



# Highpoint Baptist Church

# The Encourager

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**Save  
the  
Date**

*You are Invited!*

**Journey Into  
Church  
Membership**

**Kick-off**

**Jan. 1, 2017**

**New Year's Day**

You are cordially invited to a **“Journey Into Church Membership”** that will take place the first four Sundays in January 2017 during Fulfillment Hour Sunday School. This journey is a partnership between the Stewardship Ministry Team, the Fulfillment Hour staff, teachers, and assistant teachers, and the Christian Education Team.

**Why the Journey?** Everyone who joined Highpoint had different beliefs and thoughts about the bible, sin, salvation, etc. We want everyone to be on the same page and clearly articulate why we are Baptist and understand and explain what we believe to others. We have chosen to start off the new year by intentionally coming together in unity to participate in this journey. What better way to start off 2017 than taking a **“Journey Into Church Membership”** together.

**Details of this journey are found on the back of this page.**

**Prayer + Sacrificial Giving = Transformational Total**

<b>Checkpoints</b>	<b>2014</b>	<b>2015</b>	<b>2016</b>
<b>#1 Family &amp; Friends Day</b>	<b>\$ 11,245.36</b>	<b>\$ 13,873.18</b>	<b>\$ 14,313.00</b>
<b>#2 Church Anniversary</b>	 <b>\$ 12,096.50</b>	 <b>\$ 23,838.47</b>	 <b>\$ 31,579.00</b>
<b>Total Checkpoints #1 and #2</b>	<b>\$ 23,341.86</b>	<b>\$ 37,711.65</b>	<b>\$ 45,892.00</b>

# Journey Into Church Membership Q&A



**Why will this journey be held during Fulfillment Hour Sunday School instead of on a Saturday or during the week?** The time was a “God Idea”. On Saturdays life happens—weddings, funerals, out-of-town trips, etc. It’s hard for people to commit to sessions on Saturdays. During the week, days are already reserved for ministry meetings, bible studies, other church activities and job-related activities. Fulfillment Hour Sunday School is a time when the highest number of attendees are present for a common activity – studying God’s word.

## What are the lessons about and who will be teaching them?

**Lesson 1**—What is A Baptist? (**1st Sunday—New Year’s Day**) This session uses the word “Baptist” as an acrostic to represent 7 fundamental Baptist beliefs. This lesson begins on New Year’s Day at 9:45 A.M. All adults, youth, and members who are not enrolled in Sunday School classes will gather in the Sanctuary to hear a team of excited facilitators deliver this lesson. Children will report to the Fellowship Hall for their session.

**Lesson 2**—Fundamentals of Our Faith—Part 1 (**2nd Sunday**) This session includes what the Bible teaches about God, Jesus Christ, and the Holy Spirit. Adults & Youth will report to their class at 9:45 A.M. for a spirit-filled lesson taught by their trained teachers/asst. teachers; children will report to the chapel of the Education Building; and members not enrolled in a Sunday School class will report to the Sanctuary to hear a spirit-filled team deliver the lesson.

**Lesson 3**—Fundamentals of Our Faith—Part 2 (**3rd Sunday**) This session includes what we believe about sin, the bible, salvation, the church, and “last things.” Adults & Youth will report to their class at 9:45 A.M. for a spirit-filled lesson taught by their trained teachers/asst. teachers; children will report to the chapel of the Education Building; and members not enrolled in a Sunday School class will report to the Sanctuary to hear a spirit-filled team deliver the lesson.

**Lesson 4**—What Is Expected of Members? (**4th Sunday**) This final session includes protecting the unity of the church, regular church attendance, giving, and pursuing God’s purpose for your life. All adult and youth classes, and members who are not enrolled in Sunday School will meet in the Sanctuary from 9:45 A.M. – 10:45 A.M. The children will meet in the Chapel—Education Building.

**New Year’s Day Schedule**—The first Sunday of the year is on New Year’s Day.

**8:30 A.M.—9:30 A.M. Hot Breakfast**

**9:45 A.M.—10:45 A.M. The Journey Into Church Membership**

**10:45 A.M.—Offering, Praise & Worship, Sermonette, Communion**



### Update Contact Information

If you would like to receive a phone call, text message, or email with important information from Pastor York and/or your ministry leaders, please update your contact information with our church secretary.



### **Stewardship Ministry Team**

**Team Leader: Phaedra Fox**

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**Pastor Charlie E. York**