



The Beacon
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Scripture Memorization, January

Matthew 28:19-20

“Go, therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe everything I have commanded you. And remember, I am with you always, to the end of the age.”

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Dear Island Chapel,

Thank you for your generous support of the **Rafiki Foundation**. As we celebrate 30 years since the beginning of Rafiki in 1985 we also celebrate the completion of the Rafiki Bible Study – 553 week-long lessons.

The potential for proclaiming the gospel through these lessons is staggering. Already thousands are hearing the truths of the gospel and in a few years hundreds of thousands could come to know the Lord Jesus Christ through the many Rafiki Christian Classical Schools that we will help the nationals to start. As we give thanks for all the good works God prepared for Rafiki to do: the CHILDCARE PROGRAM, the EDUCATION PROGRAM (including preschool – twelfth grade), the RAFIKI ADVANCED LEARNING INSTITUTE, and the WIDOWS PROGRAM, we also praise God for his grace in giving us this good work, the RAFIKI BIBLE STUDY.

What an eternal impact! Every week day over 2,300 people are studying God’s Word. Our mothers, teachers, guards, cooks, grounds-keepers, students, children, and missionaries read the Bible for themselves and think through it using the Rafiki Bible Study. And then they take it beyond our walls to the community! We learned that in several countries, our Rafiki children are being asked to teach the Sunday School classes they attend – because they know more of the Bible than their teachers. In Nigeria, the national employees say, “We thought we were just coming to work at Rafiki, but we have really come to seminary!” In Kenya, one Rafiki mommy shared that she had always been a hard-hearted, bitter person, but through the Rafiki Bible Study she has learned to let go of her bitterness. These are just a sample of the many stories of how the Rafiki Bible Study is being used by God to build up His church in Africa.

Yours in Christ,
 Rosemary Jensen
 Founder & President

**January’s Deacon
 of the Month**

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Gene and Joyce

SUNDAY SERVICES

January 31, 2016

8:00 and 10:00 am

Sermon:

“Praying for your Church Leaders”

1 Timothy 3:2-5

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

7 pm

**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		
Feb 1	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
Feb 2	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th St. So, St Petersburg	8 am
Feb 3	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study "Understanding Islam"	7 pm
Feb 4	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
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Feb 11	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study "Understanding Islam"	7 pm
Feb 12	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
Feb 15	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
Feb 16	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th St. So, St Petersburg	8 am
Feb 17	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study "Understanding Islam"	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

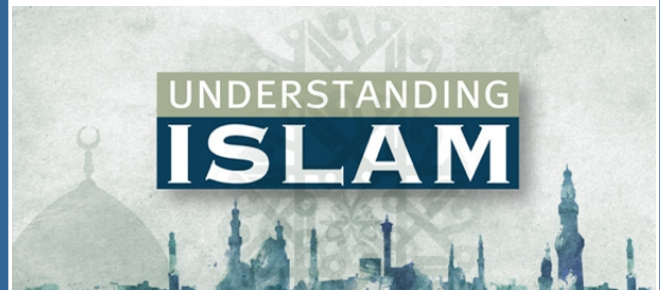
Men's Prayer Breakfasts

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month

8:00 am

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

Wednesday Prayer Meeting and Bible Study



7 pm



Our Web Designer is retiring.

If you would be interested or know of someone who may be interested in becoming the Island Chapel Web Designer, have them contact us.