a Christian, got married and had two children. For the next 20 years, I was a stay-at-home mom, which I loved. But I stuffed away the pain and shame, resulting in terrible depression. God was good, and I was able to raise my family with the nurture and love I had not received. By the grace of God, both my children have families of their own. Then, just as the children left the nest, my husband and I were transferred to an area where we knew no one. I spiraled down-ward. Yes, I was a Christian, but I still lost all hope.*

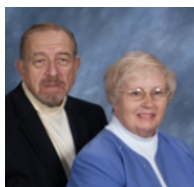
*I made an attempt to take my life. This was not a “cry for help,” as the professionals like to say. I wanted the pain to end. I survived, much to my dismay. In a few short days, though, the Holy Spirit began to move, and I began to realize for the first time that I was a precious child of the King, chosen by Him. If He would save me from this mess, there had to be something to this loving you “as you are” stuff. It has been a year of difficult recovery, physically and with my children, husband and myself. But with perseverance and counseling at the **Center for Women's Ministries**, I have been able to hold on to the new view of myself. Never in my life had I ever felt joy. Now, I wake up every day with joy in my heart. Praise be to Jesus!*

**December's Deacon  
 of the Month**

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Bill and Pat

**SUNDAY SERVICE**

**December 27, 2015**

10:00 am

**Sermon:**

“Building a Godly Home for the New Year”

Psalm 101

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
<b>LOCAL</b>	
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
<b>NATIONAL</b>	
Military Ministry/Campus Crusade	\$ 225
Jesus Project Ministries	\$ 100
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	\$ 1,000
<b>INTERNATIONAL</b>	
FL Baptist Convention Cooperative Program	\$ 2,330
North India Christian Ministries	\$ 125
Rafiki Foundation	\$ 125
New Hope Ministries (Haiti Orphanage)	\$ 100

## Schedule of Events

THIS WEEK		
Dec 27	<b>10 am Service Only</b>	10 am
Dec 28	Holiday – Office Closed	
Dec 30	No Wednesday Evening Service	
Dec 31	No Thursday Bible Study	
Dec 31	<b>YEAR-END GIVING</b> turned in or post marked by today	
Jan 1	<b>HAPPY NEW YEAR</b>	
COMNG UP		
Jan 4	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South	8 am
Jan 5	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 <sup>th</sup> 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
Jan 13	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7 pm

### The Island Chapel 2016 Offering Envelopes

- Envelopes are located on the table in the lobby.
- Please begin using them in January, 2016.
- If you did not receive your envelopes, sign up on the sheet in the Lobby.
- If you have questions please see Janice McDonald.

## Announcements



### Prayer Breakfasts

#### Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month

**8:00 am**

Skyway Diner  
4000 34<sup>th</sup> Street South  
St. Petersburg, FL

#### Men's Prayer Breakfasts

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of every month

**8:00 am**

International House of Pancakes  
4199 34<sup>th</sup> St. South  
St. Petersburg, FL

YEAR-END  
**GIVING**



Please  
turn in or  
post mark  
by Dec.  
31st

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.

