

# The Encourager



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# Fulfillment

Hour

Sundays at 9:30 A.M.

August 2013 Lessons

### **August 4th**

God Sends His Son Matthew 4:12-25; John 1:1-51

#### **August 11th**

Jesus is Crucified and Raised Mark 15:1-16:8; I Corinthians 15

#### **August 18th**

Jesus Commissions His Church Luke 24:36-53; Acts 1-2

### **August 25th**

God Completes the Story John 14:1-4; Revelation 21:1 -22:21

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?

## Food Service/ Hospitality Ministry



## Food Pantry Ministry

**Ministry Leaders:** Sis. Letitia Taylor and Sis. Lubertha Taylor

Meeting Times/Places: Every Wednesday night at 5:00 P.M., 2nd Thursday at 4:00 P.M. and 5th Sunday at 5:00 P.M. in the Gymnasium Kitchen

Mission / Vision: The mission of the Food Service/Hospitality Ministry is to promote a welcoming environment and encourage Christian Fellowship by providing healthy and tasty food for the membership and guests; and to also provide support and assistance to ministries for planning special events.

**Scripture:** Each one should use whatever gift he has received to serve others, faithfully administering God's grace in its various forms. - I Peter 4:10.

Ministry Leader's Message: "Our vision is to continue to create a warm atmosphere where the body of believers can break bread and fellowship with one another. When we gather, we do so as a community to celebrate, to give thanks, to praise, to worship, to rejoice and take joy in the presence of one another. We strive to follow the essential hospitality of Jesus Christ as we provide food for large and small groups on requested occasions. It is during these occasions that we are able to break bread, share our stories, hopes and love for one another."

**Ministry Leaders:** Sis. Elnora Davis and Sis. Sandra Maiben

**Meeting Times/Places:** The 3rd Friday of each month in the Gymnasium - the ancillary room between the bleachers.

**Mission / Vision:** The mission of the Food Pantry Ministry is to demonstrate God's love by providing a coordinated approach to serving persons in need of food and other resources.

**Activities:** Assists the Deacon's Ministry in distributing Thanksgiving baskets; and assists the Benevolence Ministry with food for bereaved families

Ministry Leader's Message: "This ministry is mindful that when we feed those who are hungry, we are addressing their immediate need and it is an opportunity to minister to their spiritual needs. We are also fulfilling one of the requirements that our Lord and Savior has given to us to feed those who are in need, because we will have them with us always. The support and donations from the membership are always needed and appreciated."



#### THE HOLY BIBLE

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

The next Bible Study Series, "The Holy Bible", is scheduled to begin Sept. 11, 2013 for the day and evening bible study sessions. "The Holy Bible", will be a book by book, 52-week lesson study. Don't miss out on an opportunity to learn more about the Bible!

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

### **Spiritual Gifts**

### Knowledge

Daniel 1:17

The gift of Knowledge is the ability that God gives to certain members of the Body of Christ to discover, collect, analyze, and organize information that is vital to individual believers or the entire church family. The Holy Spirit enables the person with the gift of Knowledge to effectively minister to the needs of people by knowing how to speak with a knowledge in situations and circumstances that can bring answers and understanding. Do you have the gift of Knowledge?

### **Ministry Connection**

Here are some questions to ask yourself:

- Are you well-versed in Scriptures, love to study, learn, and are not content with surface-level knowledge?
- Do you approach problem solving and ideas through gathering information that leads to the truth?
- Do people often come to you with difficult problems and questions from the Bible, seeking your insight because they know you will have the answer or find it?

If you feel that God has gifted you with Knowledge, we encourage you to minister to the needs of people whenever there is a "divine appointment." Also important, you can use your gift to help the entire church family. A good place to start is with the Christian Education Ministry. Please contact Sis. Brenda Tucker at bwtuck@bellsouth.net or 251-622-6300 (cell).



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

### **Tithing**

**Tithing** is a test of our stewardship over the property of God, a test of our honesty to return to God what is rightfully His, a test of our obedience to do what He told us to do, and a test of our love and desire to please Him with our lives. Tithing is also a demonstration that we believe in God, and that we acknowledge that He is the provider of all material blessings.

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 Deacon Shelton Perry
Trustee Alvin Presnell Deacon Herman Towner



Team.

# Sacrificial Promises Checkpoint Coming in October!

Highpoint has truly been blessed by the Sacrificial contributions given so far this year above tithes and regular offerings. Sacrificial amounts have resulted in consistent funds for capital improvement projects throughout the Highpoint property this year. For a list or to view a DVD of all completed projects as a result of sacrificial giving, please see a member of the Stewardship Ministry

Please remember that you can fulfill your prayed-upon Sacrificial Promises at any time throughout the year by placing it in your envelope and writing the amount next to "Capital Improvement". You don't have to wait until the Church Anniversary Checkpoint in October to give. Cheerful giving throughout the year helps our membership to reap the benefits of much-needed capital improvement projects.

Pray about your sacrificial promise, fulfill your promise throughout the year, and <u>watch</u> <u>God</u> <u>change</u> <u>things</u> <u>in your life</u> <u>and</u> <u>at</u> <u>Highpoint!</u>