



The Beacon  
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**Scripture Memorization,**

*Proverbs 18:10*

*“The name of Yahweh is a strong tower; the righteous run to it and are protected.”*

MISSIONARY MOMENTS



I was born in a small North Carolina town. So small in fact, I jokingly called it Dysfunction Junction, zip code AEIOU. Although there were no shortage of churches, I have often said I was raised in church, but not in Christ. This was a community that also had no shortage of opinions, including “bad things don’t happen to good girls”.

That backwards and judgmental thinking, would set me up for years of silence after exchanging one abuse for another. So silent I would never tell my parents the details of the horror of being lured by the exciting young man who would make promises to make my dreams come true. Instead the nightmare began of being locked in an attic, drugged, repeatedly assaulted until finally escaping.

It was literally years before the light went off that I had been a sexually exploited woman. All of the guilt, shame and fear of ridicule was the real barrier between me and freedom.

But with time, love and most of all faith, healing began. This set me on the path to encouraging others with similar pasts and offering hope that balance and healthy relationships are possible, as well as trying to educate how important the role of church and community is in assisting these individuals to realizing these goals.

There is no doubt that a wound not revealed cannot heal. In essence, secrets make you sick. But, there are incredible resources available to the hurting. While I do not offer legal, professional or medical advice, I can offer real empathy and support from a survivor’s point of view. It often helps to know someone can relate, and life beyond pain is possible.

For years I worked in the entertainment industry, but I now know that this is truly the kind of STAAR God called me to be.

Remember, “It’s never too late for the hurt to heal. Once a victim, now victorious.”

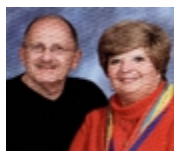
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**January’s Deacon  
 of the Month**

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**Jan 1, 2017**

8:00 am and 10:00 am

**Sermon:**

**“Ask Whatever You Want?”**

*John 14:12-14*

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 |
|---|------------------------|
| <b>LOCAL</b>                              |                        |
| 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                 |
| <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 | \$ 2,368               |
| North India Christian Ministries          | \$ 125                 |
| Rafiki Foundation                         | \$ 125                 |
| New Hope Ministries (Haiti Orphanage)     | \$ 100                 |

## Schedule of Events

| This Week  |  |                         |
|--|--|-------------------------|
| Dec 27 –<br>Dec 29   | <b>Christmas Holiday Hours</b>   | 9:00 am<br>-<br>12:00pm |
| Jan 1  | Happy New Year!<br><b>10 am service only</b>                                   | 10 am                   |
|  <p><i>Happy New Year from<br/>The Island Chapel</i></p> |  |                         |
| Jan 2  | <b>Office Closed</b>   |                         |
| Jan 2  | Ladies' Prayer Breakfast<br>Skyway Diner<br>4000 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South | 8 am                    |
| Jan 3  | Men's Prayer Breakfast<br>IHOP<br>4199 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South           | 8 am                    |
| Jan 4  | Thursday Bible Study<br>Call 251.490.1350 for directions                       | 7 pm                    |
| Coming Soon...   |  |                         |
| Jan 11   | Wednesday Evening<br>Prayer Service and Bible Study<br><b>Returning!</b>       | 7 pm                    |
| Jan 12   | Thursday Bible Study<br>Call 251.490.1350 for directions                       | 7 pm                    |
| Jan 16   | Ladies' Prayer Breakfast<br>Skyway Diner<br>4000 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South | 8 am                    |
| Jan 17   | Men's Prayer Breakfast<br>IHOP<br>4199 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South           | 8 am                    |
| Jan 18   | Wednesday Evening<br>Prayer Service and Bible Study                            | 7 pm                    |
| Jan 19   | Thursday Bible Study<br>Call 251.490.1350 for directions                       | 7 pm                    |

## Announcements

### Prayer Breakfasts

#### Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of every month – 8:00 AM

Skyway Diner

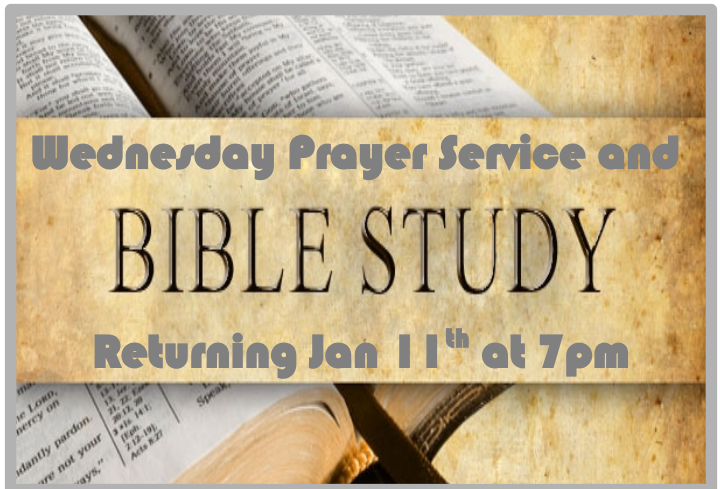
4000 34<sup>th</sup> Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

#### 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



### The Island Chapel 2017 Offering Envelopes

Envelopes are located on the table  
in the lobby.

Please begin using them in  
January, 2016.

If you did not receive your  
envelopes, sign up on the sheet in  
the Lobby.

If you have questions please see  
Janice McDonald.