



Volume XXII, No. 17
April 25, 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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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:

Song Leader:

**K.C. Smith
Richard Kellam**

Song #238/239 You Are The Song/In Moments Like These
Song #359 I Love the Lord

Song In Christ Alone

Communion:

Shannon Sheppard Jeff Oualline Alan Little
Joey Chastain Mark Seglem Jeff Howerton

Song #705 A Common Love

Offering

Song Lord, Reign in Me
Song #627 There's a Royal Banner

Message:

Rodney Britt

Invitation Song

In Need

Closing Song #87

Sing Amen

Closing Prayer:

Bobby Hooten

Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm

Song Leader:

**Danny Meeks
Richard Kellam**

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** now has students in this age group and we need a teacher. 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. 28 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm
Apr. 28 Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm
May 23 Senior Sunday

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** brother-in-law, 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)

Our sympathy goes out to the family of **Jeffery Galay**, his wife, **Amy**, sons **Joe and Stone**, in-laws, **Wayne & Diana Wolf**.

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 (Higher Ground)	86	\$3,218	\$3,000
04/18/21 (Higher Ground)	95	\$2,905	\$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**.

- Sometimes people will hear you better if you speak with a voice of compassion instead of authority. They long to be **understood** more than to be lectured. ~Dodinsky
- Don't ignore truth for your temporary happiness. ~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

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.

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**.

There is no power over the wicked one without depth in the Word of God. ~unknown

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!

Carley Hill - April 26
Matt Oualline - April 27
John McAree - April 28
Vivian Warren - April 28
Shay McAree - May 1



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Darrell & Shannon Honea - April 28

THE OBSTACLE IN OUR PATH

In ancient times, a King had a boulder placed on a road-way. Then he hid himself and watched to see if anyone would remove the huge rock. Some of the king's wealthiest merchants and courtiers came by and simply walked around it. Many loudly blamed the King for not keeping the roads clear, but none did anything about getting the stone out of the way.

Then a peasant came along carrying a load of vegetables. Upon approaching the boulder, the peasant laid down his burden and tried to move the stone to the side of the road. After much pushing and straining, he finally succeeded. After the peasant picked up his load of vegetables, he noticed a purse lying in the road where the boulder had been. The purse contained many gold coins, and a note from the King indicating that the gold was for the person who removed the boulder from the roadway.

The peasant learned what many of never understand – Every obstacle presents an opportunity to improve our condition.

RULES OF THREE

Three things to govern - temper, tongue and conduct.
Three things to cultivate - courage, affection, gentleness.
Three things to command - thrift, industry, and promptness.
Three things to despise - cruelty, arrogance, and ingratitude.
Three things to desire - health, friends, and contentment.
Three things to admire - dignity, gracefulness and intellect.
Three things to practice - faith, hope and charity.

~Carl Flowers

- God hears your prayer. He delights when we come to him and ask him to help us. God is never deaf to your prayers. ~unknown

SOME THINGS ARE MORE IMPORTANT

SON: "Daddy, may I ask you a question?"

DAD: "Yeah sure, what is it?"

SON: "Daddy, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "That's none of your business. Why do you ask such a thing?"

SON: "I just want to know. Please tell me, how much do you make an hour?"

DAD: "If you must know, I make \$100 an hour."

SON: "Oh! (With his head down)"

SON: "Daddy, may I please borrow \$50?"

The father was furious.

DAD: "If the only reason you asked that is so you can borrow some money to buy a silly toy or some other nonsense, then you march yourself straight to your room and go to bed. Think about why you are being so selfish. I don't work hard every day for such childish behavior."

The little boy quietly went to his room and shut the door. The man sat down and started to get even angrier about the little boy's questions. How dare he ask such questions only to get some money? After about an hour or so, the man had calmed down, and started to think: Maybe there was something he really needed to buy with that \$50 and he really didn't ask for money very often. The man went to the door of the little boy's room and opened the door.

DAD: "Are you asleep, son?"

SON: "No daddy, I'm awake."

DAD: "I've been thinking, maybe I was too hard on you earlier. It's been a long day and I took out my aggravation on you. Here's the \$50 you asked for." The little boy sat straight up, smiling.

SON: "Oh, thank you daddy!"

Then, reaching under his pillow he pulled out some crumpled up bills. The man saw that the boy already had money, started to get angry again. The little boy slowly counted out his money, and then looked up at his father.

DAD: "Why do you want more money if you already have some?"

SON: "Because I didn't have enough, but now I do. Daddy, I have \$100 now. Can I buy an hour of your time? Please come home early tomorrow. I would like to have dinner with you." The father was crushed. He put his arms around his little son, and he begged for his forgiveness.

It's just a short reminder to all of you working so hard in life. We should not let time slip through our fingers without having spent some time with those who really matter to us, those close to our hearts. Do remember to share that \$100 worth of your time with someone you love? If we die tomorrow, the company that we are working for could easily replace us in a matter of days. But the family and friends we leave behind will feel the loss for the rest of their lives. And come to think of it, we pour ourselves more into work than to our family.

Some things are more important.

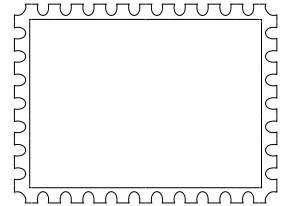
SENIOR SUNDAY

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.



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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.

God has placed you where you're at in this very moment for a reason, remember that, and trust He is working everything out!
~unknown

3 Ways to Avoid "Friendly Fire" in the Church

Don't let anyone talk you out of God's plans and purposes for your life...

Perhaps the saddest fatalities in any war are those caused by friendly fire. And perhaps the saddest hindrance to Christian growth is also "friendly fire." There was a time when that friendly fire came in the form of rigid, self-righteous, hypocritical judgment, but that's rare today.

I think the most common friendly fire in the Church today comes in the form of downplaying Kingdom work or holiness.

In war, friendly fire comes from the gun of a frightened, confused, or uninformed soldier. The dead or wounded soldier never sees it coming because he trusts his comrade.

When Christian friends talk us out of something God is guiding us to do, they are also frightened, confused, or uninformed about godly priorities and sacrifices.

That's why we must be careful to:

1. Test our thoughts/ideas/plans against the truths of Scripture (2 Timothy 3:16-17).
2. Ask for prayer from those who are more dedicated than we are (Ephesians 6:18).
3. And then, just do it! (James 1:22)

~Bible Love Notes

- We please God most, not by frantically trying to make ourselves look good, but by throwing ourselves into His arms with all our imperfections, and believing that He understands everything and loves us still. ~unknown
- God never does anything accidentally, and He never makes mistakes. ~Rick Warren

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 Dagleish** (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.

- Just for today, keep it simple. Don't be so hard on yourself. Look at your life for all you have gained rather than lost. Look at your path for everything you have gotten through, rather than everywhere you think you should be. Celebrate rather than criticize. Experience rather than expect. See how that goes. Just for today. ~S.C. Lourie
- Forgiveness doesn't diminish justice; it just entrusts it to God. ~anonymous
- When a nation hurts it is time to hit our knees rather than pick up stones. ~Lisa Bevare