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Scripture Memorization,

Micah 6:8

"Mankind, He has told you what is good and what it is the Lord requires of you: to act justly, to love faithfulness, and to walk humbly with your God."

MINISTRY MOMENTS



NEW ORLEANS
 BAPTIST THEOLOGICAL SEMINARY
 ANSWERING GOD'S CALL

**Kelley to NOBTS
 Grads: "Jesus Changes
 Everything"**

By *MARILYN STEWART* (www.nobts.org) excerpt

"So, why does this day matter?" Kelley asked the crowd. "The occasion we are here for today is far, far more significant than that gathering that has the eyes of the whole world."

Every graduate is important, Kelley explained, but the ministries and positions of service each would soon occupy did not depend on them.

"Your life matters," Kelley said. "But, it's not about you. It's about Jesus. He holds the key."

Kelley explained that he carries in his pocket a key once used to unlock cell doors at the Louisiana State Penitentiary in Angola, La. Worn past its usefulness, the key now is "retired," Kelley said.

"I carry it with me always as a reminder that Jesus changes everything," Kelley said.

Once known as the "bloodiest prison in America," the Angola prison today is home to more than 325 graduates of the NOBTS baccalaureate program, with inmates leading 25 cell block congregations and baptizing about 100 per year using a child's wading pool.

The change to the maximum security prison started 22 years ago when then-warden Burl Cain asked if the seminary would begin a theological training program for inmates, Kelley noted. Of the prison's 5,000 inmates, many are serving life terms.

Kelley related that at the first Angola graduation 20 years ago, Cain told him that each of the graduates "had killed at least one person," but that the joy on their faces upon graduating was unforgettable.

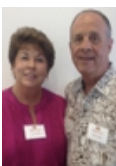
"The effect on the prison has been profound," Kelley said. "The difference is the Gospel."

**July's Deacon
 of the Month**

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Chris & Judy

SUNDAY SERVICES

July 8, 2018

8:00 am & 10:00 am

Sermon:

**Man of Mystery
 2 Thessalonians 2:1-12**

Children's Sunday School 10:00 am
 Nursery available for children 3 1/2 and under

**NO WEDNESDAY SERVICES
 for July**

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

<u>Ministry</u>	<u>2017/18 Monthly Amount</u>
LOCAL	
Suncoast Association	\$ 1,032
Manna on Wheels/Lighthouse Ministries	\$ 250
The Next STEPP Pregnancy Center	\$ 250
Florida Baptist Children's Home	\$ 250
InterVarsity Christian Ministries	\$ 150
S.T.A.A.R. (Human Trafficking Rescue)	\$ 100
Our Prison Churches	\$ 125
NATIONAL	
Military Ministry/Campus Crusade	\$ 100
Jesus Project Ministries	\$ 200
New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary	\$ 1,000
INTERNATIONAL	
FL Baptist Convention Cooperative Program	\$ 2,358
GS Nair Peoples, Baptist Ministries	\$ 125
Rafiki Foundation	\$ 125
New Hope Ministries (Haiti Orphanage)	\$ 175
Missions Made Possible	\$ 100

Schedule of Events

Coming Soon		
July 15	<i>Come and Meet the author of "Joey" Jennifer Bleakley</i>	5 pm
July 16	Women's Prayer Breakfast Bob Evans 4900 34th Street South	8 am
July 17	Men's Prayer Breakfast Addington Place 4650 54 th Ave South	8 am
July 29	<i>Church Picnic at Fort DeSoto Shelter #7</i>	noon
Aug 1	Wednesday Evening Prayer Meeting	7 pm
Aug 2	Thursday Bible Study Call 251.490.1350 for directions	7 pm
Aug 6	Women's Prayer Breakfast Bob Evans 4900 34th Street South	8 am
Aug 7	Men's Prayer Breakfast Addington Place 4650 54 th Ave South	8 am

Announcements


Prayer Breakfasts

Ladies' Prayer Breakfasts

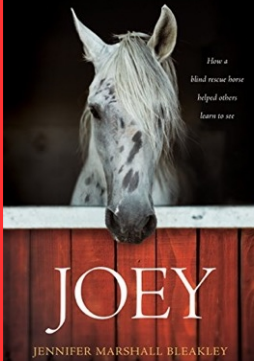
1st and 3rd Monday of every month – 8:00 AM
Bob Evans
4900 34th Street South, St. Petersburg, FL

Men's Prayer Breakfasts

1st and 3rd Tuesday of every month – 8:00 AM
Addington Place
4650 54th Ave South, St. Petersburg, FL



**There will be no
Wednesday or
Thursday
Bible Study or
Prayer Meetings
in July**



**Come and meet
the author
Jennifer Bleakley
July 15th @ 5pm**
Soon to be a
major motion picture



Summer Picnic Save the Date!
July 29th noon at
Fort DeSoto Park shelter # 7
Hamburgers and Hotdogs
will be provided.
Sign up sheets in the lobby!