



Volume XXII, No. 15
April 11, 2021

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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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:

K.C. Smith

Song Leader:

K.C. Smith

Song #611

Heavenly Sunlight

Song #718

We Shall Assemble

Song #383

Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

Communion:

Shannon Sheppard

Jeff Oualline

Alan Little

Joey Chastain

Mark Seglem

Jeff Howerton

Song #83

God Is So Good

Offering

Song #167

Hosanna

Song #449

Thy Word

Message:

Rodney Britt

Invitation Song #940

Only a Step

Closing Song #414

Anywhere with Jesus

Closing Prayer:

Robert Resneder

Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm

K.C. Smith

Song Leader:

Lance Hooten

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 **Claudia Wilk**. The **Youth Group (Summit)** meets in the **High School Room**, taught by **K.C. & Kassie Smith**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Apr. 14 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm
Apr. 14 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 & Robert Resneder

Jon Resneder, brother of **Robert Resneder**

Kassie Smith (migraines)

Cleta Hooten (health issues)

Bobby Hooten (cancer treatments)

Tom & Lana Waters' granddaughter **Christina** (injured in an auto accident)

René Funk (recovering from surgery)

Kari Smith (swelling in the orbital socket surrounding the main optical nerve)

Tina Smith (finished her radiation therapy, but having some stomach problems now)

Ken Player's dad (still in the hospital, now with a blockage in his intestines)

Jimbo and Christina Cooper family (loss of their 20 year old son, **Jacob Cooper**)

Jay Sikes (**Brenda Hooten's** brother-in-law, and the father of **Debbie Ivy's** daughter-in-law, lots of losses in his family)

Jake Pickens (Atrial Fibrillation, Cardio conversion went well)

Jeanne Killough (cataract surgery)

Wesley Rawle had carpal tunnel surgery last Thursday.

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

Please send any new prayer requests, and any updates on people currently on the prayer list, to: lwrawle@gmail.com.

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
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, 2011 98th St., #314, Lubbock TX 79423
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)

(Please give Linda Rawle any changes)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
03/28/21	124	\$2,957	\$3,000
04/04/21	152	\$4,556	\$3,000
04/11/21		\$	\$3,000
04/18/21		\$	\$3,000
04/25/21		\$	\$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.

Please remember our members or their families currently service in the military: **Chance Stone**, son of **Rheann Stone & Savannah Wright**, niece of **Vivian Warren**.

- To call yourself a child of God is one thing. To be called a child of God by those who watch your life is another thing altogether. ~Max Lucado
- Being negative only makes a difficult journey more difficult. You may be given a cactus, but you don't have to sit on it.

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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Funeral Food Hostesses for April:

Laura Oualline
 Linda Rawle
 Vivian Warren
 Debbie Ivy



Correspondence Team for April:

Laura Oualline - Visitors
NEED A VOLUNTEER – Sick
 Dianne Willis - Encouragement



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.

EAST TAWAKONI EXPO

Jeff Howerton is involved with an event on **May 15** from **9 am to 4 pm** at 482 Hwy. 276 in East Tawakoni. There will be arts, crafts, food, and a 5K run/walk to benefit the city. There is a Race across the bridge at 8:30 am, and a Fun run starts at 7:30 am. There are some flyers on the bulletin board with more information.

- Set an example. Treat everyone with kindness and respect, even those who are rude to you – not because they are nice, but because you are. ~unknown
- Patience is the calm acceptance that things can happen in a different order than the one you have in mind. ~David G. Allen

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The **April** meals will be prepared and served by **Norma Resneder, Vivian Warren, Jo Ann Hamil, Gari Looney, and Reba Kempf.**

The meals will be served at 6:00 pm.

V.B.S.

Plans are underway for a Vacation Bible School. If you are interested in being a part of this event, please let K.C. or Kassie know.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Everyone with a change in address or phone number needs to get with Debbie Ivy to make those changes in the directory. **All new members need to see Debbie to have your picture made and give her your information** also so we can have a current church directory.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Misty McAree - April 12

Jakie Pickens - April 16

Jackie Pickens - April 17



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Ken & Kay Player - April 11

Jeff & Kathryn Howerton - April 13

Teddy Joe & Gaye Hooten - April 16

James & Vivian Warren - April 17

LAKE COUNTRY HIGHER GROUND

The **Men's Climb** was **this weekend** at **Camp Focus Point** in Alba, TX.

The **Women's Climb** will be **April 15-18** and will also be held at **Camp Focus Point.**

Please be in prayer for these climbs. You can reference the web page - www.highergroundlakecountry.org to answer any questions about the Climbs and their locations.

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.

SATAN AND THE LORD

On the outskirts of a small town, there was a big, old pecan tree just inside the cemetery fence. One day, two boys filled up a bucketful of nuts and sat down by the tree, out of sight, and began dividing the nuts. "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me," said one boy. Several dropped and rolled down toward the fence.

Another boy came riding along the road on his bicycle. As he passed, he thought he heard voices from inside the cemetery. He slowed down to investigate. Sure enough, he heard, "One for you, one for me, one for you, one for me ..."

He just knew what it was. He jumped back on his bike and rode off. Just around the bend he met an old man with a cane, hobbling along.

"Come here quick," said the boy, "you won't believe what I heard! Satan and the Lord are down at the cemetery dividing up the souls!"

The man said, "Beat it kid, can't you see it's hard for me to walk." When the boy insisted though, the man hobbled slowly to the cemetery.

Standing by the fence they heard, "One for you, one for me. One for you, one for me."

The old man whispered, "Boy, you've been tellin' me the truth. Let's see if we can see the Lord ..." Shaking with fear, they peered through the fence, yet were still unable to see anything. The old man and the boy gripped the wrought iron bars of the fence tighter and tighter as they tried to get a glimpse of the Lord.

At last they heard, "One for you, one for me. That's all. Now let's go get those nuts by the fence and we'll be done ..."

They say the old man had the lead for a good half-mile before the kid on the bike passed him.

YOUR HEART'S FIREWALL

A computer "firewall" is a security system that protects our computers from un-trusted and un-safe sites. If we don't have a firewall, our computer can easily be hacked.

Did you know that our heart also has a "firewall?" It's our God-given conscience. When we start to do something against God's principles, God's Spirit sends us a message telling us to turn back because going forward is unsafe, self-destructive, or foolish.

So why do some people lie without a second thought? Why do some people act unkindly, self-righteously, or immorally without regret? What happened to their firewall?

Scripture tells us that our conscience can be "seared" and we can lose all sense of shame (1 Timothy 4:1-2; Ephesians 4:19). It starts when we ignore a warning message...and then another...and then another. Eventually, we don't hear the warnings, and we begin to redefine sin to fit our behavior. You might say our conscience gets hacked.

Today let's think carefully and prayerfully about our sensitivity to our heart's firewall messages: Do we still remember the difference between purity and immorality? Do we take God's way out when we're facing temptation (1 Corinthians 10:13)? It's the only way to maintain our God-given conscience.

~1-Minute Bible Love Notes

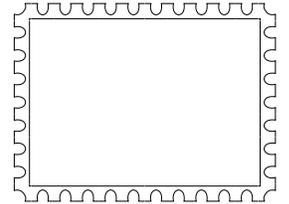
Happiness isn't about getting what you want all the time. It's about loving what you have, and being grateful for it.

~unknown



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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.

I know God has a plan.
I pray for DIRECTION to follow it,
PATIENCE to wait on it,
and WISDOM to know when it comes.
~unknown

It is easy to get stuck in the 7th chapter of 2 Chronicles on v.14. The broader context of this chapter is the dedication of Solomon's Temple. An awesome event. Then God gave Solomon the **IF...THEN** dichotomy.

Are we not there again? The "***But if you or your descendants abandon Me***" is not a threat...it is a promise. I believe we are at the last crossroads in the world as we know it. If we do not humble ourselves and pray and seek His face and do it NOW, God holds all the outcomes in His hand and will do to us what he promised to do and delivered to Israel when they abandoned Him.

We may not be in the Last Days of earth, but we may be approaching the Last Days of life as we have known it. Liberty, Freedom from persecution to worship, Free speech, the Right to protect ourselves from a tyrannical government, the Free pursuit of happiness...are on the block.

I pray today for humility to seek His face in prayer, to abandon my sin, and pray for my country another Great Awakening to sweep the land like the plague.

Please Father, make it so...and let it begin in me.

~Submitted by Jackie Pickens
Courtesy of his friend Charles Young

- Sometimes when the people you love hurt you the most, it's better to stay quiet because, if your love wasn't enough, do you think your words will matter? ~anonymous
- Lord, I bring to You my burdens and You know my situation. You know I can't make it without You. Comfort my heart, give me strength, and help me carry on. Amen ~unknown

Prayer List: (continued from Page 1)

- Danny Lambert** (prayers for multiple health issues)
- Jerry Kelley**, brother of **Jane Martin** (severe COPD)
- Benny Hearne**, **Linda May's** brother (health issues)
- Phyllis Ketchersid**, a friend of **Jeanne Killough** (liver disease)
- Jeanne Killough** asked for prayers for **Leah Daytec** (very ill)
Also **Leah's brothers**, **Josh Botteicher** (heart problems and seizures), and **Randy Botteicher** (high blood pressure)
- Jeanne Killough** asked for prayers for parents, **Matt and Erin McClure**, and for their young son, **Hayes**
- Susan Roberts** (breast cancer)
- Higher Ground Sister, Kandra Murphy** (Covid)
- Vince Grippo** (a former member, badly burned in an accident, is still in the hospital, also prayers for his wife, **Lisa**)
- Alyssa (Hill) & Nate Dalglish** (prayers for smooth pregnancy and delivery)
- Naomi Funk**, daughter-in-law of **Reneé Funk** (cancer)
- Kasey Jones**, cousin of **Randa Chastain**, has some critical kidney issues
- Kim Gilchrist**, a friend of **Kassie Smith** (back in ICU with cancer)

- Success is not permanent and failure is not fatal. So be ready for your next challenge, and give it all you've got! ~anonymous
- The devil won't bother you while you're living in sin, he'll bother you when you're trying to get out. ~A. W. Tozer
- No matter what your problem is, don't Nurse it, don't Curse it, don't Rehearse it. Just give it to God and HE will Reverse it. ~unknown