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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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Schedule of Services:

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| 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: **Matt Oualline**
Song Leader: **Scott Hooten**

Song #429 O to Be Like Thee
 Song #97 I Sing Praises

Song #332 Lead Me to Calvary

Communion:
 Shannon Sheppard Charley Stark Mark Seglem
 Jeff Oualline Mike Willis Brian Sherrin

Song #781 Thank You Lord
Offering

Song #869 We're Marching to Zion
 Song #449 Thy Word

Message: **Richard Kellam**

Invitation Song #940 Only a Step
 Song #881 Mansion Over the Hilltop

Closing Prayer: **John McAree**

Sunday Evening Worship at 6:00 pm **Ken Player**
Song Leader: **Richard Kellam**

Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm
 There is an **Adult Class** that meets in the **Auditorium**. There are three children's classes on Wednesday nights. The **Toddler Class** is taught by **Randa Chastain**. The **Preschool to 2nd Grade** is taught by **Sharon Eldridge**. The **3rd-5th Grade Class** needs a teacher for January. 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.

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**.

PRAYER LIST: (con't on Page 4)

Randell Resneder (leukemia), son of **Robert & Norma Resneder** (experiencing pain due to chemo)
Norma Resneder
Robert Resneder (COPD, on oxygen)
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's mom, Laverne (having issues recovering from anesthesia after surgery)
Marvin Smith's mother (cirrhosis of the liver)
Richard Kellam's neighbor, Jerry Varney (having cancer, treatments)
Tom Waters (cancer)
 The **Hamil's** grandson **Jake** (struggling with a drug problem, also has some legal issues)
Clara Smith, mother of **Butch Smith** and grandmother of **K.C. Smith** (recently fell, also has several health issues as well)
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**
Darrell Kempf's wife, Kim Kempf (Cancer)
Lisa Meek's sister, Vicki Summerlin (really struggling)
Diana Boyer (please pray for reconciliation and peace for this family)
Evelyn & Roy Skinner, grandparents of **Pamela Higbee** (health issues, both need our prayers)
Jane Harman fell last week. She has 4 cracked ribs, a fractured spine, and her right lung is partially collapsed. She has been moved to Hunt Regional Medical Center for rehab.
Linda May's son-in-law, Quinn (Covid)
Joey Chastain has Covid - for the third time. He has some underlying conditions as well. His brother, **Brad Chastain**, asked for prayers for Joey's health.
Ken Hare, husband of **Rene Funk**, has fallen again. This time he had a brain bleed, and had surgery in Springfield last Friday. He is stable at this time.
Baby Jason Brumit who has been in NICU for 130 days got to go home a week ago. Praise God for answered prayers.
Danny Meeks brother Steve, tore some muscles around his rib cage and is having spasms that make him unable to talk.
Leon Clark, father of **John Troy**, has had to have more stints.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

Floyd Rogers, #1216373, Allred Unit, 2101 FM369 N, Iowa Park, TX 76367
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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 & Reneé 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, Shepard AFB, TX 76311
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Wonda Banks, 219 PR 8515, Point, TX 75472
Kenna Kellam, Cedar Ridge Apartments, 11100 E. 96th St. S., Unit #933, Tulsa, OK 74133
 (Please give Linda Rawle any changes)

| | <u>Attendance</u> | <u>Offering</u> | <u>Budget</u> |
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| 12/05/21 | 101 | \$4,330.69 | \$3,000 |
| 12/12/21 | 97 | \$4,397 | \$3,000 |
| 12/19/21 | 98 | \$3,092 | \$3,000 |
| 12/26/21 | 95 | \$3,288 | \$3,000 |

CONTRIBUTIONS

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kenna Kellam - Jan. 2



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Mark & Sharon Eldridge - Jan. 5
 Alex & Kourtney Ontiveros - Jan. 8

UPCOMING EVENTS

Jan. 4-6 Fruitvale Church of Christ, Lectureship
 Jan. 5 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm
 Jan. 5 Wednesday Night Bible Study, 7 pm
 Feb. 11-13 Aggies for Christ will be here

**FRUITVALE CHURCH OF CHRIST
 2022 RESOLVE LECTURSHIP**

Fruitvale Church of Christ beginning Tuesday night, January 4 through Thursday, January 6 at 7 pm. The theme is **RESOLVE TO SEEK THE LOST**. The speaker is Hiram Kemp. There is a flyer on the Bulletin Board with more information.

It's not about being right, it's about having a right relationship with Jesus. ~Krista Williams

WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

| | |
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| 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

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| Dail Hooten | Richard Kellam | Larry Hooten |
| Lance Hooten | | Brad Chastain |

COMMITTEES

Building Use and Activities Committee:

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| Ken Player | Robert Resneder |
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Construction Committee:

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| Wayne Garner | Bobby Hooten |
| Dail Hooten | Larry Hooten |

Finance Committee:

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| Lance Hooten | Alan Little | Mike Willis |
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CHURCH NEWS CONNECTION

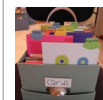
To be added to the group – **Text your name and cell phone number to Jake Pickens 903-456-3445.**

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 JANUARY:
 NEED 4 VOLUNTEERS**



Correspondence Team for JANUARY
 Monday Morning Breakfast Ladies - Visitors
NEED A VOLUNTEER – Sick
 Dianne Willis - Encouragement

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The **WEDNESDAY NIGHT** meals will resume this Wednesday. The following people will be in charge:

Laura Oualline Stephanie Garner Lisa Clark
Kay Gabbard Candace West

The next meal will be January 5 at 6:00 pm

NEW BROTHER IN CHRIST

Tyler Clark was recently baptized. He is the step-son of Lisa Clark.

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.

- Lord, if it's not your will let it slip through my grasp and give me the peace not to worry about it.
- Do not pray for tasks equal to your powers. Pray for power equal to your tasks. ~Phillips Brooks
- God, help me see through the clouds of my circumstances so I can bask in the light of your love. ~Lysa TerKeurst
- We've got to remember ... fullness comes to us when we remember to be WITH Him before going out to serve Him. ~Lisa TerKeurst

CULTURAL CONFORMITY

When culture accepts moral values that oppose the Bible, Christians face increasing pressure to conform. The pressure is especially strong when a close friend or family member chooses an ungodly lifestyle.

If you haven't had a loved one "come out," or become a "wilderness wanderer," or choose a "sexually immoral lifestyle," you're in the minority.

Because we have God's Spirit, Christians are able to care deeply for people who reject our values, but most people who reject Christian values also reject Christians. That puts increased pressure on us to conform in order to please our loved ones.

But true believers must stand firm, remembering that it isn't loving to approve of lifestyles that damage people's souls (1 Corinthians 6:9-20). Popularity with friends and family must always take a back seat to sharing God's truths accurately and honestly (1 Thessalonians 2:3-4).

Throughout history, God's people have been pressured to conform to culture, and sometimes the pressures are extremely strong because they come from loved ones.

We need to remember what it means to be Christ's servant:

"Am I now trying to win the approval of human beings, or of God? Or am I trying to please people? If I were still trying to please people, I would not be a servant of Christ." Galatians 1:10

~Bible Love Notes

FALTERING IN TIMES OF TROUBLE

When culture strongly challenges Christianity, we discover that many professing Christians were Christians in name only. They are not willing to face persecution.

Those of us who genuinely love the Lord are also challenged. It would be a lie to say that taking a stand is easy. It's not. But we believed the Lord when He said:

"Whoever wants to be my disciple must deny themselves and take up their cross and follow me." ~ Jesus, Matthew 16:24

When we became believers, we counted the cost. (Luke 14:25-33) We understood that those who refuse to take up their cross and follow Christ are "not worthy" of Him and cannot be His disciple. (Matthew 10:38; Luke 14:27)

We believed the warning in 2 Timothy 3:12 that says "everyone who wants to live a godly life in Christ Jesus will be persecuted."

We understood that "if [we] falter in a time of trouble, how small is [our] strength." (Proverbs 24:10)

At the same time, we also grasped this very important truth: We are too weak to do it in our own strength. But we don't have to do it in our own strength. Our Lord assures us:

"My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness." 2 Corinthians 12:9

~Bible Love Notes

NEW LADIES' BIBLE CLASS ON WEDNESDAY NIGHTS

The new **Ladies' Class** on Wednesday nights meets in the **Fellowship Hall**. **Dianne Willis** is leading the class as we study **Hebrews A Better Blend** by Leah C. Adams.

One of her endorsements said: "Leah's modern and personal look at the book of Hebrews offers a look at love, legacy, and faith in a God who never fails." ~Brooke Keith

Leah has also written a Bible Study, *From the Trash Pile to the Treasure Chest: Creating a Godly Legacy*.

Don't wait for things to get better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now, otherwise you'll run out of time.

HOW WAS YOUR DAY?

(What a powerful message!)

Me: God, can I ask you a question?

God: Sure.

Me: Promise you won't get mad?

God: I promise.

Me: Why did you let so much stuff happen to me today?

God: What do you mean?

Me: Well, I woke up late.

God: Yes.

Me: My car took forever to start.

God: Okay.

Me: At lunch they made my sandwich wrong and I had to wait.

God: Hmmm.

Me: On the way home my phone went dead just as I picked up a call.

God: Okay.

Me: And on top of all that, when I got home I just wanted to soak my feet in my new foot massager and relax, but it wouldn't work!!! Nothing went right today! Why did you do that?

God: Well, let me see. The Death Angel was at your bed this morning and I had to send one of the other angels to battle him for your life. I let you sleep through that.

Me: (humbled): OH ...

GOD: I didn't let your car start because there was a drunk driver on your route that would have hit you if you were on the road.

Me: (ashamed)

God: The person who made your first sandwich today was sick and I didn't want you to catch what he has. I knew you couldn't afford to miss work.

Me: (embarrassed): Ok ...

God: Your phone went dead because the person who was calling was going to give false witness about what you said during that call. I didn't even let you talk to them so that you would be covered.

Me: (softly) I see, God.

God: Oh, and that foot massager had a short that was going to throw out all of the power in your house tonight. I didn't think you wanted to be in the dark.

Me: I'm sorry God.

God: Don't be sorry. Just learn to trust me in all things, the good and the bad.

Me: I will trust you.

God: And don't doubt that MY plan for your day is always better than your plan.

Me: I won't, God. And let me just tell you God, thank you for everything today.

God: You're welcome, child. It was just another day being your God, and I love looking after my children.

Keep this going if you believe in HIM!
You never know who needs to receive this message.
Have a blessed day!



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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.

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. 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

NOW THAT I'M OLDER, HERE'S WHAT I'VE DISCOVERED:

1. I started out with nothing, and I still have most of it.
2. My wild oats are mostly enjoyed with prunes and all-bran.
3. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
4. Funny, I don't remember being absent-minded.
5. If all is not lost, then where the heck is it?
6. It was a whole lot easier to get older, than it was to get wiser.
7. Some days, you're the top dog, some days you're the hydrant.
8. I wish the buck really did stop here; I sure could use a few of them.
9. Kids in the back seat cause accidents.
10. Accidents in the back seat cause kids.



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)
- 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)
- 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.

11. It is hard to make a comeback when you haven't been anywhere.
12. The world only beats a path to your door when you're in the bathroom.
13. If God wanted me to touch my toes, he'd have put them on my knees.