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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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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
Elders: Scott Hooten	903-268-8214
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**

\*\*\*Please silence your phones before worship begins\*\*\*

**Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 9:00 am**

**Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 am**

**Announcements & Prayer:**

**Lance Hooten  
Scott Hooten**

**Song Leader:**

Song #869 We're Marching to Zion  
Song #97 I Sing Praises

Song #701 My Jesus, I Love Thee

**Communion:**

Lance Hooten	Larry Hooten	Brad Chastain
Danny Meeks	Darrell Honea	Butch Smith

Song #266 Majesty

**Offering**

Song #611 Heavenly Sunlight  
Song #449 Thy Word

**Message:** Richard Kellam

Invitation Song #853 When We All Get to Heaven  
Closing Song #781 Thank You Lord

**Closing Prayer:** Robert Chastain

**Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm** Richard Kellam  
**Song Leader:** K.C. Smith

**Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm**

There is an **Adult Class** that meets in the **Auditorium**, and a **Ladies Class** that meets in the **Fellowship Hall**.

There are two children's classes on Wednesday nights. The **Toddler Class** is taught by **Lisa Meeks**. (The **K-2nd Grade** has no students in this age group at this time.) The **3rd-5th Grade Class** is taught by **Linda & Wesley Rawle**. The **Youth Group (Summit)** meets in the **High School Room**, taught by **K.C. & Kassie Smith**.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Sept. 16 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm  
Sept. 16 Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm

**PRAYER LIST: (con't on Page 4)**

**Louise Rabe** (home bound, would love to have calls and cards)

**Frank Shelton**, brother of **Brenda Hooten**

**Randell Resneder** (leukemia), son of **Robert & Norma Resneder** (experiencing pain due to chemo)

**Norma Resneder**

**Jon Resneder**, brother of **Robert Resneder**

**Dovie Coats** (heart issues)

**Kassie Smith** (migraines)

**Cleta Hooten** (health issues)

**Rodney Britt's** mother (breast cancer)

**Margie Carpenter**, sister of **Cleta Hooten** (stroke, in rehab)

**Eileen Mcirnrnie**, friend of Norma Resneder (surgery)

**Tom & Lana Waters'** granddaughter **Christina** (injured in an auto accident, at Texas Children's Hospital for rehab) See "Christina's Posse" on Facebook to get daily updates.

**Richard Kellam's** mother, **Pat**, was diagnosed with COVID-19. She is in a no longer in ICU at Mansfield Hospital.

**Durwood & Clara Smith**, grandparents of **K.C. Smith**, had COVID-19 and are improving.

**Bobby Hooten** (chemo treatments)

**Debbie Ivy** and family in the loss of **Joe Mac**

**Claudia Wilk** (recovering from back surgery)

**René Funk** (recovering from foot surgery)

**Phyllis Disotell**, niece of **Larry, Dail, and Teddy Joe Hooten** (surgery to remove the big toe on one of her feet)

**Robert Resneder** has tested negative for COVID-19.

**Lisa Meeks'** dad, **Leon Summerlin**, is still in the hospital with COVID-19 and pneumonia. He seems to be feeling better and is ready to go home.

Our sympathy is extended to **Gene Hamil** in the death of his sister, **Margaret Harris**. She was a stroke victim and was put on hospice recently.

Our sympathy is also extended to **Arles Vandiver** in the death of his wife, **Joan Vandiver**, on Friday morning. She had been in the hospital for a couple of weeks and was sent home on hospice Thursday. Her funeral will be at **League Street Church of Christ at 1 pm on Tuesday**. Visitation will be at noon, right before the funeral.

**IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:**

**Floyd Rogers**, #1216373, Allred Unit, 2101 FM369 N, Iowa Park, TX 76367  
**Nick & Ashlie (Ivy) Stephan**, 7122 CR3219, Lone Oak, TX, 75453  
**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**, 1445 N. Pecan Hill, Stephenville, TX 76401  
**Kara (Hooten) & Devon McCasland**, 141 CR 2211, Mineola, TX 75773  
**Anna Hooten**, 4333 Antilley Rd, Apt. 313, Abilene, TX 79606  
**Luke Hooten**, 2227 S. 3rd St., Unit K, Waco, TX 76706  
**Alyssa (Hill) & Nate Dagleish**, 523 Hillary Circle, Sugarland, TX 77498  
**Bethany Hill**, 5437 Naaman Forest Blvd, #923, Garland, TX 75044  
**Carley Hill**, 1 Thompson Dr., Searcy, AR 72143  
**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  
**Dustin Winkler**, 5616 Spring Valley Rd., Apt 170, Dallas, TX 75254  
**Frank Shelton**, Colonial Lodge, Room 143, 3590 Stanford, Greenville, TX 75401  
**Ken Hare & Reneé Funk**, 1864 South Mountain Rd., Marshall, AR 72650  
**Jonny Knighton**, College Edge Apts, #911, P.O. Box 911, Bryan, TX 77802 (Blinn College)  
**Jason Knighton**, Bringle Lake Village, #102, 7171 University Ave., Texarkana, TX 75503 (TX A&M)

(Please give Linda Rawle any changes)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
12/06/20	78	\$8,718	\$3,000
12/13/20	0	\$	\$3,000
12/20/20	0	\$	\$3,000
12/27/20	0	\$	\$3,000

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

You can mail your church contribution to: Point Church of Christ, P.O. Box 1011, Emory, TX 75440

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

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

**PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES**

Please send all prayer requests, and updates on people currently on the prayer list, to: [lwrawle@gmail.com](mailto:lwrawle@gmail.com).

Don't ignore truth for your temporary happiness. ~TobyMac

**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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**Funeral Food Hostesses for Dec:**

Laura Oualline  
 Vivian Warren

**NEED 2 MORE VOLUNTEERS**



**Correspondence Team for Dec:**

Ladies' Bible Class - Visitors  
**NEED A VOLUNTEER** – Sick  
 Laura Oualline - Encouragement



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Courtney Garner - Dec. 11 (Belated!)  
 K.C. Smith - Dec. 14  
 Randa Chastain - Dec. 15  
 Devon McCasland - Dec. 18  
 Emily Hooten - Dec. 19  
 Linda May - Dec. 19

**CHURCH NEWS CONNECTION**

To be added to the group – **Text your name and cell phone number to Jake Pickens 903-456-3445.**

This will incorporate all the emails and individual texting that has been done in the past into one notification source.

This will help keep everyone informed about illness, deaths, funerals, birth announcement, and information about upcoming events. If you have information that the church needs to know about **please text that information to Jake Pickens** and he will send it out in a few minutes.

**LIVE STREAMING**

If you are unable to meet with us in person, please join us on **Sunday mornings at 10 am** on the **Point Church of Christ Facebook Page** for our live stream service. Communion supplies are available at the building. Ask Ken Player or Mike Willis for assistance with these supplies.

- Whatever we plant in our subconscious mind and nourish with repetition and emotion will one day become a reality.  
 ~Earl Nightingale
- You may think you can live fine without Christ, but you cannot afford to die without Him.  
 ~C.H. Spurgeon

From An **Almost** Old Person,

(I never really liked the terminology “Old Person,” but this makes me feel better about it. And if you ain't one, I bet ya you know one! I got this from an “Old Personal friend of mine!”)

### **OLD PERSON PRIDE**

I'm passing this on as I did not want to be the only old person receiving it. Actually, it's not a bad thing to be called, as you will see.

Old People are easy to spot at sporting events; during the playing of the National Anthem, Old People remove their caps and stand at attention and sing without embarrassment. They know the words and believe in them.

Old People remember World War II, Pearl Harbor, Guadalcanal, Normandy, and Hitler. They remember the Atomic Age, the Korean War, The Cold War, the Jet Age and the Moon Landing. They remember the 50 plus Peacekeeping Missions from 1945 to 2005, not to mention Vietnam.

If you bump into an Old People on the sidewalk he will apologize. If you pass an Old Person on the street, he will nod or tip his cap to a lady. Old People trust strangers and are courtly to women.

Old People hold the door for the next person and always, when walking, make certain the lady is on the inside for protection.

Old People get embarrassed if someone curses in front of women and children, and they don't like any filth or dirty language on TV or in movies.

Old People have moral courage and personal integrity. They seldom brag unless it's about their children or grandchildren.

It's the Old People who know our great country is protected, not by politicians, but by the young men and women in the military serving their country.

This country needs Old People with their work ethic, sense of responsibility, pride in their country and decent values.

We need them now more than ever.

**Thank God for Old People!** I was taught to respect my elders. **It's just getting harder to find them.**

### **TATER SACK**

One of my teachers had each one of us bring a clear plastic bag and a sack of potatoes. For every person we'd refuse to forgive in our life, we were told to choose a potato, write on it the name and date, and put it in the plastic bag. Some of our bags, as you can imagine, were quite heavy.

We were then told to carry this bag with us everywhere for one week, putting it beside our bed at night, on the car seat when driving, next to our desk at work. The hassle of lugging this around with us made it clear what a weight we were carrying spiritually, and how we had to pay attention to it all the time to not forget, and keep leaving it in embarrassing places.

Naturally, the condition of the potatoes deteriorated to a nasty slime. This was a great metaphor for the price we pay for keeping our pain and heavy negativity! Too often we think of forgiveness as a gift to the other person, and while that's true, it clearly is also a gift for ourselves!

So the next time you decide you can't forgive someone, ask yourself ... Isn't MY bag heavy enough?

And when you stand praying, if you hold anything against anyone, forgive him, so that your Father in heaven may forgive you your sins. - Mark 11:25

God hears your prayer. He delights when we come to him and ask him to help us. God is never deaf to your prayers.

### **The Poem**

I knelt to pray but not for long,  
I had too much to do.  
I had to hurry and get to work  
For bills would soon be due.

So I knelt and said a hurried prayer,  
And jumped up off my knees.  
My Christian duty was now done  
My soul could rest at ease ...

All day long I had no time  
To spread a word of cheer  
No time to speak of Christ to friends,  
They'd laugh at me I'd fear.

No time, no time, too much to do,  
That was my constant cry,  
No time to give to souls in need  
But at last the time, the time to die.

I went before the Lord,  
I came, I stood with downcast eyes.  
For in his hands God held a book;  
It was the book of life.

God looked into his book and said  
“Your name I cannot find  
I once was going to write it down ...  
But never found the time.”

### **RELIGIOUS HUMOR**

1. There was a very gracious lady who was mailing an old family Bible to her brother in another part of the country. “Is there anything breakable in here?” asked the postal clerk. “Only the Ten Commandments,” answered the lady.
2. Somebody has said there are only two kinds of people in the world. There are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good morning, Lord,” and there are those who wake up in the morning and say, “Good Lord, it's morning.”
3. A minister parked his car in a no-parking zone in a large city because he was short of time and couldn't find a space with a meter. Then he put a note under the windshield wiper that read: “I have circled the block 10 times. If I don't park here, I'll miss my appointment. Forgive us our trespasses.” When he returned, he found a citation from a police officer along with this note “I've circled this block for 10 years. If I don't give you a ticket I'll lose my job. Lead us not into temptation.”
4. There is the story of a pastor who got up one Sunday and announced to his congregation: “I have good news and bad news. The good news is, we have enough money to pay for our new building program. The bad news is, it's still out there in your pockets.”
5. While driving in Pennsylvania, a family caught up to an Amish carriage. The owner of the carriage obviously had a sense of humor, because attached to the back of the carriage was a hand printed sign ... “Energy efficient vehicle: Runs on oats and grass. Caution: Do not step in exhaust.”
6. A Sunday School teacher began her lesson with a question, “Boys and girls, what do we know about God?” A hand shot up in the air. “He is an artist!” said the kindergarten boy. “Really? How do you know?” the teacher asked. “You know - Our Father, who does art in Heaven ...”

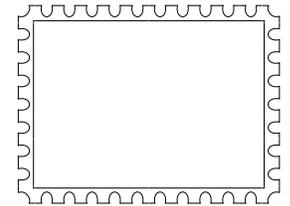


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### SECURITY MEASURES

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.



The way we love people today lets everybody know the baby in the manger wasn't just a decoration for us.  
~Bob Goff

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

**Delores Smith** (breast cancer), a friend of **Robert Chastain**  
**Dale Guest**, a friend of **KC Smith** (cancer all over his body)  
**Amber Wright**, sister of **Lance Wright** (cancer throughout her body)  
**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)  
**Danny Lambert** (prayers for multiple health issues)  
**Jerry Kelley**, brother of **Jane Martin** (severe COPD)  
**Joanna Morgan**, a friend of **Joey & Wendy Chastain** (Stage 4 ovarian cancer, severe side effects with chemo)  
**Michelle Grice**, a friend of **Wendy Chastain**, (cervical cancer/new treatment plan for several months)  
**Benny Hearne**, **Linda May's** brother (health issues)  
**Jason Busing**, nephew of **Ben Crenshaw** (tumors in his lungs)  
**Phyllis Ketchersid**, a friend of **Jeanne Killough** (liver disease)  
**Randa Chastain's** co-worker, **Tina Fehr's** infant son **Bryson** (cancer) got to home last week.  
**Bob Rogers** (prayers for **Suzanne Gonzales** (treatments for her 2nd time of breast cancer)  
**Jeanne Killough** has asked for prayers for **Leah Daytec** (is very ill) Also **Leah's** brother, **Josh Botteicher** (heart problems and seizures) **Randy Botteicher** is having high blood pressure problems)  
**Jeanne Killough** also asked for prayers for parents, **Matt and Erin McClure**, and for **Hayes** (15 weeks old son had heart surgery and is improving)  
**Susan Roberts** (breast cancer)

**Nancy Prather Smith**, a friend of **Jennifer Hill**, & Nancy's three daughters, (loss of Nancy's husband, mother, and sister -in-law in a short period of time)  
**Rob Potts** (Stage 4 cancer, in liver, kidneys, prostate and bones)

Please remember our members currently **servicing in the military: Chance Stone, Savannah Wright, Justin Redmon.**

### MORE CHRISTIAN ONE-LINERS

- I don't know why some people change churches; what difference does it make which one you stay home from?
- A lot of church members singing "Standing on the Promises" are just sitting on the premises.
- Be ye fishers of men. You catch 'em, He'll clean 'em.
- Stop, Drop and Roll won't work in Hell.
- Coincidence is when God chooses to remain anonymous.
- Don't put a question mark where God put a period.
- Don't wait for six strong men to take you to church.
- Forbidden fruits create many jams.
- God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called.
- God grades on the cross, not the curve.
- God loves everyone, but probably prefers "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts."
- God promises a safe landing, not a calm passage.
- He who angers you, controls you!
- If God is your co-pilot, swap seats!
- Prayer: Don't give God instructions, just report for duty!
- The task ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.