



Volume XXII, No. 11  
March 14, 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
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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:**

**Song Leader:**

**Lance Hooten  
Richard Kellam**

Song  
Song #453

Surround Us Lord  
Love Lifted Me

Song  
**Communion:**  
**Clint McAree**  
**Lance Hooten**

**Joey Chastain  
Jeff Oualline**

In Christ Alone  
**K.C. Smith  
Clyde Kempf**

Song #83  
**Offering:**

God Is So Good

Song  
Song #628

Magnificat  
Will You Not Tell It Today?

**Message:**

**Rodney Britt**

Invitation Song #948  
Song

I Am Resolved  
Lord, Reign in Me

**Closing Prayer:**

**John McAree**

**Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm**  
**Song Leader:**

**Richard Kellam  
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 **Vivian Warren**. The **Youth Group (Summit)** meets in the **High School Room**, taught by **K.C. & Kassie Smith**.

**PRAYER REQUESTS & UPDATES**

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

**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)  
**Margie Carpenter**, sister of **Cleta Hooten** (stroke, in rehab)  
**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)  
**Jimmy Hooten**, the oldest son of **Boots & Dail Hooten**  
**Tina Smith** (radiation treatments five days a week)  
**Ken Player's** dad is back in the hospital, but he is improving  
**Drew Delany**, the **husband of Rodney Britt's niece** is in the hospital with Covid and pneumonia.  
Pray for the **Chastain family: Brad, Randa, Karlee and Ally; Joey, Wendy, Colton and Kayla**, and their aunt, **Betty Valentine**, in their loss.  
Our sympathy is with the **Cooper family** in the loss of their son, **Jake Cooper**, who passed away last week.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Mar. 17 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm  
Mar. 17 Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm  
Mar. 19 Arms of Hope Grocery Truck  
Mar. 21 Wedding Shower for Kourtney & Alex Ontiveros, at 2pm in the Fellowship Hall

**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 Dalgleish**, 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, Wolfforth, 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)  
 (Please give Linda Rawle any changes)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
03/07/21	91	\$8,047	\$3,000
03/14/21		\$	\$3,000
03/21/21		\$	\$3,000
03/28/21		\$	\$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](http://www.pointchurchofchrist.org).



**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**  
Terry Goen - Mar. 24



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**  
Walter & Jane Martin

Whatever helpless or hopeless situations around you ... turn your heart to God. ~Leah DiPascal

**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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**WE NEED VOLUNTEERS FOR THE FOLLOWING:**

Funeral Food Hostesses for **March and April**  
 Correspondence Team for **March and April:**

- Visitors Cards,
- Cards for those who are sick or shut in, and
- Cards for 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.

**ARMS OF HOPE GROCERY TRUCK**

The truck will be making a grocery run the week of **March 15-19**. Currently they need:

**Dishwashing Liquid, Paper Towels, Toilet Paper Mayo, and Mustard**

**WEDDING SHOWER**

There will be a wedding shower for **Kourtney and Alex Ontiveros next Sunday from 2pm-4pm** in the Fellowship Hall. Kourtney is the daughter of **Darrell and Shannon Honea**. They are registered at Target.

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

Some people are overcome by problems.  
 Others overcome problems. ~ Max Lucado

### THIRD SUNDAY ACTIVITIES

Our **Third Sunday Singing and Fellowship** is next **Sunday, Mar. 21 at 6 pm**. Please bring your favorite foods to snack on and share with everyone.

### CHURCH DIRECTORY

We need everyone to go home today and pull out your church directory. **Look at your page.**

*If your children are in High School and they look like babies - you need a new picture! If you don't have a page and picture in the directory - you need one!*

All new members need to get involved also so we can have a **REALLY** updated church directory.

See **Debbie Ivy** to get in the book!!!

### 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.

### LAKE COUNTRY HIGHER GROUND

The **Men's Climb** will be **April 8-11** and will be held at **Camp Focus Point** in Alba, TX.

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

Please be in prayer for these climbs. You can reference the web page - [www.highergroundlakecountry.org](http://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](mailto: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](mailto:nanajmk@yahoo.com).

### WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The March meals will be prepared and served by **Dianne Willis, Brenda Hooten, Linda Rawle, Rica Kellam, Diana Boyer and Kara McCasland**.

The meals will be served at 6:00 pm.

We may be overlooked by others,  
but we are handpicked by God. ~Lisa TerKeurst  
Faith is trusting God when you don't understand His Plan.

### THINK INSIDE THE BOX

"For 75 years, Finland's expectant mothers have been given a box by the state. It's like a starter kit of clothes, sheets and toys that can even be used as a bed. And some say it helped Finland achieve one of the world's lowest infant mortality rates."\* Since the 1930s these baby boxes have been helping and encouraging new moms. Neat idea, isn't it? Whose spirit isn't encouraged by a gift box in the mail, whether you have a need or not!

Years ago my friend (who loved stuffed bears) had six weeks of post-cancer radiation treatments scheduled. Though we lived far apart, I sent her a large box containing six wrapped bears to be opened at the beginning of each week of treatment. It took me several hours of planning, shopping, wrapping, and packing, but it gave my friend comfort and joy at a difficult time in her life. And it gave me joy to give her joy!

Many people are dealing with health and relationship challenges. The Covid crisis has magnified many of these issues and it's caused loneliness, life changes, and separation from family members.

We serve a God who can give us creative and unique ways to encourage others. Furthermore, when we encourage others, we encourage ourselves! Why don't you pray this week and ask God if there is someone you can encourage: a lonely senior, a struggling young family, an aging parent, a new empty-nester, a handicapped child, an out-of-work friend. Then use your God-given creativity to bless them with a gift box, a card, a text, a phone call, a gift certificate, or something else!

It's part of Christian fellowship:

"Rejoice with those who rejoice, mourn with those who mourn." Romans 12:15

"If one part [of the body of Christ] suffers, every part suffers with it; if one part is honored, every part rejoices with it." 1 Corinthians 12:26

"Be kind and compassionate to one another." Ephesians 4:32

"Encourage one another and build each other up." 1 Thessalonians 5:11

We're specifically told to help those who are persecuted and mistreated.

"Continue to remember those in prison as if you were together with them in prison, and those who are mistreated as if you yourselves were suffering." Hebrews 13:3

\* "Why Finnish Babies Sleep in Cardboard Boxes,"

BBC News

~1-Minute Bible Love Notes

### WORDS

Lord let my words be soft and sweet,  
For sometimes words we later eat.  
May they not have a bitter taste,  
Not spoken in moments of haste.  
Not words that tear, break or bend,  
But words that heal, repair and mend.  
May kindly words now always be,  
The kind of words that come from me.  
And may I learn to bite my lip,  
When unkind words begin to slip.

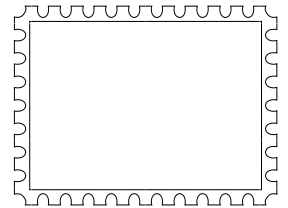
Lord give me a spirit like that of the dove,  
That my words will be always spoken in love.

~Submitted by Jackie Pickens



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Tom Water's Email:	tommywaters64@yahoo.com
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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 we pray God hears more than we say,  
answers more than we ask, gives more than we imagine ...  
in His own time and His own way.

### AN ATHEIST'S VIEW ON LIFE

I will live my life according to those beliefs  
 God does not exist  
 It is just foolish to think  
 That there is a God with a cosmic plan  
 That an all-powerful God brings redemption and healing  
 to the pain and suffering in the world  
 Is a comforting thought, however  
 It  
 Is only wishful thinking  
 People can do as they please without eternal consequences  
 The idea that  
 I am deserving of Hell  
 Because of sin  
 Is a lie meant to make me a slave to those in power  
 "The more you have, the happier you will be"  
 Our existence has no grand meaning or purpose  
 In a world with no God  
 There is freedom to be who I want to be  
 But with God  
 Everything is fine  
 It is ridiculous to think  
 I am lost and in need of saving

**A CHRISTIAN'S VIEW ON LIFE**  
(now read this from bottom to top)

### 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)  
**Nancy Prather Smith**, a friend of **Jennifer Hill Phyllis Disotell**, niece of **Larry, Dail, and Teddy Joe Hooten**  
**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 Dagleish** (prayers for smooth pregnancy and delivery)  
**Naomi Funk**, daughter-in-law of **Renee Funk** (cancer spread, in a lot of pain as a result)

- If you don't go after what you want, you'll never have it. If you don't ask the answer is always no. If you don't step forward you're always in the same place.
- Life is short so don't hold back. Forgive like you have amnesia, believe like a kid, love like crazy, and be yourself.
- Get your fire back. It's not over until God says it's over. Start believing again. Start dreaming again. Start pursuing what God put on your heart.