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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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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 Lance Hooten
Song Leader: Richard Kellam
Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Song #3 Hallelujah, Praise Jehovah
Song #383 Jesus, Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion:
Bobby Hooten Hunter Warren Jeff Howerton
Walter Martin Mike Willis Shannon Sheppard

Song #742 Count Your Blessings
Contribution

Song #852 When the Roll Is Called Up Yonder
Song #96 I Stand in Awe

Message: Rodney Britt
Invitation Song #948 I Am Resolved
Closing Song #957 This World Is Not My Home

Closing Prayer: Robert Resneder

Sunday Evening at 6:00 pm
Song Leader: Richard Kellam
Lance Hooten

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)

Bobby Hooten (treatment for bladder cancer)
Louise Rabe (home bound, would love to have visitors, phone calls, and cards)
Kassie Smith (migraines, weak immune system)
Kendall Howerton (recovering from surgery)
Cass Howerton, cousin of **Jeff Howerton** (health problems)
K.C. Smith's grandmother (stroke)
Robert Resneder (has been put on a new antibiotic)
Frank Shelton, brother of **Brenda Hooten** (Parkinson's/ now at Legends Nursing Home)
Benny Hearne, Linda May's brother (health issues)
Cleta Hooten (tumor on her heart, getting weaker)
Tim Hooten, son of **Teddy Joe & Gaye Hooten** (tumor on his spine)
Lynda Dick, a friend and neighbor of **Jake & Jackie Pickens** (now home but in a lot of pain)
Jeff Oualline (down in his back/broken rib)
Trevor Daniel (student at Greenville Christian School, has terminal cancer).
Randell Resneder (leukemia), son of **Robert & Norma Resneder** (good report on his blood counts)
Scott Rabe, son of **Louise Rabe**, had surgery for prostate cancer last Wednesday.
New member, **Glenda King Warren** has asked for prayers for her cousin, **Carolyn Cranford** (heart problems), and for her ex-daughter-in-law, **Deborah Reagan King**, who has multiple serious health issues.
Prayers are requested for **Mary Bailey**, at RISD. She has been diagnosed with a serious immune disorder.
Our sympathy is extended to the **Oklahoma Christian students**, faculty, and the parents of the **young man who took his own life**.
The mother of **Diana Boyer's** step-son, **Cody**, passed away on Friday.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 5	Wednesday Night Meal & Bible Study, 6 pm
Feb 6	Grocery Truck at Good Samaritans, 2:30 pm
Feb 8	Seminar at League Street, 6-8 pm
Feb 16	Nursing Home Devo, 2:30 pm
Feb 16	Valentine Appreciation Celebration
Feb 29	Meeting for Women's Climb @ League St., 12 pm
Apr 16-19	Men's Higher Ground Climb
Apr 23-26	Women's Higher Ground Climb

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

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Kara (Hooten) & Devon McCasland, 141 CR 2211, Mineola, TX 75773
Anna Hooten,
Luke Hooten, 2227 S. 3rd St., Waco, TX 76706
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Savannah V. Wright, (Vivian Warren's niece), PSC 817 Box 7301, PPO AE 09622-0074
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Priscilla Martin, The Oaks Retirement Center, 3720 Williams Road, #118, Georgetown, TX 78628, phone 512-943-0281
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Spec. Murphy, Dakota, B Co., 230BSB 30 ABCT, APO AE09330

(Please give Linda Rawle any changes)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
01/05/20	97	\$4,588	\$3,000
01/12/20	93	\$3,828	\$3,000
01/19/20	106	\$3,026	\$3,000
01/26/20	107	\$3,360	\$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.

Please remember our members currently serving in the military: **Chance Stone, Savannah Wright, Justin, Redmon, Dakota Murphy** (Robert Resneder's nephew)

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.

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

DEACONS

Dail Hooten	Richard Kellam	Larry Hooten
Lance Hooten		Brad Chastain

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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Food Hostesses for February:



Brenda Hooten
 Linda Rawle
 Jeanne Killough
 Katie Thomas



Correspondence Team for February:

Monday Morning Sisters - Visitors
NEED A VOLUNTEER – Sick
 Dianne Willis - Encouragement

WHAT IS HIGHER GROUND?

The mission of Higher Ground Lake Country is to bring people into a deeper relationship with God and a better understanding of His unconditional love and forgiving heart.

We believe that true life is found only in living in constant connection to Jesus. Living in this relationship moves us to Higher Ground. Following Jesus changes the way we live. He changes everything and leads us to live in the here and now on Higher Ground. Jesus is the only way for a person to live on Higher Ground eternally. This conviction and a desire to encourage others to live this way are at the heart of Higher Ground.

We are all in need of growth in our lives, particularly in our relationship to God. Higher Ground is intended to enhance the Christian's commitment to God, the family and the church. It is designed to encourage self-examination that will reveal needs in individuals and find inspiration to grow from the Word of God. Higher Ground is a loving ministry of encouragement through edification and reaching out to others through God's Word.

The contact person for the Men's Climbs is Lance Hooten. His phone number is 903-473-8788. His email address is lhooten@hootensllc.com. **The contact person for the Women's Climbs is Jeanne Killough.** Her phone number is 505-290-7004. Her email address is nanajmk@yahoo.com.

SPRING 2020 HIGHER GROUND CLIMBS

The **Men's Climb** will be **April 16-19** at **Focus Pointe** in Alba. The **Women's Climb** will be **April 23-26** at **Camp Akiva** in Point. Please be in prayer for both these Climbs.

FEBRUARY FOOD FOR THE SOUL

The Men will be preparing and serving the Wednesday night meal for the month of **February**. Their first meal is **February 5 at 6:00 pm**. We have community members and many of our church family come to participate in this meal.

A GATHERED PEOPLE: "Revisioning the Assembly"

The League Street congregation in Sulphur Springs will be hosting John Mark Hicks, on **Saturday, Feb. 8, 6-8 pm, and Sunday, Feb. 9, 9:30 am- 12:00 noon**. There is a flyer on the bulletin board.

DOCTOR WITH A HEART

Dr. Gene Hamil, DDS at 201 S. Main, Quitman, TX, is the Doctor with a heart. He has, for 40+ years, dedicated one day in February for free dental extractions to those with no dental insurance. **For an appointment for Feb. 14**, please call Hamilot Dental, **903-760-5941**. There is limited space for one day so please call soon!

VALENTINE APPRECIATION DINNER

The Youth Group will be honoring our "**MATURE MEMBERS**" with a dinner on **February 16** after our evening worship service. This will be in lieu of our Third Sunday Fellowship. There will be a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board. Please put your name on the list so they will know how many people to prepare for.

NURSING HOME GIFTS

The Ladies will be putting the residents blankets and socks in bags, after the Wednesday evening meal on **Feb. 12**. Anyone who is available is needed to help. These gifts will be delivered on Sunday afternoon, **Feb. 16** at the Devo that we have on the Third Sunday.

DIRECTORY UPDATES

If you are **new to our congregation**, or if you have an **address or phone number that has changed**, or you would like a more recent photo, **PLEASE see Debbie Ivy after services today**.



ARMS OF HOPE GROCERY NEEDS

The Grocery truck will be in our area the week of **March 16-20**. Their needs at this time are: **paper towels, Clorox wipes, and kids cereal**. Please remember the children and families they serve in your prayers.

DEMOCRACY DEPENDS ON GODLY PRINCIPLES

Noah Webster on the Importance of Virtue

(Quote from Noah Webster, writing to Daniel Webster:)

"The virtue which is necessary to preserve a just administration and render a government stable, is Christian virtue, which consists in the uniform practice of moral and religious duties, in conformity with the laws of both God and man. This virtue must be based on a reverence for the authority of God, which shall counteract and control ambition and selfish views, and subject them to the precepts of divine authority. The effect of such a virtue would be, to bring the citizens of a state to vote and act for the good of the state, whether that should coincide with their private interests or not."

Noah Webster (Founding Father - 1758-1843, Known as the "Schoolmaster of the Nation), Collection of Papers on Political Literary and Moral Subjects, "A Letter to the Honorable Daniel Webster," Pg 270.

THE F-WORD AND WHOLESOME CHRISTIAN SPEECH

"The casual use of bad language is a sign of the coarsening of our culture." ~Katie Couric. Television personality Katie Couric talks about the day the piped-in music at her gym included the F-word in the lyrics. Shocked, she looked around; but no one else blinked an eye.

*"The more our culture uses curse words, the less shocking it is when we hear them. Because they're no longer shocking, people use them more and more."**

In Eastern Europe, we've sometimes had conversations with people who've laced every sentence with profanity. They aren't being rude, but they've learned their English from American movies and assume we all talk that way.

And many Christians, especially younger ones, think nothing of dropping a curse word or two into a conversation. They aren't aware that ***God wants to be Lord of our speech.*** ***"Do not let any unwholesome talk come out of your mouths ... Nor should there be obscenity, foolish talk or coarse joking."*** (Ephesians 4:29; 5:4)

So let's make sure the words of our mouths are pleasing to our Lord. (Psalm 19:14)

*Women's Day: [Katie Couric on Cursing in Public](#)

20/20 SPIRITUAL VISION: BEING "FARSIGHTED"

Life can bring injustice, injury, sickness, financial loss, untimely death, and thousands of other difficulties. Christ never promised us sorrow-free lives. (John 16:33)

Sadly, we usually overestimate earthly hardships and underestimate eternal blessings.

But Christians with 20/20 spiritual vision are "farsighted"- able to look beyond their present circumstances. They consider these earthly hardships "light and momentary troubles," so they fix their gaze on what's unseen and eternal. (2 Corinthians 4:18)

Like Old Testament saints, they look forward to the promises of heaven, realizing they're "foreigners and strangers" here on earth. (Hebrews 11:13)

They have confidence in what they hope for and assurance about what they do not see. (Hebrews 11:1)

Let's make sure we're seeing our present treasures and hardships for what they are: temporary. Let's make sure we're seeing our future in Christ for what it is: eternal!

~1-Minute Bible Love Notes

Dear Readers, please pray for the ministry of 1-Minute Bible Love Notes. We are under attack. We've had some very persistent atheists writing hundreds of mean comments and Bible Love Notes devotions are now being blocked on Pinterest. When people try to click through to the devotion from Pinterest, they receive a notice that our devotions are spam and/or contain inappropriate content. Our attempts to contact Pinterest have not yielded any help.

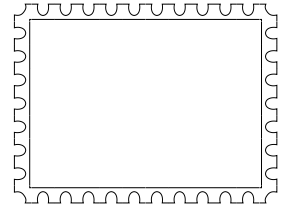
Please pray that God will intercede so that these atheists are not successful in damaging the reputation of Bible Love Notes. Many readers and subscribers find Bible Love Notes on Pinterest, so it's important that we maintain our presence there. We are thankful for your prayers.

"For our struggle is not against flesh and blood, but against the rulers, against the authorities, against the powers of this dark world and against the spiritual forces of evil in the heavenly realms." Ephesians 6:12



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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.

Appreciate your parents ...we grow up thinking our parents will never understand our struggles, but the truth is that they made sure we never felt theirs.

~Daniel Amos

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)
Susan Roberts (breast cancer)
David Long, a Higher Ground brother (very sick)
Danny Lambert (prayers for multiple health issues)

Jerry Kelley, brother of **Jane Martin** (severe COPD)
Peb Ratliff, mother of **Jeanne Killough** (prayers for multiple health issues) (prayers for Jeanne's sister, **Annette Strong**, Peb's caregiver)
Tommy Strong, a Higher Ground brother (has a fractured L-5 vertebrae and several other herniated discs)
Melissa Adair, niece of **Larry, Dail and Teddy Joe** (bad migraines)
Palin Caboda, niece of the **Honea family** (may be suffering from Brittle Bone disease)
Vivian Warren's niece, **Patty Bouma** (breast cancer/radiation and immune therapy)
Renee Vargas (prayers for encouragement)
René Funk (prayers for her entire family: son, **Troy**, her daughter-in-law **Naomi**, and their three children, daughter, **Valerie** and her two children)
Charla Wiley, the sister of **René Funk** (doing better)
Rickey Willis, cousin of **Kirk Reams** (in the hospital in Tyler, on a ventilator with a trachea)
Joanna Morgan, a friend of **Joey & Wendy Chastain** (Stage 3 ovarian cancer)
Avery Wise, student of **Misty McAree** (ruptured appendix, has a drain tube for infection for 4-6 weeks, and surgery at a later date)

PLEASE NOTIFY LINDA RAWLE ABOUT CHANGES.

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.