



## 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,

A new year is a great symbol of new hope, new beginnings, new possibilities, and for many of the women and men that we will serve this year, new uncertainties. One thing, however, **IS** certain – and that is the faithfulness of our awe-inspiring God. Your first gift to us in this New Year is a tangible reminder of that fact.

God did new and amazing things in the life of **Next STEPP** in 2015. We saw Him continue to accomplish the vision He has given to us - "*Vibrant Families and Communities, Whole and Complete, Lacking Nothing through Jesus Christ*". Although we have seen families become whole and complete in the past, in December we turned the **Next STEPP** office into a wedding chapel and witnessed one of our families become whole and complete through a marriage ceremony being performed at the Center.

We remain excited about our *Just Imagine Capital Campaign* to expand services through the purchase, renovation and furnishing of a building located just across the street from our current location. Between the two buildings, we will expand our witness and promotion of a culture of life in this community.

As you can see, your support means so much to those who come to us facing uncertainty and to the future of **Next STEPP**. It also shows your concern for life and the cause of Christ. You embody the Apostle Paul's words to Timothy:

*"Tell them to use their money to do good. They should be rich in good works and generous to those in need, always being ready to share with others."* 1 Timothy 6:18

And you can trust Paul's promised reward!

*"By doing this they will be storing up their treasure as a good foundation for the future so that they may experience true life."* 1 Timothy 6:19

Yes, you're a great part of what God is doing through **Next STEPP**. Thank you. Happy New Year and may you be filled with hope and peace throughout.

In Christ for Life,  
Carole Alexander, Executive Director

#### THE NEXT STEPP LIFE CENTER

Services to Those Experiencing Pregnancy or Parenting

### SUNDAY SERVICES

February 28, 2016

8:00 and 10:00 am

Guest Speaker:

"Dr. Ervin McWilson"

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
<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

### February's Deacon of the Month

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Roy and Janet

## Schedule of Events

THIS WEEK		
Mar 1	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 <sup>th</sup> St. So, St Petersburg	8 am
Mar 2	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7 pm
Mar 3	No Thursday Bible Study	
COMING UP		
Mar 6	<b>Snowbirds Potluck</b>	5 pm
Mar 7	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South	8 am
Mar 9	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7 pm
Mar 10	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
Mar 15	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 <sup>th</sup> St. So, St Petersburg	8 am

**NOTE: Ladies' and Men's Prayer Breakfasts are NOT on the same week in March**

**SAVE THE DATE**

**EASTER EGG HUNT**  
March 26<sup>th</sup> - 10am

**EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE**

Fort De Soto Park  
March 27<sup>th</sup> - 7am



## 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

### Thursday Evening Home



Resumes March 10th

## Snowbirds Potluck



Everyone is invited to  
**Welcome Back our Snowbirds!**

Come fellowship with good food followed by a great movie!

Sunday, March 6<sup>th</sup>  
5 pm

Sign up in the lobby

