



# Highpoint Baptist Church The Encourager

A Stewardship Ministry Monthly Publication



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## Fulfillment Hour

Sundays at  
9:30 A.M.

### December 2013 Lessons

#### December 1st

A Problem  
You Can't Solve  
Romans 1:16-17;  
2:5-11; 3:9-12

#### December 8th

The Gift You Can't  
Give Yourself  
Romans 3:21-28

#### December 15th

A Love You Can  
Experience  
Romans 5:6-11,  
18-21

#### December 22nd

Courage  
Matthew 1:18-25;  
2:19-23

#### December 29th

An Identity  
You Must Embrace  
Romans 6:8-18

Sis.  
Geraldine Turner  
Superintendent

Sis. Nina Hayes  
Assistant  
Superintendent

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

## Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

HIS HEART HIS HANDS HIS VOICE



Lottie Moon Christmas Offering®

**What is the 2013 theme?** The 2013 theme is "Totally His ... heart, hands, voice," based on Matthew 22:36-39. Totally committed to God, first to love Him, then love others. No less than all of our heart, soul and mind is what's required of us as believers in Christ. All believers, all of the church, all Southern Baptists - totally His.

### What happens because you give?

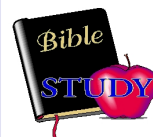
Southern Baptists' faithful giving undergirds the thousands of missionaries sent from our churches, through the International Mission Board, and all for a single, eternal purpose: making disciples in the name of Jesus. This is what it means for all of us, together, to be totally His.

Your financial support and prayers for the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering has made an eternal impact. Last year, missionaries reported baptizing 266,451 new believers and starting 24,073 new churches. This is good news but there is more work to be done. The 2013 Lottie Moon Christmas Offering goal is \$175 million.

**What is the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering?** Southern Baptist churches collect the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for the sole purpose of supporting international missions. Every penny of the offering goes to the International Mission Board's overseas budget, thus supporting our missionaries and their work.

## Help Spread The Good News!

Your support pleases God and He smiles upon every gift given from a joyful heart. We challenge you to answer the call to help spread the "Good News" to every man, woman and child on this earth so they can know His saving grace. Let's give abundantly and sacrificially to missions, totally from the heart; not just today but throughout the year so our missionaries can continue to serve as God's **hands**, reflect His **heart** and be His **voice** in lonely and dangerous places on the other side of the ocean.



### THE HOLY BIBLE

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

December 4th - II Samuel

December 11th - I Kings

December 18th - No Bible Study  
(Church Business Meeting)

December 25th - No Bible Study  
(Christmas Day)

January 1st - No Bible Study  
(New Year's Day)

# Talents

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

# Spiritual Gifts

## MISSIONS

## I Cor. 9:19-23, Acts 13:2-3

The Holy Spirit enables some people to minister in a second culture or second community and faithfully share what they have learned about God. This gift involves a desire to be with and share with people of different cultures, social upbringings and economic backgrounds. It involves the willingness to listen as well as speak with a sincere awareness that God loves all people. People with the gift of Missions have a genuine love for people and find great joy in working with people of other countries and communities. Missionaries have a stronger-than-average desire to be a part of the fulfillment of the Great Commission around the world.

## Ministry Connection

Does the thought of all the unsaved people in the world concern you deeply? Do you have the ability to reach out to people of a different ethnicity, language, or cultural background? Do you have a desire to minister to and establish meaningful relationships with unreached people of other nationalities or cultures? If you have a heart for Missions and want to experience the great joy of working with people of other countries and communities, talk with Pastor York or contact the Alabama State Board of Missions at 1-800-264-1225 for information on mission trips and mission projects. Also, you can contact the Mobile Baptist Association at 251-661-7111 concerning local missions. Remember, God has given you spiritual gifts that are in harmony with His perfect plan and will for your life.

# Treasures

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

## Tithing

**Malachi 3:10** "Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing, that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

**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 above tithes and regular offerings resulting in consistent funds for capital improvement projects throughout the Highpoint property.

Sacrificial Promises can be made anytime by placing the amount on your envelope next to Capital Improvement.  
God loves a cheerful giver.

## Envelope Reminders

		<h2>HIGHPOINT BAPTIST CHURCH</h2> <p>2421 Lott Road; Eight Mile, AL 36613</p>
<p><b>"For where your treasure is, there your HEART will be also."</b> Matthew 6:21-</p>		
<p align="center"><b>Trusting God to become a 100% Tithing Church</b></p>		
Tithes >>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	\$ _____	
Offering>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	\$ _____	
Capital Improvement>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>>	\$ _____	
Fulfillment Hour _____>>>>>>	\$ _____	
class number		
Missions (Lottie Moon/Annie Armstrong) >>>>>>>	\$ _____	
Other _____	\$ _____	
Date _____	Envelope # _____	Name _____

Thank you for your cheerful and consistent giving each Sunday. Your financial gifts truly bless the Highpoint Ministries. Please be reminded that you can place all of your contributions in one envelope each Sunday and submit your envelope during Sunday School Fulfillment Hour or any of our worship services. Once your envelope is received in the finance office, all of your contributions will be recorded. If you attend one of our worship services and are unable to come to Sunday School, but would like to contribute, please place your amount next to Fulfillment Hour, fill in your class number and submit your envelope during the offering period. Your Sunday School contributions will be credited to your class as long as your class number is written on the envelope. Also, don't forget to place your assigned numbers on your envelope - Sunday School **class number and envelope number.**

## Stewardship Ministry Team

**Senior Pastor - Rev. Dr. 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**