



Volume XXII, No. 18
May 2, 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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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:

**Tom Waters
K.C. Smith**

Song Leader:

Song Blue Skies and Rainbows
Song #810 Listen to Our Hearts

Song #324 Alas! And Did My Savior Bleed

Communion:

Chris Garner Mike Willis Matt Oualline
Joey Chastain Marvin Smith Zack Hooten

Song #123 The Steadfast Love

Offering

Song #555 Seek Ye First
Song #712 Jesus Is Coming Soon

Message: **Richard Kellam**

Invitation Song #635 Freely, Freely

Closing Song #738 Take the Name of Jesus with You

Closing Prayer: Dail Hooten

Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm

Song Leader:

**Richard Kellam
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 **Kari Smith**. The **Preschool to 2nd Grade** is taught by **Lisa Meeks**. 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

May 5 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm
May 5 Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm
May 6 National Day of Prayer, 12 noon at Emory Baptist Church, on the front porch of the Sanctuary
May 9 Mothers' Day
May 23 Senior Sunday
June 6-9 Youth Trip

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)

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

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

Jimmy Hooten, son of **Boots & Dail Hooten** (knee pain)

Jake Pickens (Atrial Fibrillation, has an appointment with a specialist)

Kris Ivy, son of **Debbie Ivy** (infection in his knee, went home with pic line and have IV antibiotics for 6 weeks)

Ken Player's dad (at home and improving)

Roby Shelton, uncle of **Brenda Hooten**, passed away last Thursday.

Robert Resneder is in the Sulphur Springs hospital. His meds were acting up so they put him on IV Antibiotics so they could better monitor his infection and his blood pressure. Robert needs our prayers for healing. He has fought this infection for quite some time now so Pray, Pray, Pray!

Dawn Willoughby, cousin of **Lisa Clark**, is having health issues, and in trying to resolve them, the doctors discovered she has breast cancer. It cannot be addressed until the other issues are abated.

Vickie Summerlin, sister of **Lisa Meeks**, is feeling much better.

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>
04/25/21	104	\$2,931	\$3,000
05/02/21		\$	\$3,000
05/09/21		\$	\$3,000
05/16/21		\$	\$3,000
05/23/21		\$	\$3,000
05/30/21		\$	\$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 and their families currently serving in the military: **Chance Stone**, son of **Rheann Stone & Savannah Wright**, niece of **Vivian Warren**.

- ♦ Faith is two empty hands held open to receive all of the Lord. ~Alan Redpath
- ♦ The more you give, the more comes back to you, because God is the greatest giver in the universe, and He won't let you outgive Him. Go ahead and try. See what happens. ~Randy Alcorn
- ♦ You can give without loving, but you cannot love without giving. ~Amy Carmichael

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 May-June:



Dianne Willis
Need 3 Volunteers



Correspondence Team for May-June:

Ladies Breakfast Group - 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.

YOUTH TRIP

There will be a Youth Trip to south Texas **June 6-9**. If you are interested in going please contact **K.C. or Kassie Smith**.

- ♦ God can make the very worst things that ever happened in your life to work for your very best, if you have faith. ~Zack Poonen
- ♦ Be strong enough to let go, and patient enough to wait, for what you deserve.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The **May** meals will be prepared and served by **Rachelle Hooten, Claudia Wilk, Jane Harman, Kassie Smith, Rheann Stone, Shannon Honea and Jordyn Hooten.**

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!

Keri Bangs - May 7

SENIOR SUNDAY

The graduating Seniors this year will be honored at the close of the Worship Service on **Sunday, May 23.** If you have a Senior this year please send Kassie Smith pictures of your child through the school years and two songs to accompany the Power Point presentation. The Seniors are: Luke Sheppard, Kylar McGinty, Ethan Oualline, Reanna Smith, and Lizzie Honea.

INSTEAD OF ...

Instead of trying to silence your mind chatter, simply love the one who wants to chat.

Instead of trying to shift your emotions, just love the one who can't stop feeling.

Instead of trying to resolve each fear, simply love the one who's always afraid.

Instead of trying to let things go, just love the one who still holds on.

Instead of trying to not take things personally, simply love the one who makes life personal.

Instead of trying to prove your worth, just love the one who feels worthless, lost, and alone.

Instead of trying to leap forward in evolution, simply love the one who feels left behind.

Instead of having something to prove, just love the one who came here to play.

Instead of bossing yourself around and measuring your progress through spiritual obedience, simply love the one who refuses to listen.

Instead of trying to believe, just love the one in doubt.

Instead of trying whatever you attempt, simply love the one needing permission to be.

Whatever arises, love that. This is the way of an awakening heart.

~Matt Khon

◆ Lord, if You bless me, I'll thank You; but if You don't, I'll be thankful for what I have. ~Phil Robertson

◆ Life is 10 percent what happens to us and 90 percent how we respond to it. ~Chuck Swindoll

◆ The world asks, "What does a man own?" Christ asks, "How does he use it." ~Andrew Murray

◆ Remembering God's faithfulness in the past lets us embrace the difficulties of the present and the uncertainties of the future. ~Whitney Capps

◆ Never be defined by your past. It was just a lesson, not a life sentence. ~Toby Mac

WHEN CHRIST COMES - - -

by **Max Lucado**

You are in your car driving home. Thoughts wander to the game you want to see or meal you want to eat, when suddenly a sound unlike any you've ever heard fills the air. The sound is high above you. A trumpet? A choir? A choir of trumpets? You don't know, but you want to know.

So you pull over, get out of your car, and look up. As you do, you see you aren't the only curious one. The roadside has become a parking lot. Car doors are open, and people are staring at the sky. Shoppers are racing out of the grocery store.

The Little League baseball game across the street has come to a halt. Players and parents are searching the clouds. And what they see, and what you see, has never before been seen.

As if the sky were a curtain, the drapes of the atmosphere part. A brilliant light spills onto the earth. There are no shadows. None. From whence came the light begins to tumble a river of color spiking crystals of every hue ever seen and a million more never seen. Riding on the flow is an endless fleet of angels. They pass through the curtains one myriad at a time, until they occupy every square inch of the sky.

North. South. East. West. Thousands of silvery wings rise and fall in unison, and over the sound of the trumpets, you can hear the cherubim and seraphim chanting, Holy, holy, holy. The final flank of angels is followed by twenty-four silver-bearded elders and a multitude of souls who join the angels in worship.

Presently the movement stops and the trumpets are silent, leaving only the triumphant triplet: Holy, holy, holy. Between each word is a pause. With each word, a profound reverence. You hear your voice join in the chorus. You don't know why you say the words, but you know you must. Suddenly, the heavens are quiet. All is quiet. The angels turn, you turn, the entire world turns and there He is.

Jesus.

Through waves of light you see the silhouetted figure of Christ the King. He is atop a great stallion, and the stallion is atop a billowing cloud. He opens his mouth, and you are surrounded by his declaration:

I am the Alpha and the Omega.

The angels bow their heads. The elders remove their crowns.

And before you is a Figure so consuming that you know, instantly you know: Nothing else matters.

Forget stock markets and school reports. Sales meetings and football games. Nothing is newsworthy.

All that mattered, matters no more ...
for Christ has come ...

God found Gideon in a hole. He found Joseph in a prison. He found Daniel in a lion's den. He has a curious habit of showing up in the midst of trouble, not the absence. Where the world sees failure, God sees future. Next time you feel unqualified to be used by God remember this, He tends to recruit from the pit, not the pedestal.

Adversity is not simply a tool. It is God's most effective tool for the advancement of our spiritual lives. The circumstances and events that we see as setbacks are oftentimes the very things that launch us into periods of intense spiritual growth. Once we begin to understand this, and accept it as a spiritual fact of life, adversity becomes easier to bear. ~Charles Stanley



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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.

Ninety-five percent of problems in life are due to the tone of voice.

It's not what we say, it's how we say it.
Just change the tone and see the change in life.

40+ WILL UNDERSTAND ...

- * Mom used to cut chicken, chop eggs and spread mayo on the same cutting board with the same knife and no bleach, but we didn't get food poisoning.
- * My Mom used to defrost hamburger on the counter AND I used to eat a bite raw sometimes, too. Our school sandwiches were wrapped in wax paper, in a brown paper bag, not in ice pack coolers, but I can't remember anybody getting E.coli.
- * Almost all of us would have rather gone swimming in the lake instead of a pristine pool (talk about boring), no beach closures then.
- * The term cell phone would have conjured up a phone in a jail cell, and a pager was the school PA system.
- * We all took gym, not PE... and risked permanent injury with a pair of high-top Ked's (only worn in gym) instead of having cross-training athletic shoes with air cushion soles and built-in light reflectors. I can't recall any injuries but they must have happened, because they tell us how much safer we are now....
- * Flunking gym was not an option... even for stupid kids! I guess PE must be much harder than gym.
- * Speaking of school, we all said prayers and sang the National Anthem, and staying in detention after school caught all sorts of negative attention. We must have had horribly damaged psyches.
- * What an archaic health system we had then. Remember school nurses? Ours wore a hat and everything, and she could even give you an aspirin for a headache or fever.
- * I thought that I was supposed to accomplish something before I was allowed to be proud of myself. I just can't recall how bored we were without computers, Play Station, Nintendo, X-box or 270 digital TV cable stations.
- * Oh yeah ... and where was the Benadryl and sterilization kit when I got that bee sting? I could have been killed!
- * We played 'king of the hill' on piles of gravel left on vacant construction sites, and when we got hurt, Mom pulled out the 48-cent bottle of Mercurochrome (kids liked it better because it didn't sting like iodine did) and then we got our butt spanked!

- * Now it's a trip to the emergency room, followed by a 10-day dose of a \$49 bottle of antibiotics, and then Mom calls the attorney to sue the contractor for leaving a horribly vicious pile of gravel where it was such a threat.
- * We didn't act up at the neighbor's house either, because if we did, we got our butt spanked there, and then we got butt spanked again when we got home. I recall Donny Reynolds from next door coming over and doing his tricks on the front stoop, just before he fell off. Little did his Mom know that she could have owned our house. Instead, she picked him up and swatted him for being such a goof.
- * To top it off, not a single person I knew had ever been told that they were from a "dysfunctional family". How could we possibly have known that we needed to get into group therapy and anger management classes? We were obviously so duped by so many societal ills, that we didn't even notice that the entire country wasn't taking Prozac! How did we ever survive?

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 Dalgleish (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.