

### 12.10.2017 - A White Elephant Christmas

Text: Amos 5:21-24

A White Elephant gift is one you didn't ask for & don't really want. A flashy key chain or an old VHS tape. Some of the gifts we bring to God are like White Elephant gifts. He doesn't really want them. However, there is something He is interested in receiving. Join us today as we discover what God desires from us.

## Connect

*Connecting to God & with Others*

### NEW LIFEPOINTE T-SHIRTS ARE HERE!

Two styles of T-Shirts are available. To order, pick up an envelope from the info table, choose your style & size, include payment (exact cash or check) & place in the offering box. T-shirts will be available for pick-up the following week from LifePointe Café.

### FAMILY COOKIE NITE - Tonight @ 6pm

Ryan Dent is teaming up with Scott Kline to provide a great experience for all ages. Join us for a night of Christmas music, games, and exchanging cookies at our next Family Fun Nite at WCA. Bring 3 dozen (per family) of your favorite type of cookie to swap with your friends. Milk and a good time will be provided for all. This is an event for the entire family. Please sign up on your connect card or online.

## Special Notes:

### NEW PROPERTY UPDATE: MEETING WITH COUNTY

LifePointe Leadership will be meeting with James City County representatives on Monday, Dec. 11th at 2pm to discuss plans for the new property. Please be in prayer that this will be a productive meeting as we seek the Lord's will and carry out the due diligence process.

### HOLIDAY SERVICES

Christmas Eve and New Years Eve are both on Sunday this year. Therefore, we will have our regular service schedule of 9am & 11am on both Christmas Eve & New Years Eve. Regular KidPointe schedule will be offered.

## Serve

*Opportunities to Serve Others*

### ENCOURAGE THE NORMAN FAMILY THIS CHRISTMAS

Alan & Judy Norman are both physicians serving with Team Expansion to bring the gospel message to the people of Cambodia through medicine. LifePointe has been supporting their ministry since 2012. Alan, Judy, and their four children (Hannah, Rachel, Maria & Thomas) would love to receive some encouraging cards this Christmas.

Send to: Norman c/o Team Expansion

P.O. Box 1012

Phnom Penh. 12000

Kingdom of Cambodia

077 958 642 / 077 828 304 (include on packages)

### LIFEGROUP LEADER INFORMATIONAL WORKSHOP

**Sunday, Dec. 10th, 5pm @ The Ministry Center**

If you are interested in becoming a LifeGroup leader and would like to find out more about it, join Phillip Murdock for this informational workshop. Please sign up on your Connect Card or online.

### WEST POINT FOOD DISTRIBUTION - Thurs., Dec. 21st

**West Point Christian Church, 290 Euclid Blvd.  
10:00am-1:00pm, Volunteers (Ages 7+) are needed!**

This is a great family-friendly volunteer opportunity to help organize, distribute & load groceries for those in need. Please sign up so we know you are coming.

### VOLUNTEER FOR A "NIGHT TO SHINE" - Feb. 9th

Northside Christian Church is hosting "Night to Shine", a prom night experience centered on God's love for people with special needs, sponsored by the Tim Tebow Foundation. LifePointe is partnering with Northside by providing volunteers. The greatest need is "buddies" for the special needs guests but other volunteer opportunities are also available. For more information or to volunteer go to [www.northsideecc.org/nighttoshinevolunteers](http://www.northsideecc.org/nighttoshinevolunteers). If interested, please note that volunteers must attend a training session in January.

# Praise, Sympathy, & Prayer

## \*PRAYER LIST FORMAT\*

A vital part of our life as a church is our focus on prayer. We want *prayer requests* and *praises* to be as up to date as possible. We will keep all prayer requests on our list for four weeks, after which you are asked to resubmit the request or praise for answered prayer. If you would like your request published on the weekly prayer list make sure to check the box next to "Please Publish on weekly prayer list" on your Connect Card. Confidential prayer requests are shared among staff and elders and are held in strict confidence.

## PRAYER

*John Kelly* (Chris' dad) 78 years old, suffering from neuropathy causing loss of function of arms & legs.

Prayers that spinal surgery on 12/7 leads to healing.  
*Ralph Heishman* (Charlie's dad) Home from hospital following pneumonia. Prayers for quick recovery.

*Thelma Turner* (Friend of Houstons) Her husband died suddenly and her daughter passed away last year.

Prayers for encouragement & peace.  
*Ethel Kreicar* (Sharonne Needre's mom) In rehab following a fall.

For all those going through things that they don't want to talk about or ask for prayers, we are praying for you! (Peggy Roach)

## LONG TERM PRAYER REQUESTS

*Jordan Cook* (Lori Ross) 21 yr. old with Lymphoma.

*Joan Amory* (Jan Burton's mom) Heart issues. Pray for her family and Jan's sister who provides 24hr care.

*Vic Salinas* (*Julie Davenport's* uncle) Pancreatic cancer. Tumor has grown again and not handling chemo well. Prayers for encouragement and strength.

*Chris Martens* (Charvalla West) Bone cancer.

*Bill Banks* (Tom Warren's father & Derek's great uncle) bladder & kidney cancer.

*Barbara Ikuss*, (Lorna Davis' mom) esophagus cancer.

## GENERAL PRAYER REQUESTS

Ongoing hurricane recovery

Encouragement & wisdom for LifePointe Leadership

Land purchase & future of LifePointe

Godly wisdom & guidance for parents

Boldness to share the love & truth of the Gospel

Our First Responders, Military & their families



## KIDPOINTE CLASSES - SUNDAYS (both services)

KidPointe Elementary (grades K-5) meets every Sunday for an awesome worship service in the gym. Nursery & preschool classes meet in classrooms. Two check-in locations (the gym or the back hallway).

## LCCYM (www.lccym.com)

LifePointe Christian Church Youth Ministry

## MIDDLE SCHOOL LIFEGROUP - Rm 115

2nd Service - after communion. Note: Last MS LG will be on Dec. 17th. We will resume in February with the Spring LifeGroup Semester.

## HIGH SCHOOL LIFEGROUP - On break until February

## SNL CHRISTMAS PARTY - Dec. 17th, 6-8pm @ WCA

Bring your friends & your ugly Christmas sweater and join us for food & fun. Ryan, Hector and Nathan are going to introduce you to "Snow Ninjas." You don't want to miss it!