

## Pastor's first letter



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Dear SouthPoint Community,

Can you believe it's been just two years since the launch of SouthPoint Church? We are both humbled and excited at the challenges and the opportunities that God has placed before us.

A lot of people have found SouthPoint to be a place where they feel safe to explore who Jesus is without fear of rejection. Consequently, many people have committed to following Christ, and even more have found a church home. We think that's awesome!

However, while SMHEC has met our needs these past two years, our attendance has tripled from 200 to more than 600 since we began in 2004. We are in the process of outgrowing our current location and do not want to limit our ability to provide the opportunity for people to encounter Jesus in a real and relevant way! Because of that realization and wanting to be faithful with the growth God has given us, we have actively started searching for the perfect location (land) for a permanent church facility.

So here comes the "*elephant in the room*"...the thing that everyone notices but no one wants to talk about: money. Everyone knows that purchasing land and building a church takes money, but where is it going to come from? The Leadership Team felt led towards a process called our "One Life Campaign." We named it this way because it keeps us focused on what the money is for, and why it's worth making the ask...to continue to reach one life at a time.

The "One Life Campaign" simply put, is to ask those who are a part of SouthPoint to pray and see how God would lead them to pledge a certain dollar amount over a three year period, with a one-time donation that is a percentage of that pledge given on April 29<sup>th</sup>, 2007. This pledge would be above and beyond the regular giving that sustains the day-to-day ministry of SouthPoint.

We understand that talking about money makes some people feel uncomfortable; however we believe this is a God-given opportunity for us to partner with Him in His work here in St. Mary's County.

So I'm asking if you would be willing to start praying and thinking about what you'd be willing to give sacrificially. For some, giving \$1,000 over a three year span will be a great sacrifice, while others may be able to give \$50,000 to \$100,000. I'm looking forward to sharing and dialoging with the SouthPoint community in the weeks ahead. We believe that this is about more than getting property and having a building; in the end those are simply tools we use to *Reach One Life at a Time*.

Sincerely,

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