



Volume XX, No. 50  
December 15, 2019

**WELCOME VISITORS**

Please fill out a visitor's card and place it in the collection plate so we will have a record of your visit, AND  
**Come Again Soon!**

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Richard Kellam, Minister	903-268-7586
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Rodney Britt, Ghana Missions	903-746-9394
Lance Hooten, Higher Ground Ministry	903-473-8788
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Robert Resneder	903-473-9530
Tom Waters	903-473-0167
Mike Willis	903-268-6039

Schedule of Services:

Sunday:	Bible Classes for all ages	9:00 am
	Morning Worship	10:00 am
	Evening Worship	6:00 pm
Wednesday:	Wednesday Evening Meal	6:00 pm
	Bible Classes for all ages	7:00 pm

**THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

**Sunday AM: Bible Classes for all ages at 9:00 am**  
\*\*\*Please silence your phones before worship begins\*\*\*

**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 am**  
**Announcements & Prayer** **Scott Hooten**  
**Song Leader:** **John McAree**  
Song #794 Unto Thee, O Lord  
Song #810 Listen to Our Hearts

Song #346 He Lives

**Communion:**  
Danny Meeks Tom Waters Mike Willis  
Jordan Meeks Jake Hooten K.C. Smith

Song #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord  
**Contribution**

Song #674 I Have Decided to Follow Jesus  
Song #449 Thy Word

**Message:** **Richard Kellam**  
Invitation Song #705 A Common Love  
Closing Song #704 Bind Us Together

**Closing Prayer:** **Bobby Hooten**

**Nursing Home Devo:** **Tom Waters**

**Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm** **Richard Kellam**  
**(Annual Christmas Party immediately after services)**

**Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm**  
There are three Adult Classes, one in the **Auditorium**, and one in the **Fellowship Hall**, and the Ladies Class meets in the **Toddler Class Room**.

There are three children's classes on Wednesday nights. The **Toddler Class** is being taught by **Lisa Meeks**. The **K-2nd Grade** is taught by **Richard & Rica Kellam**. The **3rd-5th grade Class** is taught by **Claudia Wilk**. The **Youth Group (Summit)** meets in the **High School Room**, taught by **K.C. & Kassie Smith**.

**PRAYER LIST: (con't on Page 4)**  
**Jeanne Killough** and her sons, **Brian and Brent** (prayers for difficulties settling Larry's estate)  
**Cleta Hooten** (tumor on her heart)  
**Bobby Hooten** (bladder cancer)  
**René Funk** (prayers for her entire family: son, **Troy**, her daughter-in-law **Naomi**, and their three children, daughter, **Valerie** and her two children)  
**Randell Resneder** (leukemia), son of **Robert & Norma Resneder** (numbers are still good)  
**Louise Rabe** (home bound, would love to have visitors, phone calls, and cards)  
**Jerry Kelley**, brother of **Jane Martin** (severe COPD)  
**Kassie Smith** (migraines)  
**Kendall Howerton** (recovering from surgery)  
**K.C. Smith's grandmother** (stroke)  
**Charla Wiley**, the sister of **René Funk** (doing better)  
**Melissa Adair**, niece of **Larry, Dail and Teddy Joe** (bad migraines)  
**Robert Resneder** (having treatments every Monday & Wednesday to heal his foot)  
**Danny Lambert** (prayers for multiple health issues)  
**Renee Vargas** (prayers for encouragement)  
**Frank Shelton**, brother of **Brenda Hooten**  
**Palin Caboda**, niece of the **Honea family** (may be suffering from Brittle Bone disease)  
**Joanna Morgan**, a friend of **Joey Chastain** (has Stage 3 ovarian cancer)  
**Curtis Drake's son Chris** (severed tendon in his hand.)  
A **child from Campbell** is still missing.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

**TODAY** Nursing Home Devo, 2:30 pm  
**TONIGHT** Arms of Hope/Christmas Party, 7 pm  
Dec 17 Ladies' Christmas Party, 6 pm at the Willis'  
Dec 18 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm

**IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:**

**Floyd Rogers**, #1216373, Allred Unit, 2101 FM369 N, Iowa Park, TX 76367  
**Nick & Ashlie (Ivy) Stephan**, 5521 Southfork Drive N., Royse City, TX 75189  
**Kris & Shea Ivy**, 4102 CR 3221, Lone Oak, TX 75453  
**Cpl. Justin (and wife Lyndsey) Redmon**, 960 Lupine Hills Dr., Unit 58, Vista, CA 92081  
**AIC Stone, Chance C.**, 3075 B Juniper Street SW, McChord Field, WA 98439  
**Emily (Hooten) & Nathan Heinrichs**, 241 N. Patrick St., Dublin, TX 76446  
**Kara (Hooten) & Devon McCasland**, 141 CR 2211, Mineola, TX 75773  
**Anna Hooten**, 3515 29th St., Lubbock, TX 79410  
**Luke Hooten**, 2227 S. 3rd St., Waco, TX 76706  
**Alyssa (Hill) & Nate Dalglish**, 523 Hillary Circle, Sugarland, TX 77498  
**Bethany Hill**, 4732 Morningside Drive, Mesquite, TX 75150  
**Carley & Jennifer Hill**, Box 14445, 915 E. Market Ave., Searcy, AR 72149-4445  
**Delaney Hill**, Box 11131, 915 E. Market Ave., Searcy, AR 72149-1132  
**Kenna Kellam**, SB#0424, Oklahoma Christian University, 2801 E. Memorial Rd., Edmond, OK 73013-6474  
**Savannah V. Wright**, (Vivian Warren's niece), PSC 817 Box 7301, PPO AE 09622-0074  
**Linda Higgins**, 1610 Timberbrook Drive, Wylie, TX 75098  
**Priscilla Martin**, The Oaks Retirement Center, 3720 Williams Road, #118, Georgetown, TX 78628, phone 512-943-0281  
**Randell Resneder**, 7102 Alcove Ave., #404, Wolforth, TX 79385-9755  
**Benny Hanks**, Wood Memorial Nursing Home, 320 Greenville Ave., Room 112, Mineola, TX 75773  
**Stacie & Todd Anderson & Wil**, 12030 Carls Cove, Biloxi, MS 39532  
**Dustin Winkler**, 5616 Spring Valley Rd., Apt 170, Dallas, TX 75254  
**Frank Shelton**, Room 407, 2300 W. Jack Finney, Greenville, TX, 75402-3763

**(Please give Linda Rawle any changes or additions.)**

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
12/01/19	103	\$4,266	\$3,000
12/08/19	93	\$2,836	\$3,000
12/15/19		\$	\$3,000
12/22/19		\$	\$3,000
12/29/19		\$	\$3,000

**YOUTH BULLETIN BOARD**

The new Youth Activity Bulletin Board is on the east wall of the north wing, **across from the High School Classroom**. Here you will find activities for all youth, regardless of what school or campus they are on.

It is important to our youth that we all support them in their individual activities throughout the year.

**Be sure to go to the Point Church of Christ Facebook Page and "Like." There is also a "Church" Group**

**Be sure to visit the church website for lots of information: [www.pointchurchofchrist.org](http://www.pointchurchofchrist.org).**



**Food Hostesses for December:**

Dianne Willis  
 Jane Harman  
 Laura Oualline  
 Katie Thomas



**Correspondence Team for December:**

Monday Morning Sisters - Visitors  
 Laura Oualline – Sick  
 Dianne Willis - Encouragement

**DECEMBER FOOD FOR THE SOUL**

Dwanna Winkler      Jeanne Killough      Linda May  
 Randa Chastain      Courtney Garner      Misty McAree  
 Katie Preast

These women will be preparing and serving the Wednesday night meal for the month of **December**. The next meal is **December 11 at 6:00 pm**. We, indeed, feed some on Wednesday nights who are just hungry, but we also feed some whose souls are hungry for fellowship. We never know who God will touch through our willingness to feed stomachs and souls.



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Randa Chastain - Dec 15  
 Devon McCasland - Dec 18  
 Emily Heinrichs - Dec 19  
 Linda May - Dec 19  
 Larry Hooten - Dec 20  
 Kathryn Howerton - Dec 20

**WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION**

Good Samaritans	Stephanie Garner
Senior Suites & Rehab	Vivian Warren
Arms of Hope Cottage	Scott & Rachelle Hooten
Church Historian (give pictures, articles, etc)	Rica Kellam
Church Directory	Debbie Ivy
Visitation	Dianne Willis
Newsletter	Linda Rawle

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**DEACONS**

Dail Hooten	Richard Kellam	Larry Hooten
Lance Hooten		Brad Chastain

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**COMMITTEES**

**Building Use and Activities Committee:**

Ken Player	Robert Resneder
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**Construction Committee:**

Wayne Garner	Bobby Hooten
Dail Hooten	Larry Hooten

**Finance Committee:**

Lance Hooten	Alan Little	Mike Willis
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**FRUITVALE CHURCH OF CHRIST RESOLVE 2020**

The Fruitvale Church is hosting a program Saturday, January **4, 3:00-8:15 pm**, and **January 5, 10:00 am to 2:30 pm**. Guest speakers are Cody Westbrook, Jeff Blanton, Della Blanton, Chip Horton, Kris Groda and Russ Tracy. Watch for information on their Facebook page or webpage, [www.fruitvalechurchofchrist.com](http://www.fruitvalechurchofchrist.com).

- Lord, protect me from the things I want if they are not in accordance with Your will. ~unknown
- Do what is right, not what is easy. ~TobyMac

### LAST MINUTE SHOPPING TRIP

On the last day before Christmas, I hurried to go to the supermarket to buy the remainder of the gifts I didn't manage to buy earlier. When I saw all the people there, I started to complain to myself: "It is going to take forever here and I still have so many other places to go. Christmas really is getting more and more annoying every year. How I wish I could just lie down, go to sleep and only wake up after it."

Nonetheless, I made my way to the toy section, and there I started to curse the prices, wondering if, after all, kids really play with such expensive toys. While looking in the toy section, I noticed a small boy of about five years old, pressing a doll against his chest. He kept on touching the hair of the doll and looked so sad. I wondered who was this doll for.

"Granny, are you sure I don't have enough money?" The old lady replied: "You know that you don't have enough money to buy this doll, my dear." Then she asked him to stay here for five minutes while she went to look around. She left quickly. The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand. Finally, I started to walk toward him and I asked him who did he want to give this doll to." "It is the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much for this Christmas. She was so sure that Santa Claus would bring it to her." I replied to him that maybe Santa Claus will bring it to her, after all, and not to worry. But he replied to me sadly. "No, Santa Claus cannot bring it to her where she is now. I have to give the doll to my mother so that she can give it to her when she goes there."

His eyes were so sad while saying this. "My sister has gone to be with God. Daddy says that Mommy will also go to see God very soon, so I thought that she could bring the doll with her to give it to my sister." My heart nearly stopped. The little boy looked up at me and said: "I told daddy to tell mommy not to go yet. I asked him to wait until I came back from the store."

Then he showed me a very nice photo of himself, where he was laughing. He then told me: "I also want mommy to take this photo with her so that she will not forget me. I love my mommy and I wish she didn't have to leave me but daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister." Then he looked again at the doll with sad eyes, very quietly.

I quickly reached for my wallet and took a few notes and said to the boy, "What if we checked again, just in case you have enough money?" "Ok" he said. "I hope that I have enough." I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. The little boy said: "Thank you God for giving me enough money." Then he looked at me and added. "I asked yesterday before I slept for God to make sure I have enough money to buy this doll so that mommy can give it to my sister. He heard me. I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mommy, but I didn't dare to ask God too much. But He gave me enough to buy the doll and the white rose. You know, my mommy loves white roses."

A few minutes later, the old lady came again and I left. I finished my shopping in a totally different state from when I started. I couldn't get the little boy out of my mind. Then I remembered a local newspaper article two days ago, which mentioned a drunk man in a truck who hit a car where there

was one young lady and a little girl. The little girl died right away, and the mother was left in a critical state. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-assisting machine, because the young lady would not be able to come out of the coma that she was in. Was this the family of the little boy?

Two days after this encounter with the little boy, I read in the newspaper that the young lady had passed away. I couldn't stop myself and went to buy a bunch of white roses and I went to the mortuary where the body of the young woman was laid for people to see and make a last wish before burial. She was there, in her coffin, holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest. I left the place crying, feeling that my life had been changed forever. The love that this little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, hard to imagine. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk man had taken all this away from him.

### RAINS COUNTY ANGEL TREE

Rains County Angel is OVER! Thanks so much to all those who pitched in and helped. We served 213 children this year. Every child who wanted a bike, got a bike. We are so grateful to all to who contributed money, to those who adopted Angels, those who worked at the Fairgrounds, and those who shopped for the Angels.

It means so much to be a part of a family like Point Church of Christ!  
~Linda & Wesley Rawle

### ANNUAL CHURCH CHRISTMAS PARTY

**Our Annual Church Christmas Party, with the Arms of Hope Cottage, is TONIGHT** in our Fellowship Hall. Please bring your favorite food - salad, sandwiches, or dessert to share.

Put your gifts for each of the Cottage children in the bags with each of their names on them. The gift bags are located in the Fellowship Hall. Rachelle Hooten has lists for each girl in the cottage.

We will continue the tradition of the Chinese Gift Exchange. Every participant should bring one wrapped gift for the exchange. Parents of young children should bring one gift for each of their children to open.

### DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you are new to our congregation, or if your address or phone number has changed, or you would like a more recent photo, [please see Debbie Ivy after services.](#)



### TEACHERS NEEDED

There are Sign-up Sheets on the bulletin board for Sunday and Wednesday Children's Bible Class teachers. Please consider signing up for a two-month stint in one of the classes. The current teachers need a well deserved break.

### LADIES' CHRISTMAS PARTY

We will have a Christmas Party for all Ladies, "young," "not so young," and "mature," on **Tuesday, Dec. 17** at Dianne Willis' home.

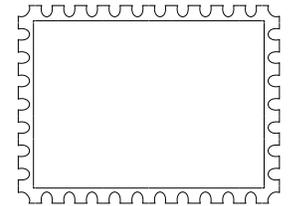
Check with Dianne to see what food to bring. Also please bring an ornament to exchange.

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Scott Hooten's Email:	hootensconstruction@yahoo.com
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Tom Water's Email:	tommywaters64@yahoo.com
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**SECURITY MEASURES**

As a step toward implementing Security Measures, the Elders have decided that **the two doors on either side of the podium will remain open during services, BUT all other doors will be locked ten minutes after services start.** However, you may leave the building through any door, at any time.

Things money can't buy: manners, morals, respect, character, common sense, trust, patience, class, integrity, love. It also cannot buy your Salvation! Thank you, Jesus for paying that price!

**Prayer List:** (continued from Page 1)

**Tommie Nell Flegal, Linda Rawle's** cousin  
**Delores Smith** (breast cancer), a friend of **Robert Chastain**  
**Donna Nance**, a friend of **Jeanne Killough** (liver failure and cancer has spread all over her body)  
**Dale Guest**, a friend of **KC Smith** (cancer all over his body)  
**Paul Robert Hempstead** (cancer), fiancé of **Mandy, Kay Gabbard's** daughter  
**Bryan & Sharon Waters**, the son and daughter-in-law of **Tom & Lana Waters**, and their three daughters (in Amman, Jordan for 3 years)  
**Mary Hunter**, a friend of **Danny Meeks** (started radiation treatments for breast cancer)  
**Chad Wallace**, brother of **Justin Wallace**, a **Lake Country Higher Ground Staff member** (serious health problems)  
**Amber Wright**, sister of **Lance Wright** (cancer throughout her body)  
**Michelle Grice**, a friend of **Wendy Chastain**, (cervical cancer/new treatment plan for several months)  
**Mike McLemee**, son-in-law of **Leon Fenter** (very aggressive form of lung cancer that has spread to his liver)  
**Ariel McLemee**, great-granddaughter of **Leon Fenter** (Leukemia)  
**Jeanne Killough's** niece, **Shauna Ferguson** (has stopped all chemo treatments. Please pray for peace, comfort, and pain free days.)  
**Dustin Dugar** (diagnosed with cancer of his sinuses)  
**Vivian Warren's** niece, **Patty Bouma** (breast cancer)  
**Morgan Cudd, Shay McAree's** boyfriend (Celiac disease)

**Peb Ratliff**, mother of **Jeanne Killough** (prayers for multiple health issues) (prayers for Jeanne's sister, **Annette Strong**, Peb's caregiver)  
Please remember our members currently serving in the military: **Chance Stone, Savannah Wright, Justin, Redmon, Dakota** (Robert Resneder's nephew)  
**David Long**, a Higher Ground brother (very sick)  
**Tommy Strong**, a Higher Ground brother (has a fractured L-5 vertebrae and several other herniated discs)  
**Susan Roberts** (breast cancer)

**PLEASE CHECK THIS LIST & NOTIFY LINDA RAWLE IF THERE ARE ANY CHANGES.**

- God has a reason for allowing things to happen. We may never understand His wisdom, but we simply have to trust His will. ~unknown
- Worship lifts my thoughts to a place where worry can no longer reach me. ~Lysa TerKeurst
- Patience is not the ability to wait, but the ability to have a good attitude while waiting. ~Joyce Meyer
- When you turn your worry into worship, God will turn your battles into blessings. ~unknown
- God sees the broken as the best, and he sees the best in the broken, and He calls the wounded to be world changers. ~Ann Voskamp
- God's not waiting on us to impress Him. He's simply wanting us to say "yes" to Him. ~Lysa TerKeurst