



Highpoint Baptist Church The Encourager

A Stewardship Ministry Monthly Publication



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Fulfillment Hour
Sundays at
9:45 A.M.

May
2014
Lessons

May 4th
Hope Personified
Luke 15:11-32

May 11th
Hope Expressed
Psalm 138:1-8

May 18th
Hope Renewed
John 18:15-18,
25-27; 21:15-19

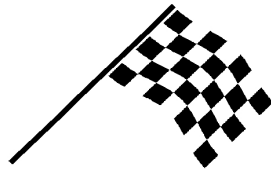
May 25th
Hope Shared
Acts 3:1-10

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?

Thank You for Going the "Extra Mile" with Sacrificial Promises



Family & Friends Day

Checkpoint #1

To God Be The Glory for the things HE is doing at Highpoint! God is truly blessing us as we are **"Going the Extra Mile" with our Time, Talents, and Treasures in 2014.**

Our first **"Sacrificial Promises Checkpoint"** was during our Family and Friends Day. At the end of the service, it was announced that our members have sacrificially given a total of **\$11,245.36** from Jan. 5, 2014 through Apr. 27, 2014. These funds are called **Sacrificial Promises** - prayed upon sacrificial amounts **above** tithes and regular offerings, resulting in consistent funds for capital improvement projects throughout our property.

Sacrificial Promises



Matthew 5:41-48

\$11,245.36

Matthew 5:41 (KJV)

"And whosoever shall compel thee to go a mile, go with him twain."



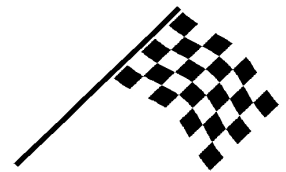
THE HOLY BIBLE
Wednesday Nights
6:00 P.M. - 7:30 P.M.

May 7th - Introduction to the New Testament

May 14th - Matthew

May 21st - Mark

May 28th - Luke



28th Year Church Anniversary

Checkpoint #2

Highpoint's second **"Sacrificial Promises Checkpoint"** is set for Oct. 12, 2014, during the 28th Year Church Anniversary at 3:00 P.M. At the end of this service, the total amount of sacrificial giving from May 4, 2014 through Oct. 12, 2014 will be shared. You may continue to sacrificially give **weekly, monthly, or however often** the Lord lays it on your heart to give. One who is an **"Extra Miler"** in giving is one who **sows bountifully**. The **"Extra Miler"** always cheerfully gives from the heart. The result is that the **"Extra Miler"** will also **reap bountifully**. *Will you pray and commit to go the Extra Mile with your giving?*

Talents

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

Basic Points on Spiritual Gifts

We have come to a greater awareness of the spiritual gifts God gives his people. We understand from Scripture some basic points:

1. Every member has at least one spiritual gift, usually two or three.
2. Every member should be using his or her gifts to serve others in the church.
3. No member has all the gifts, so we need each other.
4. No gift is given to all members.
5. God decides who receives which gift(s).

Every member at Highpoint ought to be involved in some ministry, some area of service. **"Ministry"** refers to all types of service, not just pastoral work.

Every Christian should be using his or her gifts to serve others "for the common good." (I Cor. 12:7; I Peter 4:10)

Often, we do not know our gifts until we have put them to use and seen whether we do well in a particular ministry. Not only do gifts grow through experience, they can also be discovered through experience.

Treasures

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

Tithing

"Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion for God loves a cheerful giver. And God is able to bless you abundantly, so that in all things at all times, having all that you need, you will abound in every good work." - II Corinthians 9:7-8 NIV

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.

Encouragement for our 2014 Graduates



Congratulations to our 2014 high school and college graduates. As you walk into the next phase of your life, always remember the words of Pastor York in one of his sermons concerning "EGO" -

Never "Edge **G**od **O**ut!"

Always start and end your day with prayer.

Make time each day to read God's Word.

Be intentional about attending weekly worship service.

Always **"Go the Extra Mile"** with your **Time**, **Talents** and **Treasures** in the House of the Lord.

Stewardship Ministry Team



Senior Pastor - Rev. Dr. Charlie E. York

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Assistant Ministry Leader - Clotelia White

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Deacon John Patterson

Deacon Shelton Perry

Trustee Alvin Presnell

Deacon Herman Towner