



The Beacon
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Scripture Memorization,
Philippians 4:6

"Don't worry about anything, but in everything, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, let your requests be made known to God."

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

The Gideons International places over 1,300,000 Scriptures in prisons and detention centers around the world each year. Here are two recent letters from inmates who received Christ through reading the Word of God.

From Drugs To Hope

Dear Gideons,

My name is Shannon, and I am incarcerated in Texas. I'm writing to let you know how The Gideons International is changing my life.

One day I was sitting on my bunk with nothing to do. Looking around the dorm, I saw a book, so I went to pick it up. It was the Holy Bible. I started reading in Proverbs. Another inmate noticed me reading and started talking about how his father had turned his life over to God after many years of drug abuse. I felt a tingle run down my spine and told him I could relate to his father. It was then I began to feel a calling to learn more about what the Bible had to say.

I started going to chapel. During one of the services, I met two Gideons, Doug and Kevin. They have inspired me to read more of the Bible and have taught me how to believe and worship my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ.

Thank you so much for the Bibles placed in my facility and for visiting and sharing God's Word here since I've been incarcerated. I read the Bible every day—one chapter of the New Testament and one chapter of Proverbs. Reading has opened my eyes so much, knowing I don't have to use drugs to maintain my life anymore. Now that I have found Jesus, I've gone from dope to hope. God bless you.

Shannon (Texas)

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**April's Deacon
 of the Month**

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David & Brenda

SUNDAY SERVICES

April 17, 2016

8:00 am and 10:00 am

Sermon:

"Friends Make Life More Fun"

Philippians 2:19-30

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:**

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>2015/16 Monthly Amount</u>
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

Apr 18	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
Apr 19	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th Street South	8 am
Apr 20	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7 pm
Apr 21	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
COMING UP...		
Apr 27	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study	7 pm
Apr 28	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
Apr 30	<i>Suncoast Baptist Association</i> <i>2016 VBS Training</i> <i>Crossroads Baptist Church</i> <i>2276 Curlew Rd – Palm Harbor</i>	8:30am - noon
May 2	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
May 3	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th Street South	8 am
May 4	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting and Bible Study <i>"God's Role in America's History"</i>	7 pm
May 5	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

God's Role in America's History

Wednesday Night Service
Starting May 4th at 7pm.

Having God's Word can and does lead people to faith in Christ

The Gideons International will be visiting
The Island Chapel
April 17, 2016



Coming Soon!
Vacation Bible School
June 27 - July 1
8:45 a.m. until noon
Ages K - 6th Grade



Go to www.theislandchapel.org
to fill out a registration form