



Highpoint Baptist Church

The Encourager

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Fulfillment

Hour

Sundays at
9:30 A.M.

March

2013

Lessons

Mar. 3rd

Tradition or God's
Word?

Matt. 15:1-20

Mar. 10th

Half-Hearted
Interest or Total
Commitment?

Luke 9:18-62

Mar. 17th

Indifference or
Compassionate
Action?

Luke 10:25-37

Mar. 24th

Being Served
or Serving?

Luke 22:1-30

Mar. 31st

Seeing or
Recognizing?

John 20:1-31

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?

Children's Ministry

Ministry Leaders:
Rev. Dwight Smith -
Children's Pastor



Sis. Alisha Banks - Director, Sis.
Carolyn Carter - Assistant Director

Meeting Times/Places: Children's Church - 2nd and 4th Sundays @ 10:45 A.M. in the Chapel of the Education Building; Bible Study - Each Wednesday @ 6:00 P.M. in the Gymnasium Building; Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in the sanctuary; Ministry meeting after the 4th Sunday service in the Chapel of the Education Building

Vision/Focus: "*Back to Basics*" with our children learning the books of the Bible, scripture memorization, and people, places, and things in the Bible.

Activities: Kidz Korner, trip to Disney World, trip to Lazy P Ranch in August, Christmas Play, training 17 officers elected in the Children's Ministry

Ministry Leader's Message: "We want to encourage our children to become actively engaged in the study of the Bible, to be regular in attendance and giving, and to invite other children to join them in learning more about Christ. We also want to encourage our children and their parents to come to worship services, Fulfillment Hour Sunday School and Bible Study to grow in Christ."

Youth Ministry

Ministry Leaders: Rev. Sean Smith - Youth Pastor, Sis. Harolyn Smith - Youth Director

Meeting Times/Places: Youth Church - 2nd and 4th Sundays @ 10:45 A.M. in the Chapel of the Education Building; Bible Study - 6:00 P.M. on the Wednesdays before the 1st and 4th Sundays followed by Girls Time & Guys Time at 7:00 P.M. in the Gymnasium Building; Choir Rehearsal - Wednesday before the 3rd Sunday in the sanctuary

Vision/Focus: The Youth Ministry strives to create an environment of **Faith, Hope, and Love** for all the Youth of our church family so they will become more equipped as young believers in Jesus Christ; to build a foundation for the young believers in Christ, bridging the gap between Youth and Young Adults; and to prepare our youth spiritually for the many challenges and obstacles of this world as they grow into adults.

Activities: Habitat for Humanity - Day of Caring, trip to Disney World, trip to Lazy P Ranch in August, Christmas Play

Ministry Leader's Message: "Proverbs 22:6 - Train up a child in the way he should go; and when he is old, he will not depart from it. Focusing on **will not depart from it**, we pray to continue to build relationships with our Youth and families. We want to create an environment that gives our Youth every opportunity to be motivated, dedicated and to succeed as young Christians."



Journey Into Discipleship

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

Mar. 6th - How To Pray (Part 1)

Mar. 13th - How To Pray (Part 2)

Mar. 27th - What Is the Bible?

Talents

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

Spiritual Gifts

EVANGELISM

Acts 8:26-40

All of us agree that Evangelism is a calling of every Christian. However, people with the **gift** of Evangelism display exceptional boldness and skill at sharing their faith. Do you have this gift? Ask yourself the following questions: Are you able to talk about Christ with conviction in a non-threatening way? Does talking about Christ and your faith feel natural to you? Are you excited about forming relationships with non-Christians? If you answered "yes" to most of these questions, then you may have the gift of Evangelism.

Ministry Connection

Ministries at Highpoint where you can utilize your gift of Evangelism:

Ministry and Ministry Leader

**Evangelism Ministry - Sis. Lebertha Taylor
Fulfillment Hour Outreach - Min. Patricia Sellers
& Min. Janice Taylor**

Don't miss this privilege to allow God to use your gift to speak the gospel. You will be sure you have this gift when people listen and lives are changed.

Treasures

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

Tithing

Matthew 6:21 "For where your treasure is, there will your heart be also." **Wherever you put your money shows your priorities. The question then becomes, "Where do you want your heart to be?" Wherever you want your heart to be, that's where you need to put your money. Where your treasure is, there your heart is also. The fact is, every time you give back to God, you're drawing closer to Him.**

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.

Stewardship Ministry Team

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



Prayer Garden



The Highpoint Baptist Church Prayer Garden is being built as a memorial of **what God has done, what God is doing, and what God will do** in the life of our church. The biblical basis for the Prayer Garden is referenced in **Joshua Ch.4** - the story of Israel crossing over the Jordan River. After the nation crossed over, God commanded Joshua to set up a memorial of the crossing with 12 memorial stones. Likewise, Highpoint's Prayer Garden and memorial stones will serve as a reminder of what God has done in the life of this membership. It serves as a point of faith, so we can pray and trust God for greater and greater works in the future and because we have seen and experienced His miracles, past blessings and faithfulness. It is our desire that our people will know and future generations will come to know that there is a God in Heaven who can work miracles and a God whom we should pray to and seek with all our heart. **The Prayer Garden will be a place of peace and serenity. It will also be a place to meditate and to spiritually commune with God in the midst of nature, overlooking the beautiful lake. It is our desire that you will be drawn closer to God and inspired to come to the garden to pray. The committee would like to thank Highpoint members who have lifted up this mission in prayer and given financial support. Members are encouraged, after tithes and sacrificial promises, to make financial contributions to this mission by placing the amount on your envelope next to **Other - write in Prayer Garden**. The targeted date for dedication of the Prayer Garden is Sunday, Oct. 13, 2013 on our 27th Church Anniversary.**