

REVOLUTION Christmas Offering
Goal: \$20,000



Dear LifePoint Family,

I am excited to share with you information regarding the **REVOLUTION CHRISTMAS OFFERING** that begins now and continues through January 31, 2010.

Over the last three years we have seen our church grow from just a handful of people to a thriving and growing church. Along the way we have done all we can to help people in the Metro East find their way back to God.

With this Special Offering we have the opportunity to deepen our impact in our area, enlarge our ministry to our regular attenders and engage those without a church in our country and world. The offering will be designated for supporting global and U.S. missions, funding the 2010 Benevolence ministry and enhancing Kids experience on Sunday.

I hope you will carefully read over the enclosed documents to learn about this exciting opportunity for us to give sacrificially.

Will you begin praying now about what God would have you give, over and above your regular giving, to this Special Offering? Allow God to stretch your faith!

Your friend,

Pastor Bob Robbins

P.S. The enclosed documents will give you an overview of the special offering and answer many common questions. However, if you have any additional questions please do not hesitate to contact us at info@lifepoint365.com.

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The LifePoint Revolution Christmas Offering is a call to sacrificial giving with a goal of \$20,000 for three ministry initiatives:

- To support Global / U.S. missions and start new churches.
- To fund the 2010 Benevolence ministry to support our fellow attendees at their time of greatest need.
- To enhance the Kids experience on Sunday.

This Special Offering will be received through January 31, 2010. Use the envelope you get on Sunday mornings and write in "Christmas Offering," or mark your checks "Christmas Offering."

The Purposes of This Offering

To support Global / U.S. missions and start new churches.

We are a "church that starts churches" and a church that supports missions. This focus will continue as we have a great opportunity to assist missionaries around the globe who are reaching out to every identified people group, especially those in highly unchurched countries. We are designating a portion of the Special Offering to support Will and Nerida Henderson as they start Engage City Church in Brisbane, Australia.

To fund the 2010 Benevolence ministry to support our fellow attendees at their time of greatest need.

Our church has a desire to help people at their time of greatest need. By giving to the Christmas Offering you will be helping us to better assist LifePointer's when the need might arise. The Benevolence Ministry has allowed us to come alongside of people in distress due to difficult financial times, a death in the family or a need for Christian counseling.

To enhance the Kids experience on Sunday and keep them safe.

We are a church that loves to invest in children and families. We consider it an honor to be in a great position to help a family make the best impact on their child's life, help them raise a child that will choose to follow Jesus, and have a strong home. To do this, we have designed a fantastic experience for children on Sunday. We are always looking to make BIG improvements in Kids, and 2010 is no different! We have several planned improvements over the course of the next year that will help you ensure that this is the best hour of your child's week, and that will put us in the best place to invest in your family spiritually.

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Why a Special Offering?

As part of God's plan to grow the faith of the people in His church, He calls us to sacrificial giving from time to time. This Special Offering is an opportunity for us to grow in our faith and to prepare us for what God wants to do through our church in 2010. This offering is not because we are behind on budget, but rather is to position us to make a greater impact in our city, in our church and around the world in 2010.

What's the Difference Between the Regular Offering and this Special Offering?

The regular LifePoint offering is the proportional amount (the full tithe of 10%) that we set apart on a consistent basis and give throughout the year. From time to time there are opportunities to give in a sacrificial way. This Special Offering is one of those sacrificial occasions that stretch us to grow in our faith. The special offering should be over and above what you regularly give.

How Much Should I Give?

Since the goal is \$20,000, this Special Offering will involve everyone. Please prayerfully consider a sacrificial gift that will stretch your faith over the next ten weeks. The precise amount you give is between you and God. Many in our church can give a \$500, \$1000 or maybe even a \$5000 gift. Others will be able to give between \$100 and \$500. The issue is not equal giving, or equal sacrifice but equal obedience. What amount can you give that will stretch your faith over the next ten weeks?

Why is the Goal So Large?

Since the beginning of LifePoint, we have been a church that has dared to dream big dreams for God. The ministries supported by this offering are BIG – supporting global and U.S. missions, starting new churches, funding the 2010 Benevolence and Counseling ministry and enhancing the Kids experience on Sunday. Big dreams require big faith and big funding. The accomplishment of these big dreams will be determined by your gifts to this Special Offering.

When Should I Give?

The best time to give will be the first Sunday after you receive this packet. Please pray about making your best gift on that day. However, you can continue to give until January 31, 2010. Please write in "Christmas Offering" on the regular offering envelopes or include a note designating that your gift is for the Special Offering. You can always mail your gifts to LifePoint, 129 Steiss, Glen Carbon, IL, 62034. Remember, consistent gifts over time add up – a person giving \$50 per week over a ten-week period will give \$500 to this Special Offering.

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Can I Give In-Kind Gifts of Stocks or Bonds?

Of course! Since LifePoint is a 501c3 organization there can be tremendous tax benefits for you by giving in-kind gifts. For information on this type of giving, simply contact us at info@lifepoint365.com.

Are My Gifts Tax-Deductible?

All gifts to LifePoint, whether via the regular offering or this Special Offering, are completely tax-deductible. Your gift will be deductible in the tax year given (i.e., gifts given in 2009 will be deductible on your 2009 taxes). Please be sure to include your name and address when you give so that a receipt can be sent to you for your tax preparations. You are not required to utilize a tax-deduction for your gift, but it is available for all gifts.

How Did We Arrive at a \$20,000 Goal?

The \$20,000 goal was prayerfully set by The LifePoint Pastors. It is approximately four times our regular weekly giving. It is a God-sized goal that can only be accomplished through 100% participation and sacrificial giving by all LifePointers. Since we are expecting God to bless this Special Offering, it has been determined that any amount over and above our goal will go towards moving into our new building.

How Will I Know if We Reach Our Goal?

Please pray for God's guidance as we all give sacrificially. You will be updated on our giving progress during the Sunday services. Reaching this goal will be a celebration of what we can do together as we stretch our faith under God's leadership.