



The Beacon
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Scripture Memorization,

Philippians 2:14

“Do everything without grumbling and arguing,”

MISSIONARY MOMENTS

Anastasia Church helps community while facing loss

When Hurricane Matthew unleashed its furious floodwaters on St. Augustine in October 2016, members of Anastasia Baptist Church took it personally.

After all, St. Augustine is their home. And Hurricane Matthew, the uninvited guest, left behind a swath of heartbreak and devastation in not only their lives but also the lives of their family members, neighbors and friends.

The hurricane roared into St. Augustine on a Friday; evacuation orders were lifted the next evening, and on Sunday morning, Anastasia Baptist Church, held three worship services –only to be followed by church members immediately mobilizing into the community to offer hope and help to those affected by the storm.

Even as some church members were reeling from the hurricane’s wrath, they turned their focus to their neighbors.

“How can we deliver the message that Jesus cares for the community and wants them to receive His love and eternal life, if we were to ‘check out’ when it gets hard to love? How can we say that we are strong in Christ, and then when our community and our church need His strength the most, we focus on our own hurts?” asked Pastor Walter West. The church meets in three locations in the country’s oldest city.

“If a church wants to be significant and relevant, we have to be there when it hurts,” he said.

A church can “be at its best” as it responds to a crisis in its own community, agreed Delton Beall, who directs Florida Baptists’ disaster relief efforts.

“As a church serves its community, it shows [community residents] what it means to be a Christian,” he said, describing a church that ministers in the midst of a disaster as a “church in work clothes.”

Anastasia Church’s disaster relief team led by Neill Robins, along with the church’s missions and evangelism pastor, Mason Reigger, set up a command center, coordinating the church’s disaster relief efforts with Florida Baptist disaster relief and local emergency center operations.

**April’s Deacon
 of the Month**

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Dave & Brenda

SUNDAY SERVICES

April 30, 2017

8:00 am and 10:00 am

Sermon:

Caring Enough to Tell the Truth

Galatians 4:12-20

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>2016/17 Monthly Amount</u>
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

Announcements

This Week		
May 1	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
May 2	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th Street South	8 am
May 3	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service and Bible Study	7 pm
May 4	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
May 7	Baptizing Coast-to-Coast Fort DeSoto Beach near the fort	noon
Coming Soon...		
May 10	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service and Bible Study	7 pm
May 11	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
May 14	Mother's Day	
May 15	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 th Street South	8 am
May 16	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 th Street South	8 am
May 17	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service and Bible Study	7 pm
May 18	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
May 24	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service and Bible Study	7 pm
May 25	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
May 29		

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 Service and
BIBLE STUDY
Understanding the Old Testament
Studying 2 Chronicles

On May 7, the state's 663 miles of sandy beaches and 1,350 miles of coastline will come alive with the Gospel testimony, believers baptizing coast-to-coast for "Acts 2:41 Sunday."



Acts 2:41 Sunday
Baptizing Coast-to-Coast

Join The Island Chapel on May 7th at Fort DeSoto Beach near the fort



Vacation Bible School
June 5th - 9th
9am - noon
FREE