

## Men's Beast Feast & Life Skills Event

February 3-4, 2023. This event is hosted by Friendship Baptist Church in Owasso, OK. The theme is "Anchored". The cost is dependent on your lodging request & the registration fee of \$20.

January  $22^{nd}$  is the Registration Deadline. This is for all men ages 13 & up. A variety of speakers will encourage us to be ANCHORED!

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 this QR code:

#### **Lifepoint Students**

Calendars for this coming year are available at the welcome desk.

#### Fun on the Run

The dates for Fun on the Run are January 27<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>. The cost of the event will be \$40 per person. Pastor Joel Byers from Central Baptist Church in Tyler, TX is our speaker. We'll meet at Lifepoint at 5p & will leave no later than 5:30p. You can use the QR code to register. Registration for this event is due by midnight on January 15<sup>th</sup>.



\*\* Registration can also be found online at *Lifepointbc.com/events* or on the *Lifepoint Baptist Church Students Ministry* page on Facebook.

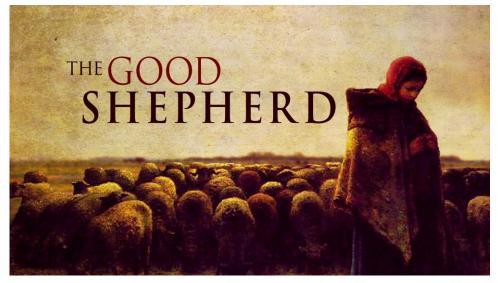
#### **Extraordinary Women Conference**

Some of us went last year & it was so good! We'd love for you to join us this year. Friday & Saturday, March 3-4 in Tulsa, OK. We would carpool from church Friday afternoon & return the following Saturday early evening. Cost is \$89, it includes the event & lunch on Saturday. In addition, will be the hotel stay, then we usually stop for dinner on the way home. Registration deadline is Sunday, January 22<sup>nd</sup>.



January 8, 2023 Communicator

Love God. Live in Community. Lead from Strengths.



The Good Shepherd: John 10:7-18

<sup>7</sup> So Jesus said again, "I assure you: I am the door of the sheep. <sup>8</sup> All who came before Me are thieves and robbers, but the sheep didn't listen to them. <sup>9</sup> I am the door. If anyone enters by Me, he will be saved and will come in and go out and find pasture. <sup>10</sup> A thief comes only to steal and to kill and to destroy. I have come so that they may have life and have it in abundance.

<sup>11</sup> "I am the good shepherd. The good shepherd lays down his life for the sheep. <sup>12</sup> The hired man, since he is not the shepherd and doesn't own the sheep, leaves them and runs away when he sees a wolf coming. The wolf then snatches and scatters them. <sup>13</sup> This happens because he is a hired man and doesn't care about the sheep.

<sup>14</sup> "I am the good shepherd. I know My own sheep, and they know Me, <sup>15</sup> as the Father knows Me, and I know the Father. I lay down My life for the sheep. <sup>16</sup> But I have other sheep that are not of this fold; I must bring them also, and they will listen to My voice. Then there will be one flock, one shepherd. <sup>17</sup> This is why the Father loves Me, because I am laying down My life so I may take it up again. <sup>18</sup> No one takes it from Me, but I lay it down on My own. I have the right to lay it down, and I have the right to take it up again. I have received this command from My Father."

Please reach out to Margie Robertson or Jen Dyal with any questions.

# Mark Your Calendars

## Happening this Week

The Good Shepherd: John 10:7-18, 10a **TODAY** Women's Titus 2 Fellowship, 6:30-8p Wed, Jan 11

Membership Fellowship & Renewals, 6:30-8p

**Looking Ahead** 

Membership Fellowship & Renewals, 6:30-8p Wed, Jan 18

Wed, Jan 25 Church Business Meeting, 6:30p

Fri-Sat, Lifepoint Students - Fun on the Run Jan 27-28

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eWomen's Conference: ABIDE Fri-Sat, Mar 3-4

## **Family Resource**

Elijah and the prophets of Baal • 1 Kings 16:29-17:1; 18:1-2, 17-46 Principle: God's supremacy is demonstrated through humble obedience. Ask Your Child: How was God glorified through the events on Mount Carmel? Apply: By demonstrating God's supremacy by submitting to and worshiping Him.

This Week: As a family, read 1 Kings 16:29–17:1; 18:1–2, 17–46.

Next Week: 2 Kings 18:1-19:37

#### **Church Membership at Lifepoint Church**

If you have never been a member of Lifepoint Church or you are renewing your membership for 2023, use this QR code to communicate a time you would like to have a conversation with our church leadership about membership.



## **Membership Fellowship & Renewals**

You are invited to join us at Lifepoint Church for a free dinner on Wednesday, Jan 11th & 18th. Dinner will be ready at 6:30p. Fellowship tables will be set up for you to enjoy your dinner & fellowship with other church folks. On both of those evenings, Pastor Mike will be walking through membership renewals with individuals & households. You will also have the opportunity for your personal photo & contact information updated in our church software. These two evenings are a come-n-go event.

#### **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 - use the QR code to complete our form & the church leadership will get back with you with further details.

### 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 look again at what King Solomon says in Proverbs 3:9 Honor the Lord with your wealth, with the firstfruits of all your crops; 10 then your barns will be filled to overflowing, and your vats will brim over with new wine.

You might wonder, "What's a "firstfruit" and what's that got to do with us in 2023?" This made sense to people living in an agricultural society. But for us it takes some explaining.

The "firstfruits" 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 and best to

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 and best?

It is not that God needed their firstfruits. God is not needy. He has everything. It is all His. Rather, God knows that we need to give. Every single thing that passes through our hands.

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

It is the same with us today. Trusting God with some of our income is good. But when we choose to give God the first of our income, something changes. Giving becomes worship 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, and He will become first in your

#### Three Ways to Give

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- 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 (PushPav)
- > Give online on our website: www.lifepointbc.com

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## **Titus 2 Women's Ministry**

Sunday, January 8th is our first Titus 2 Fellowship of the new year! We meet 6:30-8p at Lifepoint. Women of all ages are invited and welcome to bring a dessert to share.

This month, we're making Lip Balm with Jen. And our discussion will focus on Revival of Reverence while we enjoy our desserts and the company of wonderful women.

Please reach out to Margie Robertson, Brandi Cook, Jessilyn Gamble or Jen Dyal for any questions.

See you tonight!

