



# Highpoint Baptist Church The Encourager



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## Fulfillment

### Hour

Sundays at  
9:30 A.M.

May  
2013

### Lessons

#### May 5th

Getting My Most  
Important  
Relationship Right  
Proverbs 3:1-35

#### May 12th

Building the Home  
I Need  
Proverbs 31:10-31

#### May 19th

Becoming a Person  
Others Need  
Proverbs 6:1-35

#### May 26th

Giving Others What  
They Really Need  
Proverbs 11:12-14;  
17:17; 18:24; 27:5-6,  
9-10,17; 28:23; 29:10

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?

### Senior Adult Ministry



**Ministry Leaders:** Deacon Howard Beard - Director and Sis. Trudy Beard - Assistant Director

**Meeting Times/Places:** Every Wednesday at 11:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall of the main Sanctuary Building.

**Mission Statement:** The mission of the Senior Adult Ministry is to honor God by providing spiritual growth through creating opportunities for continuous learning experiences, friendship, fellowship, adventure, service and reaching the lost and unchurched.

**Activities:** Bible Study; Informational Fellowship Luncheon every 2nd Wednesday of the month with guest speakers presenting a variety of topics; local fellowship outings; and an annual trip - Memphis, TN (June 18-21, 2013)

#### Ministry Leader's Message:

"Membership for the Senior Adult Ministry is open to all interested persons 55 years and older. While the ministry is normally designated for Seniors, it is opened to any age group, as well as non-members of Highpoint. Our goal in this ministry is to meet the spiritual and physical needs of senior adults in our church and community. We need senior adult volunteers to help this ministry provide such services as visitation to homebound persons, nursing homes, hospitals and telephone reassurance.



### Young Adult Ministry

**Ministry Leader:** Bro. Epeval Taylor, II

**Mission Statement & Goal:** The mission of the Young Adult Ministry is to develop and enrich the spiritual lives of young adults by raising up a new generation of saints committed to a life of worship, with a passion to be mature ambassadors of Christ. Our goal is to create an environment that will allow young adults to grow into maturity and be fully integrated in the delivery of ministry to the church and service in the community.

**History:** The Young Adult Ministry started in 2006 as a bible study group of members between the ages of 18 to 49. We have engaged in activities such as bowling and other fellowship outings. We then formed the F.I.R.E.D. (**Faithful Individuals Really Excited and Dedicated**) for Christ Choir to express ourselves in praise and worship.

**Ministry Leader's Message:** "Since our age group has the largest percentage of members in the church, we are hoping to expand our ministry to involve young adults in other ministries at Highpoint, in addition to the F.I.R.E.D. Choir and the two young adult Sunday School classes - Exodus and Yahweh. I challenge all young adults to get involved and become active members of our church. Please feel free to contact Epeval Taylor II, Rev. Janice Austin or Rev. Sean Smith to share ideas to enhance and become a part of this ministry."



### Journey Into Discipleship

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

May 8th - What Is the Church?

May 15th - Understanding Temptation

May 22nd - How To Know Your Sins Are Forgiven

May 29th - Faith - The Way of Discipleship

# Talents

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

### Spiritual Gifts

#### LEADERSHIP

**"If it is leadership, let him govern diligently"**  
*(Romans 12:8 NIV)*

A church is able to "do ministry" - fulfill its vision, reach goals, and accomplish much - when it has gifted leaders. Gifted leaders see the "big picture" and are intentional about motivating and empowering others in the church to use their gifts to get things done. A person with the gift of leadership has a deep conviction of a need and is passionate about seeing positive results. Are you able to see the "big picture"? Are you organized, a strategic thinker, and motivated to empower others to set and accomplish goals to get things done or make things work better?

### Ministry Connection

Do others have confidence in your ability to lead? When difficult situations arise, do others look to you for input and leadership? Are you able to accept wise counsel? Do you depend on the Holy Spirit to lead and guide you?

Do not neglect your gift of Leadership. Trust God and do what He created you to do. Commit to being on the leadership team today! You can be a deacon, trustee, teacher, or ministry leader.

Highpoint Baptist Church has much work to do and is looking for more gifted leaders. Contact Pastor Charlie E. York at 452-4601 ext. 33 or [pastoryork@bellsouth.net](mailto:pastoryork@bellsouth.net).

# Treasures

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

### Tithing

**Psalm 116:12** - *"What shall I render unto the Lord for all his benefits toward me?"* Tithing expresses my gratitude to God for the blessings He's done for me. *"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?"* **The answer - Deuteronomy 16:17** *"Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you."*

**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.

### The Rev. Dr. Lemuel and Ezonias Taylor Scholarship

*The Highpoint Baptist Church College Ministry was established by Rev. Dr. Lemuel and Sis. Ezonias Taylor to support our members who decided to pursue their education beyond high school. In 2010, the first Highpoint Baptist Church scholarship was awarded. Because of the Taylors' commitment to this ministry and education, the name of the scholarship changed in 2011 to The Rev. Dr. Lemuel and Ezonias Taylor Scholarship. Since that time, five members have benefited from the scholarship funds. Each year, scholarships are awarded for first place (\$2,000), second place (\$1,000) and third place (\$500) to our deserving members who turn in a completed application packet and complete the entire process. The funds are dispersed in \$500 increments each semester until the awarded funds are received. In order to be good stewards of the church's finances, the ministry has established criteria for the members who submit an application each year. The application process includes: a completed application submitted by the deadline, two letters of recommendation, a high school transcript, a written essay and an interview conducted by a panel of Highpoint members. The ministry will graciously accept any donations toward the scholarship fund. Please feel free to contribute anytime during the year by placing your donation in the envelope and writing "Scholarship Ministry" on the "Other" line. All scholarship recipients will be eternally grateful for your contribution.*

### 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**