

January 24, 2025

Hey Life Point,

Pastor Ryan here, I am so grateful for you. This church is truly amazing! When you give to Life Point financially, it's not just an act of obedience to God, it's an act of worship too. But there's more, when you pour into Life Point financially, you play an active role as a co-builder. We get to build something together that our children, and someday their children, will inherit. When we die, all we get to take with us is saved souls. So let's keep paving the way for our lost loved ones and neighbors, and especially the next generation, by being and building a church that never loses sight of the mission Jesus gave us. We must always prioritize the lost being saved, and the saved being disciplined.

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)

The church operates fully on the generosity of attenders. Thank you for your generosity! In the 23 years Jen and I have been married, we have always tithed. There have been several times that we've asked the question "will there be enough" in our personal finances if we tithe. Even when we feel nervous about money, we continue to trust God in this area, even when it's difficult.

Jen and I believe in and practice tithing both our money and our time. It's clear to me that many of you do the same. Thank you for your ongoing generosity! Every single gift and volunteer hour you have poured out into Life Point has made an incredible difference in the lives of others. We baptised 101 people this year! But who's counting... HEAVEN IS!!

Because of your generosity lives are being changed! As I reflect over this last year I am truly amazed by what we have been able to do together. Because you pour out your time and your money we've been able to do some really fun things together. Here are just a few:

NEXT GEN (Kids, Students, College Age)

- We hired 2 part time staff for Life Point Kids
- Providing a safe, fun, and spiritually meaningful experience every week for kids birth - 5th grade
- We got to love on families with special needs kids at our 2nd Annual Sensitive Santa
- A weekly service designed for 6th-12th grades in which a group of wonderful adult leaders feed, love on, share Jesus, and disciple teenagers
- We get to be a church that loves and leads teens to Jesus by building relationships at events like putt-putt, ball games, Kings Island trips, bonfires, lock-ins, church camp, and pool parties
- We loved on college students and their families by helping them move on campus and provided some meals
- We launched a new College Age Life Group

MISSIONS (Local, National, and International)

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)

- At Serve Day we had a team changing oil, free of charge, for 20 + single moms. Others were providing coins for laundry. Another crew was providing a block party with water and bounce houses, face painting, food, games, basketball, and a movie for kids and families at Bannon Park. We partnered with Portsmouth First Nazarene Church for another block party in the east end with food, more bounce houses, games, and tons of giveaways. New families are now attending and participating at Life Point because of your involvement at Serve Day.
- Because of your generosity we were able to take 200 kids from Portsmouth Elementary and their staff to the movies to see “The Greatest Christmas Pageant Ever”. It included popcorn and soda, and most importantly we had the opportunity to tell them about Jesus.

- Together we got to love on and feed the Portsmouth Football team, their coaching staff, the band, and cheerleaders
- Together we provided Mt Hope Bible Camp with over 4,000 plates, cups, and trash bags to help with summer camp
- Together we gave \$13,000 to help families affected by the hurricane floods and an additional gift to help a few of those families to still have a special Christmas
- Together we help plant churches like ours by giving to ARC
- We initiated our very first High School mission trip
- Together we help several families with car repairs, rent, utilities through our benevolence fund
- Because of your generosity, and an extra special gift, we were able to help a local church repair and replace every toilet in their building
- We have cared for people in hospitals, provided meal trains for those who were sick or grieving, loved those in jail, and celebrated births and weddings together.
- Together we got to love on the families in our city at Trunk or Treat with an estimated attendance of 2,500 people
- Together we gave 1,100 gifts to teachers and school staff for teacher appreciation
- Because of you we were able to give away 96 prom dresses along with shoes, jewelry, and makeup
- Together we gave away hundreds of Bibles and workbooks
- Because of your generosity we are able to partner with Whatever It Takes, a suicide and overdose prevention support group that holds a meeting every Monday at Life Point with over 300 in weekly attendance. We provide security and production staff for them every week along with mentorship. We have seen over 100 people saved and baptized in the last year and a half through this partnership!
- Because of your crazy generosity with our BE RICH offering we got to help provide thousands of meals for food insecure kids. Together we put 500 shoes and socks on kids' feet and we were able to help CASA love on children in foster care.

In addition to all of that we launched our new Starting Point class, we had our very first Seder Meal, offered 4 new classes at Summer at Life Point with over 100 in attendance weekly, and we had our 1st annual BBQ AND BAPTISM party at Roosevelt Lake, and it was a blast! We re-launched our Financial Peace University Class, we participated in the Portsmouth Christmas Parade, and set up the Nativity Scene downtown at Winterfest. We are mentoring engaged couples, newly married couples, and couples at risk. We have celebrated life's mountain top experiences together. We have mourned together, and gave support for the valleys below. I could go on and on! Together, we are loving people in Jesus' name. Together... WE HAVE BEEN THE CHURCH!!!!

Below you will find some transparent and helpful information.

If you have any questions, please let me or Maria know. As a reminder, Life Point's fiscal year runs from March to February.

2024-2025 Financial Report

Total Amount Received (as of January 19th)

- \$545,000 received from tithes and offerings
- \$7,000 received for the New Building Fund

Projected Budget for March 2024-February 2025

- \$691,000

Amount Spent (as of January 19th)

- \$600,000 (not counting Be Rich)

Breakdown

- Space Rental \$128,000, Maintenance and Utilities \$22,500, Staffing \$304,000, General Ministry Operating Costs (Students, Life Point Kids, Worship, Serve Teams, Adult Ministry, Life Groups, Classes, Team Breakfast/Meals/Special dinners, Baptisms, Special Events, etc) \$114,000, and Missions \$39,500

Savings

- New Building Fund Savings \$425,000 (Next Big Step)
- New Building Fund ongoing giving total \$45,000
- General Savings \$250,000

As of January 19th, we are operating under the projected budget by \$90,000; however, there is a \$55,000 gap between what we have spent and what we have received from general giving. We are making adjustments to help address this issue in the on-coming fiscal year. Giving is difficult to predict, so this is why we keep such a substantial savings margin. Like I said earlier, the church operates fully on the generosity of attenders. My commitment, along with our staff and Trustees, is to be excellent stewards of your continued trust and the Lord's money. Please join me in prayer over this financial gap, and for the ministry year to come.

With love and gratitude,

Ryan Hunt
Lead Pastor