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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

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: **Richard Kellam**

Song #703 I Love You with the Love of the Lord
 Song #47 Holy, Holy, Holy

Song #365 How Beautiful
Communion: Lance Hooten Derrick Dieken
 James West Joey Chastain Mark Eldridge
 Jordan Meeks

Song #31 Be Still and Know
Offering

Song #642 Let the Lower Lights Be Burning
 Song #634 We'll Work Till Jesus Comes

Message: **Rodney Britt**

Invitation Song #749 The Battle Belongs to the Lord
Closing Song Lord, Reign in Me

Closing Prayer: **Brad Chastain**

Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm **Richard Kellam**
Song Leader: **John McAree**

Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm
 The **Adult Class** meets in the **Auditorium**. There are three 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 **Dwana Winkler** for the month of **November**. *This class needs a teacher for December*. The **Youth Group (Summit)** meets in the **High School Room**, taught by **K.C. & Kassie Smith**.

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec. 15 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm
 Dec. 15 Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm
 Feb. 11-13 Aggies for Christ will be here

PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES

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

PRAYER LIST: (con't on Page 4)
Randell Resneder (leukemia), son of **Robert & Norma Resneder** (experiencing pain due to chemo)
Norma Resneder
Kassie Smith (migraines)
Cleta Hooten & Bobby Hooten (health issues)
Scott & Rachelle Hooten, Jake & Jordyn Hooten, and **Jordyn's mother, Amber** (need our continued prayers)
Frank Shelton, brother of **Brenda Hooten**, (doing better)
Barbara McAree (last chemo treatment done!)
Tina Smith (a fungus in her throat)
Tina Smith's mom, Laverne, recently had hip surgery and is having issues recovering from anesthesia.
Marvin Smith's mother (cirrhosis of the liver)
Richard Kellam's dad, Richard (prostate problems)
Richard Kellam's mother, Pat (in a nursing home for rehab)
Richard Kellam's neighbor, Jerry Varney (has cancer, treatments will start December 29th)
Tom Waters (cancer)
Matt Oualline (diabetes)
Claudia Wilk (recovering from spine surgery)
 The **Hamil's grandson Jake** is struggling with a drug problem. He also has some legal issues to deal with.
Clara Smith, mother of **Butch Smith** and grandmother of **K.C. Smith**, recently fell. She has several health issues as well. Her husband Durwood is trying to help her.
Kris Ivy (blood clots in his leg again)
Clyde Kempf's aunt, Bessie Carol (Covid, 83 years old, very low oxygen)
Jeremy & Melissa Ashlin new baby, **Caleb Wyatt Ashlin** (now at home)
Robert Resneder (COPD, on oxygen)
Darrell Kempf's wife, Kim Kempf (Cancer, having chemo treatments, possible stroke)
Jake Pickens (procedure to remove the blockage from his carotid artery)
Lisa Meek's sister, Vicki Summerlin (tests results look promising, she is really struggling)
Diana Boyer, please pray for reconciliation and peace for this family.
Evelyn & Roy Skinner, grandparents of **Pamela Higbee** (Roy is in the hospital, Evelyn is his sole care giver and she needs shoulder surgery)
Claudia Wilk reported on progress. She now has an infection in the incision site if her spine. Tests are being run. She also reported on her mother, **Jane Harman**. Jane is anemic and they are working with an oncologist to determine why. The will go over her bloodwork on Monday.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

Floyd Rogers, #1216373, Allred Unit, 2101 FM369 N, Iowa Park, TX 76367
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
Anna Hooten, 1010 Juneau Ave., Lubbock, TX 79416
Luke Hooten, 2227 S. 3rd St., Unit K, Waco, TX 76706
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 & Renée Funk, 1864 South Mountain Rd., Marshall, AR 72650
Jonny Knighton, College Edge Apts, #911, P.O. Box 911, Bryan, TX 77802 (Blinn College)
Knighton, Jason D. 8384, 527 I Avenue, Unit 2319, Sheppard AFB, TX 76311
Nita Tolison, 9142 W. Dreyfus Dr., Peoria, AZ 85381
Willie Tolison, (Group Home) 8648 W. Salter Dr., Peoria, AZ 85382
Wonda Banks, 219 PR 8515, Point, TX 75472
(Please give Linda Rawle any changes)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
12/05/21	101	\$4,330.69	\$3,000
12/12/21		\$	\$3,000
12/19/21		\$	\$3,000
12/26/21		\$	\$3,000

COUNTRY PREACHER

I remember the story about the old country preacher who had a teenage son, and it was getting time the boy should give some thought along the line of choosing a profession. Like many young men, then and now, the boy didn't really know what he wanted to do – and he didn't seem overly concerned about it.

One day, while the boy was away at school, his father decided to try an experiment. He went into the boy's room and placed on his study table these three objects: a Bible, a silver dollar, and a bottle of whiskey ...

"Now then," the old preacher said to him self, "I'll just hide behind the door here, and when my son comes home from school this afternoon, I'll see which of these three objects he picks up. If he picks up the Bible, he's going to be a preacher like me, and what a blessing that would be? If he picks up the dollar, he's going to be a businessman, and that would be okay too. But if he picks up the bottle, he's going to be a drunkard – a no-good drunkard, and Lord, what a shame that would be."

The old man was anxious as he waited, and soon he heard his son's footsteps as he came in the house whistling and headed back to his room. He deposited his books on the bed, as a matter of routine, and as he turned around to leave the room he spotted the objects on the table. With a curious set in his eye, he walked over to inspect them. What he finally did was, he picked up the Bible and placed it under his arm. He picked up the silver dollar and dropped it into his pocket. He uncorked the bottle and took a big drink ...

"Lord have mercy," the old man whispered, "He's gonna be a politician!"

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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CHURCH NEWS CONNECTION

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

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.

Communion supplies are available at the building. Ask Ken Player or Mike Willis for assistance with these supplies.

Funeral Food Hostesses for December:



Laura Oualline
 Brenda Stark
 Brenda Hooten

NEED 1 MORE VOLUNTEER



Correspondence Team for December

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

Please remember our members and their families currently serving in the military: **Chance Stone**, son of **Rheann Stone**, & **Savannah Wright**, niece of **Vivian Warren**, and **Jason Knighton**, son of **LeeAnn Knighton**.

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.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The **DECEMBER** meals will be prepared and served by the following people:

Dwanna Winkler	Katie Preast	Tina Smith
Randa Chastain	Lisa Meeks	

The next meal will be December 15 at 6:00 pm

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

- Worry is wasting energy on the things you can't control. Leave everything in God's hand. Think less, pray more.
- As you mend you move from needing help to giving help.
 ~Suzan Neeller



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Levi West - Dec. 13
K.C. Smith - Dec. 14
Randa Chastain - Dec. 15
Devon McCasland - Dec. 18

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS PARTY

The Annual Christmas Party will be next Sunday Night. We will have a devotional before we indulge in all the delicious food that will be brought from many of the families in attendance.

We will have the traditional Chinese Gift Exchange. Please bring a wrapped gift to exchange. The limit is \$20.

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

There will be **NO** Wednesday Night Meal on **Dec. 22** or on **Dec. 29**. We **will have** our devotional and classes on those two nights.

NEW BEGINNINGS

Miss Kenna Kellam moved to Oklahoma yesterday to begin her new position as Girls Youth Leader at The Park church of Christ in Broken Arrow, Oklahoma (not Broken Bow, in my defense they are kinda alike - Bow & Arrow!)

Her address is Kenna Kellam, Cedar Ridge Apartments, 11100 E. 96th St. S., Unit #933, Tulsa, OK 74133.

FEAR NOT, FEAR NOT

Fear not the Angel did say
I bring glad tidings of **GREAT** Joy
Fear Not, Fear Not **TODAY**

FEAR NOT, FEAR NOT

Fear not the Angel did say
For unto you a **SAVIOR** is born
Fear Not, Fear Not **TODAY**

FEAR NOT, FEAR NOT

Fear not the Angel did say
Get up and go to Bethlehem
And see where the **BABE** doth lay

FEAR NOT, FEAR NOT

Fear not the Angel did say
Lift your voice in Praise to God
Fear Not, Fear Not Today

~Charley Stark

Snowflakes to Heaven at Christmas

I send this snowflake
With a hug and a kiss,
To those in Heaven that I love and miss.
I'm sharing this snowflake
In loving memory of my loved ones
Who have passed away.
I miss you; I think about you every day.
I will never forget you.

LIFE IS SO SHORT.

We spend so much time sweating the small stuff; worrying, complaining, gossiping, comparing, wishing, wanting and waiting for something bigger and better, instead of focusing on all the simple blessings that surround us everyday.

Life is so fragile and all it takes is a single moment to change everything you take for granted. Focus on what's important and be grateful! You are blessed! Believe it! Live your life and leave no regrets.

~Author unknown

Time

Is still the best answer,

Forgiveness

Is still the best pain-killer, and

God

Is still the best healer.

You're going to come in contact with an awful lot of people who are at their absolute breaking point this week. Friends, family, co-workers, teachers, strangers in the grocery store, retail workers. While it may be the merriest time of the year for some, it may be the saddest, most stressful, loneliest, most heartbreaking for others.

We're all busy. But we're not too busy to be kind, caring, and patient. Remember the best thing you can give someone this season is love.

~Amy Weatherly

WINDSHIELD WIPER LESSON FROM A CHILD

One rainy afternoon I was driving along one of the main streets of town, taking those extra precautions necessary when the roads are wet and slick. Suddenly, my son Matthew spoke up from his relaxed position in the front seat. "Mom, I'm thinking of something." This announcement usually meant he had been pondering some fact for a while and was now ready to expound all that his seven-year-old mind had discovered. I was eager to hear "What are you thinking?" I asked.

"The rain," he began, "is like sin and the windshield wipers are like God, wiping our sins away." After the chill bumps raced up my arms I was able to respond. "That's really good, Matthew." Then my curiosity broke in. How far would this little boy take this revelation? So I asked, "Do you notice how the rain keeps on coming? What does that tell you?" Matthew didn't hesitate one moment with his answer: "We keep on sinning, and God just keeps on forgiving us."

I will always remember this whenever I turn my wipers on. Isn't it comforting to know that God does keep forgiving us?

Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus. I Thessalonians 5:16-18

- Those times when you feel like quitting can be times of great opportunity, for God uses your troubles to help you grow. ~Warren Wiersbe
- This Christmas, give yourself permission to be silent, to be still. To be with your family, with your children, with God. To be filled instead of drained. You do not - I repeat - YOU DO NOT HAVE TO DO EVERYTHING THE WORLD TELLS YOU TO. ~Jenny Albers
- Never let the things you want make you forget the things you have. ~becomingminimalist
- In nature, we see where God has been. In our fellow man, we see where He is still at work.
- With the power of God within us, we need never fear the powers around us. ~Woodrow Kroll
- You have permission to walk away from anything that doesn't feel right. Trust your instincts and listen to your inner-voice - it's trying to protect you. ~Bryant McGill
- Pause and remember - At any moment you have the power to say "this is enough" and radically change the course of your destiny. Have the faith and courage to follow your heart's calling. ~Jenni Young



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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.

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 streamed service.

People come into your life for a reason, a season or a life-time. When you know which one it is, you will know what to do for that person. When someone is in your life for a REASON, it is usually to meet a need you have expressed. They have come to assist you through a difficulty, to provide you with guidance and support, to aid you physically, emotionally or spiritually. They may seem like a godsend and they are. They are there for the reason you need them to be.

Then, without any wrongdoing on your part or at an inconvenient time, this person will say or do something to bring the relationship to an end. Sometimes they die. Sometimes they walk away. Sometimes they act up and force you to take a stand. What we must realize is that our need has been met, our desire fulfilled, their work is done. The prayer you sent up has been answered and now it is time to move on.

Some people come into your life for a SEASON, because your turn has come to share, grow or learn. They bring you an experience of peace or make you laugh. They may teach you something you have never done. They usually give you an unbelievable amount of joy. Believe it, it is real. But only for a season!

- Time decides whom you meet in life, your heart decides who you want in your life, and your behavior decides who stays in your life.
- Be careful with your words. Once they are said, they can be only forgiven, not forgotten.
- Be willing to change your behavior. If you keep doing what you're doing, you'll keep getting what you're getting.
- Trials & tribulations are guaranteed. But when you are in Him, HE WILL carry you through!!
- F-E-A-R has two meanings: 'Forget Everything and Run,' or 'Face Everything and Rise.' The choice is yours. ~Zig Ziglar
- Sometimes all you need is faith as big as a mustard seed, and God will do the rest.

Prayer List: (continued from Page 1)

- Benny Hearne, Linda May's** brother (ongoing health issues)
- Jay Sikes (Brenda Hooten's** nephew, and the father of **Debbie Ivy's** daughter-in-law)
- Debbie Ivy** requested prayers for **James Duran** (on a list for a heart transplant)
- Troy Funk**, son of **Rene' Funk** and children need our prayers after the loss of his wife and their mother, **Naomi.**
- Dianne Willis' brother-in-law, Roger Hooten** (immunotherapy to battle cancer)
- Kay Gabbard's** sister, **Rayma Farmer** (cancer has spread to lymph nodes)
- Tony Spalding** (cancer in his tonsils)
- Richard's** cousin, **Debbie Gordon** (cancer has returned)
- LeeAnn Knighton** (cirrhosis of the liver, she is the mother of **Jonny and Jason Knighton**)
- Max Lucado**, author and minister (has an ascending aortic aneurism)
- Willie and Nita Tolison** (Willie has Dementia and Covid, and has been moved to a group home in Arizona, and Nita (health issues) has also been moved to Arizona. (see page 2)
- Jason Brumit**, infant son of **Alyshea & Dylan Brumit** (had a bad reaction to his 2 month vaccinations)
- Tom & Lana Waters' granddaughter Christina Ron Jr. and Tim Yarborough**, whose mother **Wanda** is a member at the Emory church, are having difficulty handling the loss of their father.
- Doug and Joan Morgan**, friends of **Joey Chastain** (both been diagnosed with cancer)
- Pamela Higbee's friend, Carol**, is struggling with depression.
- Mary Hunter**, the wife of **Derek Hunter, Danny Meeks friend** (mini-strokes, problems with her oxygen levels)
- Carrie May's** daughter, **Jessica Anderson**, had back surgery and **Carrie** will be staying with them for a couple of months.