



The Beacon
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Scripture Memorization,
Ephesians 4:32

“And be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving one another, just as God also forgave you in Christ.”

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Jesus Project Ministries
“Fly it Together”

(www.jesusprojectministries.com)

When Rachel first met Bob and Charlotte, she was walking the neighborhood praying and handing out water to people gutting their homes. Bob and Charlotte were no strangers to tragedy. Only a few years earlier, a house fire had almost destroyed their home. She found them sitting on their front porch, exhausted and overwhelmed by the task of rebuilding their flooded home and lives. They were ready to give up. After Rachel spent time praying with them, they were encouraged and found some strength to continue. Rachel and her team continued to visit them daily helping them gut and rebuild their home. Her heart was knit together with this precious couple, and they have become good friends.

In early November of 2006, about a year after hurricane Katrina, many people didn't have utilities or stoves. God gave us a way to celebrate our culture with a Thanksgiving feast that would feature food that New Orleanians love. The Cajun Thanksgiving was born.

As is the norm with anything God asks us to do, the job was too big for us. We really had no idea how to prepare the food we wanted to serve. After all, gumbo and fried turkeys for hundreds of people seemed a big undertaking. So we asked some people in the neighborhood for their help. The first two that eagerly signed up to help were Bob and Charlotte.

Next week, Bob will oversee the cooking of 20 fried turkeys, while Charlotte tends to the huge pot of gumbo for the hundreds of people who come to the Cajun Thanksgiving feast. These beautiful people, now in their 80's will be on the lot at 6:00am on Saturday, November 19th cooking for hundreds of neighbors. They have not only taught us how to cook fried turkeys and gumbo, but more importantly they teach us again and again of how the storms in our lives often bring us some of the most important treasures and friendships.

**December's Deacon
 of the Month**

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Dave and Brenda

SUNDAY SERVICES

Dec 4, 2016

8:00 am and 10:00 am

Sermon:

“Hope in a World of Misery”

Isaiah 9:1-7

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Children's Sunday School 10:00 am

Nursery available for children 3 1/2 and under

**Your generous giving helps supports these ministries,
 selected by The Island Chapel Outreach Committee:**

Ministry	2016/17 Monthly Amount
LOCAL	
Suncoast Association	\$ 1,035
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
NATIONAL	
Military Ministry/Campus Crusade	\$ 225
Jesus Project Ministries	\$ 100
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	\$ 1,000
INTERNATIONAL	
FL Baptist Convention Cooperative Program	\$ 2,368
North India Christian Ministries	\$ 125
Rafiki Foundation	\$ 125
New Hope Ministries (Haiti Orphanage)	\$ 100

Schedule of Events

This Week		
Dec 3	Christmas Tree Lighting & Family Fun Day Downtown Tierra Verde	7 pm
Dec 5	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
Dec 6	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th Street South	8 am
Dec 8	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
Dec 10	<i>Grace and Glory</i> <i>Ladies Christmas Brunch</i> <i>at the home of Sandy Harding</i>	10 am
Coming Soon...		
Dec 15	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
Dec 18	Next Stepp Children's Christmas Party	4 pm
Dec 19	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
Dec 20	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th Street South	8 am
Dec 24	Christmas Eve Candlelight Service	5 pm & 6 pm
Dec 25	Christmas Service 10 am service only	10 am
Dec 26-29	Office Closed Christmas Week	
Jan 1	Happy New Year! 10 am service only	10 am

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

NEXT STEPP Children's Christmas Party

Dec. 18th 4–6 pm

Sign up in the lobby



Also sign up to
Adopt a Family

Grace and Glory Women's Ministry
presents

Ladies Christmas Brunch
Saturday December 10th at 10 am
At the home of Sandy Harding

Sign up in the lobby

Cookie swap ~ Fun ~ fellowship

Traditional White Elephant gift exchange

*Please bring a donation of
spaghetti or spaghetti sauce for*

Manna on Wheels

Merry Christmas from
The Island Chapel

