



The Beacon
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Scripture Memorization, February

Philippians 4:13

“I am able to do all things through Him who strengthens me.”

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Dear Island Chapel,

I want to thank everyone who packed an **Operation Christmas Child** shoebox this year. We shipped more than 11 million shoebox gifts in 108 countries around the world. Every single box represents an opportunity to share the Gospel of Jesus Christ with children and their families.

It is wonderful seeing children squeal with delight at what might be the first Christmas gift they have ever received. But this is only the beginning. In the coming months, millions of these children will also have opportunities to grow in faith as they participate in *The Greatest Journey*, the discipleship program Samaritan's Purse has developed as a Gospel-focused follow-up to Operation Christmas Child. In the past six years, more than 7.4 million children have participated in the 12 Bible lessons. Praise God that more than 3.4 million of them have made decisions for Christ. We are raising up an army of young evangelist.

In one West African country, for example, a village pastor faithfully labored for 21 years without seeing a single soul accept Jesus. But once he handed out shoebox gifts to the village children, the Lord began to open doors and change hearts. Even the local imam was moved by what he recognized as God's love. For the first time, young people gathered at the pastor's home, where they have grown into a thriving church.

In Uganda, a boy named Christopher told us how his shoebox gift from **Operation Christmas Child** made him feel loved like never before. Through *The greatest Journey*, he learned more about that love. He loves children and loves telling them about Jesus. They call him “Pastor,” even though he is only 13. His teacher has seen several younger children saved and many change their behaviors through Christopher's witness. Around the world, millions of boys and girls like Christopher are faithfully sharing the Good News they learned through **Operation Christmas Child** and *The Greatest Journey*, and now they are praying for their friends and families to accept Jesus as their Lord and Savior.

May God bless you,
 Franklin Graham

**February's Deacon
 of the Month**

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Roy and Janet

SUNDAY SERVICES

February 7, 2016

8:00 and 10:00 am

Sermon:

“Leading Others to be Healthy”

Ephesians 5:22-33, 6:1-4

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

THIS WEEK		
Feb 10	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study "Understanding Islam"	7 pm
Feb 11	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
COMING UP		
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
Feb 18	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
Feb 24	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7 pm
Feb 25	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm

Announcements

Prayer Breakfasts

Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

1st and 3rd Monday of every month

8:00 am

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

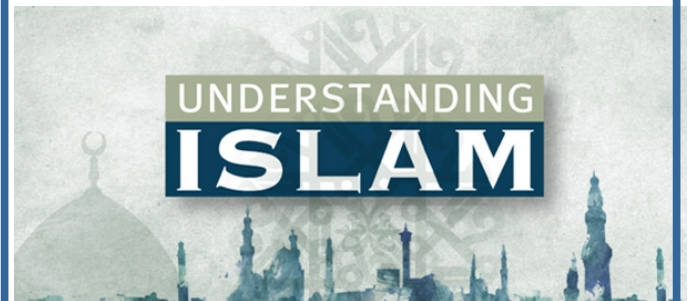
Men's Prayer Breakfasts

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

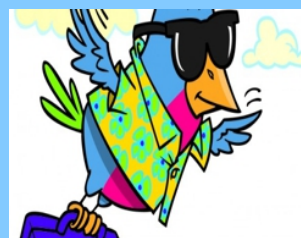
SAVE THE DATE

EASTER EGG HUNT
March 26th - 10am

EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

Fort De Soto Park
March 27th - 7am

Snowbirds Potluck



Everyone is invited to
Welcome Back our Snowbirds!

Come fellowship with good food followed by a great movie!

SAVE THE DATE
Sunday, March 6th
5pm

