

The Encourager



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Fulfillment

Hour

Sundays at 9:30 A.M.

April 2013 Lessons

Apr. 7th

Called to Holiness Exodus 19:1-25

Apr. 14th

Honoring God's Holiness Leviticus 5-6

Apr. 21st

Living in Holiness Leviticus 18-20

Apr. 28th

Blessings of Holiness Leviticus 26:1-46

Sis. Geraldine Turner Superintendent

Sis. Nina Hayes Assistant Superintendent

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What are some ways I can spend my time that will honor God and help me grow spiritually?

Single's Ministry



Ministry Leader: Sis. Nina Hayes

Meeting Times/Places: 6:30 P.M. until 8:00 P.M. on the last Friday of each month in the Educational Building - Room #8

Mission Statement: The mission of the Single's Ministry is to have a Christian fellowship where individuals can meet others with similar values, grow personally and spiritually through a relationship with God, engage in mission activities, and have an encouraging and positive relationship with each other.

Activities: February (heart month) registered dietitian speaker; attend movies and plays; Single's Seminar 2013; Annual Summer Fellowship; donate and participate in "Making Strides Against Breast Cancer Walk" in October; and Annual Christmas Fellowship

Ministry Leader's Message: "As the percentage of singles and 'single again' (divorced, widows) continues to increase, the Single's Ministry members strive to embrace our singleness in a positive manner. During our monthly meetings, we fellowship and study God's plan as it relates to singleness by reading and discussing various books. We are committed to supporting and encouraging our single members, as well as singles who are not members, who God places in our paths."



Marriage Enrichment Ministry

Ministry Leaders: Rev. Charlie White, Jr. and Sis. Clotelia White

Meeting Times/Places: Each 3rd Sunday after 10:45 A.M. worship service in the Fellowship Hall

Vision/Focus: The Marriage Enrichment Ministry strives to experience growth in the body of Christ by the witness of strong, committed, faithful, spirit-filled, and God-honoring marriages.

Activities: Anniversary Recognition (3rd Sundays); Movie Night "*Unconditional*" (June 15, 2013); Couples Luau (Sept. 21, 2013); and Marriage Enrichment Retreat - Perdido Beach Resort (Feb. 14-16, 2014)

Ministry Leader's Message: "The goal of the Marriage Enrichment Ministry Team is to organize seminars, retreats and other activities that will help 'make good marriages better.' No matter how long you have been married, 30 days or 30 years, marriage is important and is a 'good gift' from God. In receiving God's good gift, we also accept the responsibility of enriching, celebrating, and creating a God-honoring marriage that will last a lifetime. The Marriage Enrichment Ministry Team invites you to celebrate marriage with other couples by planning to participate in the upcoming enrichment activities. Your marriage will be blessed and you will be a blessing to others!"



Journey Into Discipleship

Wednesday Nights 6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

Apr. 3rd - How To Get a Firm Grip on the Bible

Apr. 10th - How To Have a Quiet Time Apr. 17th - How To Know the Will of God

Apr. 24th - How To Be Holy

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How can I utilize my talents/spiritual gifts to honor God and bless the membership?

Spiritual Gifts

TEACHING

Ephesians 4:12-13

When you teach, do people "get it"? Teaching is a God-given ability to understand God's Word and communicate biblical truths to people in a clear, age-appropriate manner so that there is understanding and application. If you find great joy in studying, learning new information, and sharing with others, ask God for opportunities to teach during Fulfillment Hour (Sunday School), Bible Study or perhaps serve in a role where you can equip and train other believers for ministry.

Ministry Connection

Ministries at Highpoint where you can utilize your gift of <u>Teaching</u>:

Ministry and Ministry Leader

Fulfillment Hour - Sis. Geraldine Turner
Christian Education Ministry - Sis. Brenda Tucker
Children's Ministry - Rev. Dwight Smith
Youth Ministry - Rev. Sean Smith
Stewardship Ministry - Sis. Phaedra Fox

Do not neglect your gift. Trust God and do what He created you to do. Get connected today!



What are some ways I can utilize my God-given treasures to honor God and bless the Highpoint Ministries?

Tithing

II Corinthians 8:3-4 - Give sacrificially! "They gave as much as they were able and even beyond their ability. Entirely on their own, they urgently pleaded with us for the privilege of sharing in this service." People ask, "What if I can't afford to tithe?" The answer is, "You can't afford not to." If you want God's blessing on your finances, you need to give. You need to obey what God has said.

Tithing (10% of your income) gives God a chance to prove He exists and wants to bless you. Start tithing and watch what happens!

Sacrificial Promises

What are Sacrificial Promises? A prayed upon sacrificial amount <u>above</u> tithes and regular offerings resulting in consistent funds for capital improvement projects throughout the Highpoint property.

Stewardship Ministry Team

Senior Pastor - Charlie E. York
Ministry Leader - Phaedra Fox
Assistant Ministry Leader - Clotelia White
Church Treasurer Alisha Banks

Deacon John Patterson
Trustee Alvin Presnell
Deacon Shelton Perry
Deacon Herman Towner



A Sacrificial Promise Checkpoint is scheduled for Family and Friends Day on Sunday, April 28. 2013 at 4:00 P.M. This is one of two annual days at Highpoint where the total amount received for Sacrificial Promises from January through April 28th is reported at the end of the program. Highpoint members were asked to seek divine guidance in January and make a prayed-upon promise to the Lord toward Capital Improvement. The first checkpoint is always during Family and Friends Day in April and the second checkpoint is during the Church Anniversary in October of each year. The second checkpoint includes a total amount collected from May through October 13th. All prayed-upon sacrificial amounts above tithes and regular offerings result in consistent funds for capital improvement projects throughout the Highpoint property.

We no longer ask each family to give \$100.00 on annual days. Instead, we are asking all of our members, children and adults, to go in prayer and decide what they would like to sacrificially give. Once you decide what you would like to sacrificially give, you just start making payments. Fill out a church envelope and write your amount next to "Capital Improvement." You can make payments weekly, monthly, or spread payments over a year. Just remember - GOD LOVES A CHEERFUL GIVER!