



The Beacon  
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**Scripture Memorization:**

1 Corinthians 10:13

*“No temptation has overtaken you except what is common to humanity. God is faithful, and He will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation He will also provide a way of escape so that you are able to bear it.”*

**MISSIONARY MOMENTS**

**Baptisms ‘behind bars’ bring freedom in Christ to inmates  
 It’s not your typical congregation.**

This congregation is made up of all women – all dressed in uniform blue pant suits. They are murderers, thieves, addicts and child abusers. They have been described as “the devil’s trophies.” And, they are incarcerated, living out the consequences of their criminal choices in a dark, forgotten place – Homestead Correctional Institution. Yet, in that dark place many of the women inmates have found the Light of Jesus Christ.

In January 2014, Church by the Glades in Coral Springs, pastored by David Hughes, partnered with God Behind Bars to launch a congregational campus at Homestead Correctional Institution.

“Jesus doesn’t command us to love those who deserve to be loved,” said Tiffani Dhooge who directs the Homestead campus for Church by the Glades. “He said, ‘Love them anyway,’ and we get to be the ones who come alongside those who have literally been broken apart by life and wrap them with His unconditional love. We get to personify grace.”

Church by the Glades conducts two weekly worship services at the prison; sermons and teaching are on video while all other aspects of the services are led by church volunteers.

Friends and families of the inmates are invited to be a part of the services as well, joining in the praise music, prayers and sermon online.

Approximately 225 women inmates attend worship services each week, out of a total prison population of just over 600.

Although these congregants have lost their freedom in society, many have found new freedom through the gospel, making professions of faith and then rising from the waters of baptism to begin their new walks with Christ, even while they are still incarcerated.

As pastor Hughes has tweeted: “When you say Yes to Jesus, my great King sets you free.”

**By Margaret Colson for the Florida Baptist Convention**

**July’s Deacon  
 of the Month**

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**SUNDAY SERVICES**

**July 30, 2017**

8:00 am & 10:00 am

**Sermon:**

**The Enemy Delights**

**Ezra 4:6-6-12**

Adult Sunday School 9:00 am

Children’s Sunday School 10:00 am

Nursery available for children 3 1/2 and under

**WEDNESDAY SERVICES**

No Bible Study or Prayer Meetings for July

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

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>2016/17 Monthly Amount</u>
<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		
Aug 1	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South	8 am
Aug 2	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	7 pm
Coming Soon...		
Aug 7	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South	8 am
Aug 9	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	7 pm
Aug 15	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South	8 am
Aug 16	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	7 pm
Aug 21	Ladies' Prayer Breakfast Skyway Diner 4000 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South	8 am
Aug 23	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	7 pm
Aug 30	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service	7 pm
Sept 5	Men's Prayer Breakfast IHOP 4199 34 <sup>th</sup> Street South	8 am
Sept 6	Wednesday Evening Prayer Service and Bible Study	7 pm
Sept 7	Thursday Bible Study 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



Thank you to all who brought  
food and helped to organize

The Island Chapel Summer  
Potluck Social

