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Hey Life Point,

Church, I'm so grateful for you. When you give to Life Point, it's not just obedience to the Lord, it's an act of worship. And it's not just generosity, it's a partnership. You're helping build something our children and their children will someday inherit. When we leave this world, the only thing we take with us is saved souls. So, let's keep building a church that prioritizes the lost being saved and the saved being disciplined.

In 2025 we saw 60 baptisms, 25 children dedicated by their parents to the Lord, 23 different Life Groups with 140 people participating each semester, and 100 people participating in Summer at Life Point. We had 51 new people sign up to serve. The church is growing with an average weekly attendance of 450-475. We launched a new recovery focus that involved adding a new team, a third service, two groups meeting in recovery houses, and hosting PAL - a weekly support group for families who are affected by a loved one who struggles with addiction. That means that in 2025 we had over 500 next steps taken! People are coming to Jesus and growing in their faith. Praise God!

*Therefore, go and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and the Son and the Holy Spirit. Teach these new disciples to obey all the commands I have given you. And be sure of this: I am with you always, even to the end of the age. (Matthew 28:19-20)*

Jen and I have always practiced tithing. There have been seasons when we've asked ourselves, "Will there be enough?" And yet, even in moments when money felt tight or uncertain, we've chosen to trust God in this area. Sometimes giving is easy, other times it comes with a little nervous concern, but we've always given in faith that God can do more with 90 percent of our income than we could do with 100 percent of it!

Jen and I believe tithing is more than our finances, but also our time. As your pastor, it's clear to me that many of you live this same way. Thank you for your ongoing generosity and faithfulness. Every gift given and every hour served has been an act of worship, and God has used it to touch real lives. As I reflect on the past year, my heart is full. I'm humbled and grateful for what God has done among us. Because you have poured out your time and resources, we've been able to walk alongside people, serve our community, and create spaces where lives can be transformed.

In 2025 we started the re-envisioning process of what missions at Life Point is. We are still learning together, but one thing we knew for certain was what we will call it. M25. (Matthew 25)

*For I was hungry and you gave me something to eat, I was thirsty and you gave me something to drink, I was a stranger and you invited me in, I needed clothes and you clothed me, I was sick and you looked after me, I was in prison and you came to visit me. (Matthew 25:35-40)*

The mission of this church comes from Matthew 28. It's the mission of every church and every believer. But the blueprint of how we do that, our missional priorities and practices largely come from Matthew 25.

Here are some of the ways we did that together this year:

- Fed and loved on the Portsmouth football team, staff, band, and cheerleaders
- Fed and served the Greenup football team
- Served 450 people across four PMHA locations with 17,000 Easter eggs
- Collected 249 jars of peanut butter for South Webster students
- Ministered to people in prison
- Helped plant 55 churches through ARC
- Sent our first high school mission trip
- Assisted many families through benevolence
- Donated 800+ items to the VA
- Cared for people through hospital and nursing home visits, meal trains, and life moments
- Hosted Trunk or Treat for over 2,000 people in our city
- Served 100 people at Sensitive Santa
- Gave 1,000 gifts to teachers and school staff
- Provided 83 prom and homecoming dresses, shoes and accessories
- Provided nearly 1,000 meals to families impacted by SNAP loss
- Had our Christmas Eve Service at PHS resulting in 11 decisions to follow Jesus
- Serving 90-100 middle and high school students weekly at PHS with morning devo and prayer
- Through M25, we provided at least 14,000 small meals and 345 pairs of shoes and socks to kids

This is your generosity at work! If Life Point vanished from Portsmouth tomorrow, it would be terrible news for many reasons. It would affect hundreds if not thousands of lives in a truly negative way. Listen... Your generosity of money and time is making a MASSIVE difference. Thank you for showing up, for being the church Jesus called us to be. Let's celebrate all that God's done, while staying focused and committing to keep pushing forward. There is still a ton of work for us to do together, because - God's not done here. If he isn't done, neither are we. Let's go!

With love and gratitude,

Pastor Ryan