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## Mallory Moments

### The Connecticut Yankees and the Lesbians

An older, dignified couple just happened to be walking past. They stopped and looked and then stayed. Having interested people to communicate to makes this preaching work a joy. I appreciate knowing someone is paying attention. The man and woman were very focused. Another couple in their early 20s, came by and stopped, looking on in curiosity. When they realized it was Bible message, they hugged and then kissed. There is something about many homosexual couples where they think they have to be demonstrative before me. I guess they are trying to shock me. After three decades I have seen this thing dozens of times. I preached on. The good thing is that they stayed.

After the message Norrie and Dr. Merrill Gildersleeve came up. They professed to be believers and were very affirmative about the message.

Interestingly, the lesbian couple also came up. They took tracts and wanted to talk. They claimed to be religious and wanted to know if I thought that was enough. They were not rough or mean. I told them religion was not the answer. Their names were Amanda and Anese. Anese was firm in asserting



that she was a good person. I said that while she may be better than other humans, God does not go by such comparisons. God will judge us on how we obey His commandments. If you break but one of God's commandments you are heading to hell. This blew her

mind. Of course this Lawgiving, just Judge has provided forgiveness in His Son. He is the law keeper and the One who died as a substitute for all who repent and trust His Son alone as Lord and Savior!

I asked the women if they had ever read the Bible. "No," was the answer. I asked Anese to step over to my literature box and I would give her a Bible. Quietly, she whispered she, "... had been born with this curse." She was referring to her lesbian attraction. I told her I did not believe that was the case. We make choices and are responsible for our choices. I urged her to trust the Christ of Scripture and to read His Word. I told her she would be amazed at what He would do in her life. Anese and Amanda then took off. I ended up spending a good 45 minutes in blessed fellowship with the Gildersleeves!

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# Kitchen Remodel Project

Here is a great example of churches helping churches in the OPC!

In early 2017, members of churches from three different states came together to share their skills and enhance the ministry at Keys Evangelistic Ministries in Key West, Florida, by installing a new kitchen in the apartment of the Keys Bible Center!

The *key* players were:

Bob Keys  
*Grace OPC, Columbus, OH*

John Voss  
*Covenant OPC, Orland Park, IL*

Pete Onnink and his daughter, Jessica  
*Covenant OPC, Orland Park, IL*

Patti and Mark Palmer  
*Providence OPC, Huntsville, AL*

David and Donna Taylor  
*Providence OPC, Bradenton, FL*



## The project

Bob Keys has served on the board at Keys Evangelistic Ministries (KEM) for 10 years and has been helping to bring about the renovation of the Keys OPC facility. Teams come to receive Evangelism Training from Pastor Bill Welzien and are lodged at no charge.

About a year and a half ago, John Voss traveled to Key West to scope out several projects that were subsequently completed by Pete Onnink and others from Covenant OPC. While there, John also made preparations and worked out many of the details for the kitchen

renovation, asking Pete Onnink to serve as the leader on the project.

Bob kicked it all off in January 2017 when he went to Key West to purchase the materials for the project and to install the new lighting.

In early February, Pete Onnink and his daughter, Jessica, drove down from Illinois to begin their work. Mark and Patti Palmer came from Alabama to join.



David and Donna Taylor from Bradenton, Florida, were vacationing nearby at this time and when they heard of the work going on at the Bible Center, they pitch in too.

A large space which has served for 25 years as a combination kitchen/eating/sitting/working/storage area was turned into one large kitchen with the installation of:

- new ceiling
- new lighting
- new cabinets
- new counter tops
- new sink and faucets
- new appliances
- new laminate flooring

This included electrical and plumbing service and the removal of the existing island.

***“What an improvement this was!”***



“Thanks to each member of the team that gave of their time and energy to make this major improvement for Keys Bible Center and the ministry of KEM,” says project organizer and KEM board member, Bob Keys.

“WOW! What an awesome finished product. This team was amazing. What a difference this will make for teams coming down in the future. Praise the Lord for your labor and for the precious laborers He sent to complete this project!” says KEM President, Rev. David Bickers.



## ***A little more to do...can you help?***

There is still molding and 1,000 square feet of laminated flooring that needs to be installed elsewhere in the facility. If anyone would like to take on this job, it would be greatly appreciated. As Bob Keys says, “Winter is a great time to enjoy serving and soaking up the sun in Key West!”

If you can help, please contact Bob Keys at [bobkeys50@hotmail.com](mailto:bobkeys50@hotmail.com).

# 41st Annual Swim Around Key West

The 41<sup>st</sup> Annual Swim Around Key West, a 12.5 mile swimming event, will start on June 24 at 6:30 in the morning at Smathers beach along the Atlantic shore.



Athletes take on the open water challenge as a solo swimmer or join a two or three swimmer relay team. Every year athletes from around the world descend upon the southernmost point of the continental US to attempt the 12.5 mile swim. Swimmer against nature working the changing tides and waves.

The rules require that each swimmer have an escort boat to carry their much-needed fluid and food supply. However, the swimmers cannot touch the sea bottom or their escort at anytime.

There can be as many as 200 swimmers. Half of that number could be solo swimmers. Last year, nine countries and 38 states were represented. We will see what the Lord brings forth this year.

**Please pray** for this sporting event and Gospel outreach. Pray we have calm seas, tranquil winds and no storms!

Funds raised through you, our ministry supporters, will be used to advance the work Keys Evangelistic Ministries (KEM). This is our biggest fund raiser each year!

If you are interested in sponsoring Bill as he swims around Key West, complete the form below and mail to KEM.



## More Mallory Moments



### Os the Dirty-handed Turk from Istanbul

As I finished the final message of the evening, I saw a woman off to my right side wearing a hijab. Obviously, this woman was a Muslim. She had a child about 4-5 years old with her. I offered her a tract and she refused it; however, the child grabbed it and they walked off. Coming up from behind the easel was a tall man with a bushy head of hair. I offered him a tract and he said, "I can't my hands are dirty." He had a green coconut husk in his hands. I said, "It is better to go to heaven with dirty hands than to hell with clean hands." I told him I would put the tract in his pocket.

Well that goofy quip was enough to start a conversation. His name was Os, and he was a Muslim from Istanbul, Turkey. The woman was his wife and the young one his son. He spoke English with a very thick accent. He was quite intelligent, and he appeared to be more of a Muslim by default. It was the culture he grew up in. He told me he was reading the Bible and said he wanted to come to an understanding of truth through his study, not simply because someone told him something was true. I urged him to continue to read God's Word and to do so prayerfully. I sought to emphasize that the focus was not religion but a personal relationship with the Lord Jesus Christ, the Son of God!

In the end the man with dirty hands not only left with a tract, but also a copy of Ultimate Questions. I also gave him a copy of the KEM newsletter and welcomed him to stay in touch. If he had Bible questions I told him that I would love to discuss God is with Him. Os went on to catch up with his family!



## SPONSOR Bill

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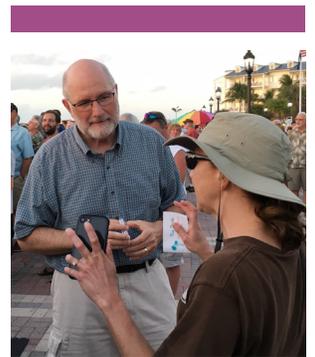
### Pastor Mark Sumpter's Prime Time Message

As the minutes ticked by and the time was getting closer for me to stand up and open-air preach, my throat grew parched and my palms sweaty. Bill had prepared me for this, and yet, I still had knees knocking, with an anxiety about being ready. We prayed and Bill gave me the green light. I stood up and belted out, "Hello, Folks, Welcome to Mallory Square, welcome to the sunset celebration!"

I proclaimed that Jesus Christ is the way, the truth, and the life. Some people lingered. Some moved along. Keeping focused on the message and the use of the easel—remembering how to spell words with the dots and dashes in the ladder letter, while keeping on task with the flow of the preaching—challenged me! One gal

actually walked up to me while preaching and held my arm, leaned up to my ear, and said, "Keep going, praise God for you doing this!" After I was finished, another two or three folks walked up and asked questions about the message.

All in all, the experience of the training was overwhelmingly positive. Bill is Mr. Encouragement. He taught me and mentored me along, step by step. His example and pace-setting ministry is wonderful! Since I've been home in Houston, I've given the easel message twice and both times were excellent. The Word of God is going forth in Houston, and I'm encouraged and grateful for the training from Keys Evangelistic Ministries.



# Sunset Celebration at Mallory Square

Key West, FL

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