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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:**

**Mike Willis**

**Song Leader:**

**John McAree**

Song #153 Come Let Us Worship and Bow Down  
Song #578 We Will Glorify

Song #324 Alas, and Did my Savior Bleed

**Communion:**

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

Song #779 I Love You, Lord

**Offering**

Song #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less  
Song #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord

**Message:**

**Richard Kellam**

Invitation Song #791 On Bended Knee

Closing Song #704 Bind Us Together

**Closing Prayer:**

**Robert Resneder**

**Third Sunday Singing at 6:00 pm**

**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. 23 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm  
Sept. 23 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**  
**Dovie Coats** (heart issues)  
**Kassie Smith** (migraines)  
**Cleta Hooten** (health issues)  
**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) has been discharged from the hospital and is now at home. She still has a long rehabilitation ahead of her.  
**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)  
**Lisa Meeks'** dad, **Leon Summerlin**, passed away last Thursday afternoon a few hours after going home from the hospital. Our prayers are being lifted up for the family, but they have the assurance that he is no longer in pain, and is with his Heavenly Father.  
Please remember our members currently **servicing in the military: Chance Stone, Savannah Wright, Justin Redmon.**

**Inspirational Christmas Poem**

Christmas gift suggestions:  
To your enemy, forgiveness.  
To an opponent, tolerance.  
To a friend, your heart.  
To a customer, service.  
To all, charity.  
To every child, a good example.  
To yourself, respect.

By Oren Arnold

**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	70	\$3,827	\$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).

Do what is right, not what is easy. ~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!**

Larry Hooten - Dec. 20  
 Kathryn Howerton - Dec. 20  
 Boots Hooten - Dec. 22

**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.

- It's so easy to be distracted by one wrong thing that we can often miss out on many right things. ~Lysa TerKeurst
- Jesus isn't trying to expose you to put shame on you. He's trying to expose the sin that has its chains around you. ~Lysa TerKeurst
- Today's disappointment is making room for tomorrow's appointment. ~Lysa TerKeurst
- We can't let fears or worries over tomorrow steal our joy for today. ~Lysa TerKeurst

### THE CHRISTMAS PAGEANT

My husband and I had been happily married (most of the time) for five years but hadn't been blessed with a baby. I decided to do some serious praying and promised God that if he would give us a child, I would be a perfect mother, love it with all my heart and raise it with His word as my guide.

God answered my prayers and blessed us with a son. The next year God blessed us with another son. The following year, He blessed us with yet another son. The year after that we were blessed with a daughter. My husband thought we'd been blessed right into poverty. We now had four children, and the oldest was only four years old. I learned never to ask God for anything unless I meant it. As a minister once told me, 'If you pray for rain, make sure you carry an umbrella.'

I began reading a few verses of the Bible to the children each day as they lay in their cribs. I was off to a good start. God had entrusted me with four children and I didn't want to disappoint Him. I tried to be patient the day the children smashed two dozen eggs on the kitchen floor searching for baby chicks. I tried to be understanding ... when they started a hotel for homeless frogs in the spare bedroom, although it took me nearly two hours to catch all twenty-three frogs.

When my daughter poured ketchup all over herself and rolled up in a blanket to see how it felt to be a hot dog, I tried to see the humor rather than the mess.

In spite of changing over twenty-five thousand diapers, never eating a hot meal and never sleeping for more than thirty minutes at a time, I still thank God daily for my children.

While I couldn't keep my promise to be a perfect mother - I didn't even come close ... I did keep my promise to raise them in the Word of God.

I knew I was missing the mark just a little when I told my daughter we were going to church to worship God, and she wanted to bring a bar of soap along to 'wash up' Jesus, too.

Something was lost in the translation when I explained that God gave us everlasting life, and my son thought it was generous of God to give us his 'last wife.'

My proudest moment came during the children's Christmas pageant. My daughter was playing Mary, two of my sons were shepherds and my youngest son was a wise man. This was their moment to shine. My five-year-old shepherd had practiced his line, 'We found the babe wrapped in swaddling clothes.' But he was nervous and said, 'The baby was wrapped in wrinkled clothes.' My four-year-old 'Mary' said, 'That's not 'wrinkled clothes,' silly. That's dirty, rotten clothes.' A wrestling match broke out between Mary and the shepherd and was stopped by an angel, who bent her halo and lost her left wing.

I slouched a little lower in my seat when Mary dropped the doll representing Baby Jesus, and it bounced down the aisle crying, 'Mama-mama.' Mary grabbed the doll, wrapped it back up and held it tightly as the wise men arrived. My other son stepped forward wearing a bathrobe and a paper crown, knelt at the manger and announced, 'We are the three wise men, and we are bringing gifts of gold, common sense and fur.'

The congregation dissolved into laughter, and the pageant got a standing ovation. 'I've never enjoyed a Christmas program as much as this one,' laughed the pastor, wiping tears from his eyes. 'For the rest of my life, I'll never hear the Christmas story without thinking of gold, common sense and fur.'

'My children are my pride and my joy and my greatest blessing,' I said as I dug through my purse for an aspirin.

Try praying before you over think. ~TobyMac

### EVERY DAY IS CHRISTMAS

(Cute family poem for kids)

Every day is Christmas  
When you have the kind of mind,  
That stores up all the goodness  
And the sweetness it can find.  
When you don't need an occasion,  
To spread a bit of cheer,  
But just keep on a-giving,  
Of yourself throughout the year.

Every day is Christmas,  
With a gaily wrapped surprise,  
When you've learned  
To see the friendship,  
In someone else's eyes.  
When you try a little harder,  
And complain a little less,  
Holding fast to all the fervor  
Of the faith that you possess.

Every day is Christmas,  
When you've found that you can be  
More concerned with words like "you"  
And less with "I" and "me".  
When it's fun to do a favor,  
And to lend a helping hand,  
When being understood means less,  
Than when you understand.

Every day is Christmas,  
With a beauty deeply cast,  
When you find it doesn't matter,  
If you're first or if you're last.  
When you can face your conscience,  
And be glad of what you are,  
Then every day is Christmas,  
With a stable and a star.

### RAINS COUNTY ANGEL TREE

Another Angel Tree is in the books. We served 246 children in 108 families. COVID-19 really tested our patience. **Wesley** has been such a blessing in helping me. He has worked really hard.

Thanks to **Chris & Courtney Garner** for all their help with the bagging and sorting. And along with Wesley and the crew Chris rounded up, consisting of **Marvin Smith, Tommy Strong, Curtis Drake**, and Tina's niece, **ReAnn** helped with the distribution.

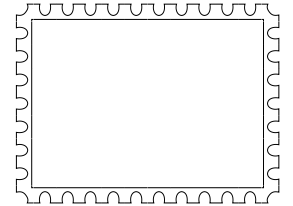
To lessen the exposure we had the people enter the line from the Highway 69 gate into the Fairgrounds and exiting from the exit on Highway 19. They lined up and Chris had his crew picking the gifts and loading them in their cars. No one exited their cars and with just a few hiccups, we were done by 3pm. Thanks for all your prayers and kind thoughts!

~Linda Rawle

- Be strong, but not rude. Be kind, but not weak. Be humble, but not timid. Be proud, but not arrogant.
- Lord, if it's not in your will let it slip through my grasp and give me the peace not to worry about it. ~Adela Joseph
- One of the best lessons you can learn in life is to master how to remain calm.



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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.

When something bad happens you have three choices.  
You can either let it define you, let it destroy you,  
or you can let it strengthen you.

~GodVine

### 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)  
**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)  
**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** (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)

- When you fall to your knees and ask God for help, don't forget to fall back to our knees and say thank you when He answers. ~unknown
- Sometimes you have to let go of the picture of what you thought life would be like and learn to find joy in the story you are actually living. ~Findyjoy.net
- The devil always fights the hardest when you are close to a breakthrough! Don't give up. Keep your eyes on Jesus. Keep moving forward. ~unknown
- No matter how we failed today, tomorrow we will wake up to new mercies. Isn't that amazing!? ~unknown
- Look around, and be thankful right now. For your health, your family, your friends, and your home. Nothing lasts forever. ~marcandangel
- If God knows why, I'm sure He also knows when, how and where. No buts, not what-ifs, just greater plans. ~unknown
- Quit letting who you were talk you out of who you're becoming. ~Bob Goff
- When a prayer becomes your habit, miracles become your lifestyle. ~unknown
- If you can trust a puzzle company to make sure every piece is in the box to complete the puzzle, then why can't you trust God that every piece of your life is there for a reason. ~unknown
- Your positive impact on the generations to come will be directly related to the ministry you have in that little place called home. ~Elisabeth Elliot
- Faith is trusting God even when you don't understand His plan. ~unknown