

Corporate Communion: First Sunday of the New Year

The Bible’s teaching on the Lord’s Supper (Communion) is found in 1 Corinthians 11:17-34 & invites participation for believers who are walking in fellowship with the Lord. All those who have personal faith in Jesus Christ are invited to partake of the Lord’s Supper.

Biblically, there are two types of people who should not take communion: those who are not saved by Christ or those who are living in unconfessed sin.

What’s important is that the participants are born-again believers walking in fellowship with their Lord & with each other.

Communion is a time of remembrance (Luke 22:19) & a time of reflection. Before partaking of communion, each believer should personally examine his or her heart & motives (1 Corinthians 11:28).

The word communion is related to the word union. Communion is the result of a union with Christ; the sharing of Christ-like thoughts, feelings, & experiences. Sharing in the death & burial of the Son of God is a foundational part of salvation (Romans 6:3-5), & that death is symbolized in the ordinance of communion.

According to the Bible, those who take communion must be humble, born again, free of unconfessed sin, & living in obedience to God. For the converted, repentant sinner, the Lord’s Table is a welcome place of knowing God’s provision & resting in His grace.

Lifepoint  
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LOVE God. LIVE in Community. LEAD from Strengths.



Acts 2:1-12a: The Birth of the Church

<sup>1</sup> When the day of Pentecost had arrived, they were all together in one place. <sup>2</sup> Suddenly a sound like that of a violent rushing wind came from heaven, and it filled the whole house where they were staying. <sup>3</sup> And tongues, like flames of fire that were divided, appeared to them and rested on each one of them. <sup>4</sup> Then they were all filled with the Holy Spirit and began to speak in different languages, as the Spirit gave them ability for speech.

<sup>5</sup> There were Jews living in Jerusalem, devout men from every nation under heaven. <sup>6</sup> When this sound occurred, a crowd came together and was confused because each one heard them speaking in his own language. <sup>7</sup> And they were astounded and amazed, saying, “Look, aren’t all these who are speaking Galileans? <sup>8</sup> How is it that each of us can hear in our own native language? <sup>9</sup> Parthians, Medes, Elamites; those who live in Mesopotamia, in Judea and Cappadocia, Pontus and Asia, <sup>10</sup> Phrygia and Pamphylia, Egypt and the parts of Libya near Cyrene; visitors from Rome, both Jews and proselytes, <sup>11</sup> Cretans and Arabs—we hear them speaking the magnificent acts of God in our own languages.” <sup>12</sup> They were all astounded and perplexed...

# Mark Your Calendars

## Happening this Week

<b>TODAY</b>	The Birth of the Church: Acts 2:1-12a Corporate Communion in the Worship Service, 10a
Wed, Jan 10	Membership Fellowship & Renewals / Ministry Training, 6:30p

## Looking Ahead

Sun, Jan 14	Titus 2 Fellowship, 12-1:30p @ Lifepoint
Wed, Jan 17	Membership Fellowship & Renewals / Ministry Training, 6:30p
Fri-Sat, Jan 19-20	Lifepoint Students – Fun on the Run
Sat, Jan 27	Men's Fellowship & Breakfast
Wed, Jan 31	Church Annual Business Meeting, 6:30p
Fri-Sat, Feb 2-3	Men's Beast Feast in Owasso, OK

## Family Resource



Lifepoint uses *The Gospel Project for Kids* (Nursery through 6<sup>th</sup> grade). To gain access to each week's lesson, use the provided QR code. You'll create a login & can use it each week to see what your kids learn in class. Once logged in, you can view today's Bible story video, music, Bible lesson & more.



## Men's Beast Feast

February 2-3, 2024. This event is hosted by Friendship Baptist Church in Owasso, OK. The theme is "Faith or Fear: Living in Light of the Second Coming of Christ." The cost is dependent on your lodging request & the registration fee of \$30.

January 21<sup>st</sup> is the Registration Deadline. This is for all men ages 13 & up.

Note: We will be leaving the church that Friday afternoon & returning to the church Saturday afternoon. You will need extra cash for the Saturday lunch. Friday dinner is provided by Friendship Baptist Church & Saturday breakfast is at the hotel.

The church will do our best to provide the transportation for the entire event. Register with the provided QR code.



## Membership Fellowship & Renewals / Ministry Training

You are invited to join us at Lifepoint Church for a free dinner on Wednesday, Jan 10<sup>th</sup> & 17<sup>th</sup>. Dinner will be ready at 6:30p. This Wednesday we're serving pot roast, green beans, corn, salad, potatoes, carrots & dessert. Fellowship tables will be set up for you to enjoy your dinner & fellowship with other church folks. On these evenings, Lifepoint Leaders will be walking through new memberships & membership renewals with individuals & households. You will also have the opportunity for your personal photo & contact information updated in our church software. Some of our ministry leaders will host ministry training on these dates as well. These three evenings are a come and go event.

## Women's Titus 2 Fellowship

Our next gathering will be Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, 12-1:30p following the morning Worship Service. Please join us for a salad bar lunch & fellowship. Hannah will teach us calligraphy & Margie will lead a devotion focused on the New Year & New Beginnings.

If you have any questions please contact Margie Robertson, Amy Morse, or Jessilyn Gamble.



## You are welcome to sign-in on our Guest WiFi

WiFi Name: LifePointGuest-N Password: 11161Gamble

## Digital Connection

This Digital Connection Point is for first time guest, individuals updating their information, individuals wanting more information or prayer & those responding to today's message &/or service.



## Tithes & Offerings

As we turn our attention to worship through giving, let us consider what King Solomon says in Proverbs 3:9-10, <sup>9</sup> Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the first-fruits of all your crops; <sup>10</sup> then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

You might wonder, "What's a 'first-fruit' & what's that got to do with us in 2024?" This made sense to people living in an agricultural society. But for us it takes some explaining.

The "first-fruits" were the very first part of the crops that were harvested each season. Throughout Scripture God calls His people to prioritize Him by giving the first & best to Him.

For people who depended on the harvest for the food they fed their families, this was a big deal. If you have people in your household that depend on your income to eat, you know this is huge.

So, why did God require people to give Him their first & best?

It is not that God needed their first-fruits. God is not needy. He has everything. It is all His. Rather, God knows that we need to give.

Back in the day when people's wellbeing depended upon them planting & harvesting, giving God the first & best of their crops was a concrete way of prioritizing Him by giving.

It is the same with us today. Trusting God with a portion of our income is good. But when we choose to give God the first of our income, something changes. Giving becomes worship & dependence on Him in a new way.

Let us commit to prioritizing God in every way this year, including worshiping Him through giving. Whether you give a dollar, a tenth of your income, or beyond, we encourage you to begin your giving by prioritizing God. Give Him your first, & He will become first in your life.

## Three Ways to Give

- Using our offering envelopes in the seat pocket in front of you & dropping it in the offering box beyond the sanctuary doors.
- Text to Give: Text 77977 to lifepointbc (PushPay)
- Give online on our website: [www.lifepointbc.com](http://www.lifepointbc.com)



## Fun on the Run – Lifepoint Students

Join us for Fun on the Run January 19<sup>th</sup>-20<sup>th</sup>! This is an all-nighter event in Tulsa, OK. Pick-up & drop-off for this event will be at Temple Baptist church (2987 Cambridge St, Springdale, AR 72764). Drop-off time will be 6:15p & pick-up time will be 9a. During this event we will be hanging out with several churches, listening to God's word, & traveling to several different locations throughout the night! The cost for this event is \$55! The registration deadline for this event is January 14<sup>th</sup> (We have a cap of 25 students for this event so please Register ASAP).



## Next Season of Community Groups

We are preparing for our next season of community group ministry.

Here are some ways to participate:

- Leading a small group
- Assistant Leader in a small group
- Hospitality Provider in a small group
- Recommend Group Material
- Lead a small group for children
- Serve in childcare



If you would like to be involved in our next season of groups - complete our form & the church leadership will get back with you with further details.