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Leading ordinary people to extraordinary lives with Jesus

December 2018

Thank You! As the calendar year draws to a close, I want to take a moment to thank you for your faithfulness in giving to the ministries of LifePoint Church this year as well as give you a quick update on our Year to Date Finances and Giving.

The Lord has done so much in our church in 2018, and your faithfulness – including your financial giving – has contributed to that. You are a generous people and I’m so thankful for that. Your giving helps make the life changing ministry God does through us possible.

With the year coming to a close this is a good time of the year to assess where we are Year to Date (YTD) with our finances. This time of year, is when some people think about year end giving. So, here’s a snap shot of our current Financial Status

General Budget Giving (This is how we do the ministry of LifePoint Church):

YTD Giving - \$374,136.85 **YTD Budget** - \$397,692.38 **YTD Deficit** - \$-23,555.53 or - 6%

Remodel Repayment Campaign (This is for repaying our Remodel Loan):

Giving to Date - \$199,702 **Pledged to Date** - \$120,000 66% Ahead of Schedule

Missions Giving/Faith Promise (This is Financial Support to Missionaries & Mission Groups):

Giving to Date - \$19,374 **Commitments to Missionaries** - \$26,400

Thank You again for your generous, faithful giving. Ultimately, we give to our Great God who gave himself first to us! I know this is what makes you such a generous people.

You are loved!

His – Pastor Troy

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**December 9 - A Simple Christmas Pageant**

Join us at 10:30 am for a very special retelling of the First Christmas by KidsPoint Kids!

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December 9 - Blue Christmas Service at 6pm

The Christmas season isn't joyful and cheery for everyone. For some it's a season of sadness. This evening is a special time to acknowledge your grief and sadness, to remember a loved one who has died, for loved ones who don't know Jesus, for those facing life after divorce or separation, for coping with the loss of a job, or living with cancer or some other disease that puts a question mark over the future. This service will offer a sacred space for reflection, healing, and hope for people living through sad, blue times.

December 16 - Happy Birthday Jesus Party for Kids

Join KidsPoint Ministry at 10:30 am for a big celebration of Jesus' birth! Pancakes and PJ's! Come hear the story of Jesus birth Told by Mary. Don't forget to wear your PJ's!

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**December 24 - Christmas Eve Service - 4:30PM**

We are planning a special Christmas Eve Service with our community in mind! Bring your family and neighbors as we focus on the simple beauty of Christmas carols, Candlelight, and the Christmas story. We will also be delivering donuts to brighten the evening of those serving in our community.

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Christmas Cards

We will sort and deliver Christmas cards to current members of our congregation. Donations for postage can be placed in the Donation Box and will be given to a mission need. Be sure to check your mailbox in the Narthex each week to pick up your cards and any mail from the Church.

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**Parkside Partners**

On Thursday, December 20th, LifePoint will be hosting Parkside Elementary for their annual Generosity Day. Students will be watching a movie at the church that day. We are in need of volunteers to help by vacuuming after each session. We could also use assistance with delivering refreshments for the teachers at Parkside that morning. Please see Adela Hufford or Caryn Fish if you would be willing to help that day.

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StudentPoint Christmas Party

StudentPoint will be having our annual Christmas Party on Wednesday, December 12th. We will be doing a white elephant gift exchange that night. Every student needs to bring a wrapped gift to the party. This gift can be something cool from your house that you don't need or use anymore. But if you do go out and buy something, don't spend more than \$5 on it. This will be our last StudentPoint Wednesday until the new year!

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**November Attendance/Financials**

|       |    |         |              |                  |              |                   |            |                   |
|-------|----|---------|--------------|------------------|--------------|-------------------|------------|-------------------|
|       | SS | Worship | MTD Income   | 27,750.77        | YTD Income   | 374,136.85        | YTD Income | 374,136.85        |
| 11/4  | 84 | 268     | MTD Expenses | <u>36,018.14</u> | YTD Expenses | <u>375,874.77</u> | YTD Budget | <u>397,692.38</u> |
| 11/11 | 84 | 217     | Difference   | (8,267.37)       |              | (1,737.92)        |            | (23,555.53)       |
| 11/18 | 89 | 211     |              |                  |              |                   |            |                   |
| 11/25 | 62 | 214     |              |                  |              |                   |            |                   |

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