



# Highpoint Baptist Church The Encourager

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## Fulfillment

### Hour

Sundays at  
9:45 A.M.

December  
2014  
Lessons

### December 7th

The Shelter of  
God's Presence  
Psalm 23:1-6

### December 14th

The Shelter of  
God's Salvation  
Psalm 27:1-6

### December 21st

The Shelter of  
God's Forgiveness  
Psalm 32:1-7

### December 28th

The Shelter  
of God's  
Encouragement  
Psalms 42:1-3, 6-8;  
43:3-5

Marshall Hunt  
Superintendent

Jacquela Humbert  
Assistant  
Superintendent

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

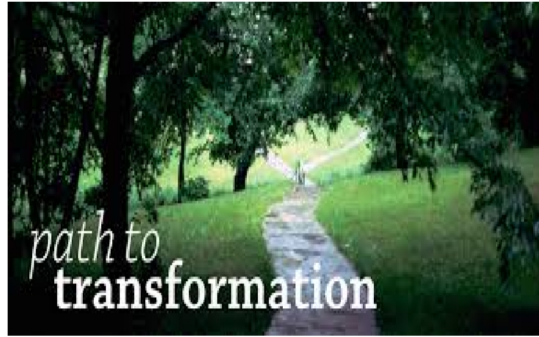
## Going the "Extra Mile" includes a path to Transformation in 2015

### New Year's Resolutions

For many of us, January 1st means New Year's resolutions - an opportunity to think about things that we want to change in the year to come. There are a few New Year's resolutions (common commitments) made by many people each and every year:

- \* Lose weight and/or get in shape
- \* Stop smoking
- \* Pay off debt
- \* Spend more time with loved ones

There's a wonderful sense of possibility that comes with each New Year - an opportunity to get *wrong things right*. But for many, the sense of possibility quickly turns into frustration and even despair as each resolution is broken. We even struggle maintaining the good habits we've already established.



... leads to a path of discipleship.



### THE HOLY BIBLE

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

- Dec. 3rd - Revelation (Chs. 10-16)
- Dec. 10th - No Evening Bible Study
- Dec. 17th - Church Business Meeting
- Dec. 24th - No Bible Study
- Dec. 31st - No Bible Study

### New Year's Transformation

*The path to transformation will lead us to a path of discipleship.*

On the discipleship path, spiritual disciplines become established as habits of daily living. The soul slowly takes control of the outer form, increasingly directing the disciple and transforming the life from within.

Under the transformative influence of the soul, the personality begins to display divine qualities such as inclusive love, wisdom, and compassion. He or she becomes aware of the soul's purpose and firmly commits to fulfilling that purpose.

Will you continue to "Go the Extra Mile" by committing to a path of transformation and discipleship in 2015?

# Talents

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

## "Extra Mile" Steps Leading to Total Life Transformation

1. **Start with the right expectations.** We often set goals with unrealistic and uninformed expectations about the results we want to achieve and what it will take to achieve them. In order to give yourself the best chance of success, make sure you understand what you hope to accomplish.

2. **Celebrate victories, and defeats.** If you're making progress, you will experience failure. Embrace it. Perfection is not required, but humility is. Failure makes you stronger and prepares you to successfully handle the next matter in your life.

3. **Count your blessings.** No matter what your current situation is, you have many blessings in your life. Cultivate an attitude of gratitude. It's one of the most effective ways to combat negativity, resentment, or any other bad attitude that could otherwise threaten your potential and undermine your spiritual transformation.

4. **Keep looking forward.** With each breath, you have an opportunity to live an intentional life, exercise positive influence in the lives of those around you, and embrace your God-given potential. When life overwhelms you, take time to **reflect** on your experiences. Then start anew the following day.

# Treasures

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



## 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.

## Experience Transformation through Tithing

When you give to God through tithing, He gives you something greater in return: a life changed for the better. Opening up your wallet to tithe opens up your soul to trust God more and invites Him to work powerfully in your life.

Here's how tithing can transform you:

1. It reminds you that your life is not your own.
2. It helps you become more like Jesus.
3. It reveals the ways that God is providing for you.
4. It widens your perspective on the world.
5. It changes your values.
6. It helps you trust God in deeper ways.
7. It deepens the bonds between you, God, and others in your church community.
8. It teaches you the importance of sharing your time and talents, too.

Go the **"Extra Mile"** with us by experiencing transformation through tithing in 2015.

### Stewardship Ministry Team



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