



Highpoint Baptist Church

The Encourager

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Fulfillment

Hour

Sundays at
9:30 A.M.

June
2013
Lessons

June 2nd
God Begins
the Story
Genesis 1:1-3:24

June 9th
God Chooses
a People
Genesis 12:1-20;
15:1-21

June 16th
God Delivers
His People
Exodus 3:1-22;
12:1-51; 14:1-31

June 23rd
God Instructs
His People
Exodus 20:1-21;
24:1-18

June 30th
God Dwells Among
His People
Exodus 25:1-40:38

Sis.
Geraldine Turner
Superintendent

Sis. Nina Hayes
Assistant
Superintendent

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



Preventive/ Medical Health Ministry

Ministry Leaders: Sis. Kathy Perry - Director and Sis. Alfreda King - Assistant Director

Meeting Times/Places: The 2nd Tuesday of the month at 6:00 P.M. in the Educational Building

Mission Statement: The mission of the Preventive/Medical Health Ministry is to provide preventive/medical health and spiritual holistic needs to the membership by making a positive and measureable difference in the lives of those we serve.

Scripture: *But a despised Samaritan came along, and when he saw him, he felt deep pity. Kneeling beside him the Samaritan soothed his wounds with medicine and bandaged them. Then he put the man on his donkey and walked along beside him till they came to an inn, where he nursed him through the night.* - Luke 10:33-34

Activities: Mini Health Fair, Youth department workshop; Annual CPR training; on duty during Sunday services; Informational booth at church picnic; and Breast Cancer Awareness Month.

Ministry Leader's Message: "The Preventive/Medical Health Ministry works to support and promote Christ-centered health of body, mind and spirit. We encourage you to come and join us. Medical experience is a plus but not a requirement to join. If you have a willing heart, we welcome you."



Hospital Visitation Ministry

Ministry Leaders: Sis. Diane Jordan - Chairperson and Sis. Bennie Lyons - Co-Chairperson

Meeting Times/Places: Quarterly at 6:00 P.M. in the Fellowship Hall

Vision / Focus: The Hospital Visitation Ministry exists to administer the love of Jesus Christ to family members, people in our community, and the members of Highpoint. We want to make sure that Highpoint members and their families are taken care of and visited during their times of illness and rehabilitation.

Activities: Visitation of patients in the hospitals, nursing homes and their homes; prayer for the sick and shut-in; and serving along with the pastoral ministries and deacons to reach out to those who are sick.

Ministry Leader's Message: "Visiting the sick is a way of expressing love and concern. It provides encouragement, strengthens our relationships with one another, and helps us grow closer together as a church body. Our primary purpose is to bring comfort to patients and let them know they are not alone. We want all sick and shut-in members to know they are loved and are being thought of while they are away from the body of Christ. Visiting the sick and shut-in is a blessing to them and you will receive a blessing as well."



Journey Into Discipleship

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

June 5th - Vacation Bible School

June 12th - The Disciple's Armor

June 19th - Church Business Meeting

June 26th - How To Have a Disciple's Tongue

Talents

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

Spiritual Gifts

WISDOM

1 Corinthians 2:1, 6-16

This gift is a special ability given by God to members who rely on and receive insight from the Holy Spirit to "hear" specific needs or situations arising in the body of Christ. The person is solution-oriented and can look at a situation and just seem to know how to deal with it. Wisdom does not simply come with experience or age. God is the source of true wisdom and it is not the same as human wisdom. Human wisdom gratifies self, lacks self-control, produces pride, self-righteousness, hypocrisy and a retaliatory spirit. True wisdom is pure, humble, gentle, impartial, peaceable, reasonable, unwavering, bears good fruit and honors God.

Ministry Connection

Do you pray and depend on God for insight and can see how all the pieces fit together? Can you deliver a solution in the midst of confusion and conflict? Do you understand the Bible and how it applies to life? Do people come to you for sound advice? Do you bring peace to situations based on insight given to you by the Holy Spirit?

God gives the gift of wisdom and provides opportunities to use it for His glory. Wherever there is a need to increase understanding, there is a need for wisdom - problem solvers, decision makers, teachers, ministry leaders and counselors.

Wisdom can be applied to every ministry in the church. Contact Pastor Charlie E. York at 452-4601 ext. 33 or pastoryork@bellsouth.net to get connected today.

Treasures

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

Can I use "all" or "a part" of my tithes to pay for ...

- Sunday School offerings*
- Sacrificial Promises/Capital Improvement*
- Contributions to Ministries*
- Revival Offering*
- Lottie Moon Offering*
- Annie Armstrong Offering*
- Missions*
- VBS T-Shirts*
- Christmas Banquet*
- Bible Study Materials*
- Sponsoring members for trips*

The answer is - **NO**.

A tithe is 10% of all financial benefits that come our way, such as our salary/income, inheritance, and financial gifts.

Offerings are contributions given to the church for a particular purpose at a religious service or as a sacrifice. An offering is over and beyond the 10% given as a tithe. Once you have responded in the area of your tithes, you have the freedom to graciously give your offerings as you are directed, and made aware of, by the Spirit of God. **Remember: Tithes should not be used to contribute to the examples listed above.**

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