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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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Tom Waters	903-473-0167

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

**ORDER OF WORSHIP  
THIS WEEK'S SCHEDULE**

\*\*\*Please silence your phones before worship\*\*\*

Sunday Morning Bible Classes at 9:00 am  
Sunday Morning Worship at 10:00 am

Announcements & Prayer: **K.C. Smith**  
Song Leader: **Scott Hooten**

Song #4 To God Be the Glory  
Song #296 We Have Come into His House

Song #364 Come, Share the Lord

**Communion:**  
Gary Williams Scott Hooten Jeff Oualline  
Derrick Dieken Mark Eldridge Hunter Warren

Song #31 Be Still & Know  
**Offering**

Song #470 Victory in Jesus  
Song #578 We Will Glorify

**Message:** **Richard Kellam**

Invitation Song #907 Hark the Gentle Voice  
Song #1001 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

**Closing Prayer:** **Brad Chastain**

**NO Sunday Evening Worship Service tonight**

**Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm**  
There is an **Adult Class** that meets in the **Auditorium**. There is also a **Ladies' Class** in the **Fellowship Area**. There are three children's classes on Wednesday nights. The **Toddler Class** is taught by **Kari Smith**. The **1st through 5th Grade Classes** is taught by **Candice West**. The **Youth Group (Summit)** meets in the **High School Room**, taught by **K.C. & Kassie Smith**.

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec 28 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm  
Dec 28 Wednesday Night Devotional & Classes, 7 pm  
Dec 31 Annual New Years Eve Fellowship

**PRAYER LIST: (con't on Page 4)**

**Diana Boyer** has asked for prayers for her daughter, **Cassandra**, her husband, and the **Treadway family**. They are having marital problems.

**Tom Waters** (prostate cancer)

**Alan Little** (prostate cancer)

**Jackie & Jakie Pickens** (several health issues)

**Jimmy Hamrick**, the brother of **Gary Williams** (needs prayers)

**Kassie Stone** is having trouble with her implants for the relief of migraines. She is thinking of having them removed.

**Danny Meeks'** friend, **Anthony Bradberry**, had a heart issue several weeks ago and has been in the hospital.

**Wayne Garner** has been able to get his Chemo treatments.

**Matt Oualline's** cousin, **Linda Barnett** is in the hospital.

**Lisa Clark's** mother-in-law, **Ellawayne Clark**, has been in the hospital with fluid on her lungs.

**Debbie Ivy** has asked for prayers for her niece, **Chantay Stevens**, daughter of **Marcoleta Stevens**, has been diagnosed with breast cancer. She will have surgery Dec. 28.

**Rosita Rivers**, a lady the Monday Morning Ladies know from Don's, has strep throat.

Prayers are requested for **Marvin Smith** and his 11 year old grandson, **Tucker Henderson**.

**Jamie Rogers** has cancer, and one of her sons has terminal cancer. She also has two other sons.

**Ed White**, who has visited with us and wants to place membership, had to triple-bypass surgery and is in the hospital in Denton.

**Butch Smith's** parents, **Durwood and Clara**, are both in a rehab facility because they both have Covid.

**Gary Stone**, husband of Rheann Stone, has had knee surgery.

**Holly Stark**, the 5 month old niece of Charley & Brenda Stark has RSV.

**Carrie May's**, 3 yr old granddaughter **Piper**, is in the hospital with a bad bacterial infection in her eye socket.

**Martin Fenter**, a cousin of **Brenda Hooten**, passed away after a short battle with cancer.

**Robert Resneder** has been diagnosed with cancer within his bronchial area. It is small and contained, and was caught early. Radiation is the most likely course, but immunotherapy is also a possibility. He sees the doctor Dec. 29.

**Norma Resneder** thinks her jaw may be infected.

**Norma Resneder's** mother, **Imogine Davis**, has heart failure and pneumonia.

**IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:**

**Floyd Rogers**, #1216373, Allred Unit, 2101 FM369 N, Iowa Park, TX 76367  
**Kris & Shea Ivy**, 4102 CR 3221, Lone Oak, TX 75453  
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**Anna Hooten**, 1010 Juneau Ave., Lubbock, TX 79416  
**Linda Higgins**, 3400 Miles Rd. apt 2006. Sachse, Tx 75048  
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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  
**Rodney & Paula Britt**, 6046 21st Century Dr., Charlestown, IN 47111

(Please give Linda Rawle any changes)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
11/06/22	100	\$3,647	\$3,000
11/13/22	104	\$4,422	\$3,000
11/20/22	103	\$4,647	\$3,000
11/30/22	91	\$3,209	\$3,000

**CONTRIBUTIONS**

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

**DECEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS**

The **Wednesday night** meals are served at **6:00 pm**. The following women are responsible for the meals next month.

**Dwanna Winkler    Katie Preast    Barbara McAree**  
**Randa Chastain    Lisa Meeks**

Their last meal is **Dec. 28.**

**JANUARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS**

The **Wednesday night** meals are served at **6:00 pm**. The following women are responsible for the meals next month.

**Dianne Willis    Brenda Hooten    Linda Rawle**  
**Reba Kempf    Candice West**

Their first meal is **Jan. 4.**

**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

Cleta Hooten - Dec. 30  
 Sharon Eldridge - Dec. 30  
 Shannon Honea - Dec. 31



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

Danny & Lisa Meeks - Dec. 29



**ANNUAL NEW YEAR'S EVE PARTY**

We will be having our **Annual New Year's Eve Party** this year on **December 31**. Please bring your favorite food for New Year's Eve and share with everyone else. We will also have dominoes, and if you have a favorite game, bring it with you!

**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	Lance Hooten	Larry Hooten
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**COMMITTEES**

**Building Use and Activities Committee:**

Ken Player	Robert Resneder
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**Construction Committee:**

Wayne Garner	Larry Hooten
Dail Hooten	

**Finance Committee:**

Lance Hooten	Alan Little	Mike Willis
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**SEEKING A NEW PERSON FOR THE CHURCH NEWS CONNECTION**

**Jake Pickens** is wanting to train someone else to help with doing the Church News to alert people via the internet. If you can help with this it would be greatly appreciated!

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

**Funeral Food Hostesses for Jan.-Feb. NEED 4 VOLUNTEERS**



**Correspondence Team for Jan.-Feb.**  
 Monday Morning Breakfast Ladies - Visitors  
**NEED A VOLUNTEER** – Sick/home bound  
 Dianne Willis - Encouragement



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

T'was the night before Christmas,  
 God glanced over the earth.  
 He looked to and fro, All over it's girth.  
 They missed it again He said With a sigh,  
 A heavy heart and a tear in His eye.  
 I gave them my son, so they could be free.  
 My greatest gift, To them from me.  
 They traded me in for a man in red,  
 A little tree, and a horse drawn sled.  
 How do I save them, And make them see me.  
 My love is complete, My grace is free.  
 How do I help them, When all they know  
 Is a talking snowman, and a box with a bow.  
 Maybe next year they will stop and see  
 The biggest gift of Christmas  
 Is a little child from me.

~Author unknown

**ONE ...**

One tree can start a forest; One smile can begin a friendship; One hand can lift a soul; One word can frame the goal; One candle can wipe out darkness; One laugh can conquer gloom; One hope can raise your spirits; One touch can show you care; One life can make the difference, Be that ONE today.

## THE LAST DAY OF CHRISTMAS

On the last day before Christmas, I hurried to go to the supermarket to buy the remainder of the gifts I didn't manage to buy earlier. When I saw all the people there, I started to complain to myself: "It is going to take forever here and I still have so many other places to go. Christmas really is getting more and more annoying every year. How I wish I could just lie down, go to sleep and only wake up after it."

Nonetheless, I made my way to the toy section, and there I started to curse the prices, wondering if, after all, kids really play with such expensive toys. While looking in the toy section, I noticed a small boy of about five years old, pressing a doll against his chest. He kept on touching the hair of the doll and looked so sad. I wondered who was this doll for.

"Granny, are you sure I don't have enough money?" The old lady replied: "You know that you don't have enough money to buy this doll, my dear." Then she asked him to stay here for five minutes while she went to look around. She left quickly. The little boy was still holding the doll in his hand. Finally, I started to walk toward him and I asked him who did he want to give this doll to." "It is the doll that my sister loved most and wanted so much for this Christmas. She was so sure that Santa Claus would bring it to her." I replied to him that maybe Santa Claus will bring it to her, after all, and not to worry. But he replied to me sadly. "No, Santa Claus cannot bring it to her where she is now. I have to give the doll to my mother so that she can give it to her when she goes there."

His eyes were so sad while saying this. "My sister has gone to be with God. Daddy says that Mommy will also go to see God very soon, so I thought that she could bring the doll with her to give it to my sister." My heart nearly stopped. The little boy looked up at me and said: "I told daddy to tell mommy not to go yet. I asked him to wait until I came back from the store."

Then he showed me a very nice photo of himself, where he was laughing. He then told me: "I also want mommy to take this photo with her so that she will not forget me. I love my mommy and I wish she didn't have to leave me but daddy says that she has to go to be with my little sister." Then he looked again at the doll with sad eyes, very quietly.

I quickly reached for my wallet and took a few notes and said to the boy, "What if we checked again, just in case you have enough money?" "Ok" he said. "I hope that I have enough." I added some of my money to his without him seeing and we started to count it. The little boy said: "Thank you God for giving me enough money." Then he looked at me and added. "I asked yesterday before I slept for God to make sure I have enough money to buy this doll so that mommy can give it to my sister. He heard me. I also wanted to have enough money to buy a white rose for my mommy, but I didn't dare to ask God too much. But He gave me enough to buy the doll and the white rose. You know, my mommy loves white roses."

A few minutes later, the old lady came again and I left. I finished my shopping in a totally different state from when I started. I couldn't get the little boy out of my mind. Then I remembered a local newspaper article two days ago, which mentioned a drunk man in a truck who hit a car where there was one young lady and a little girl. The little girl died right away, and the mother was left in a critical state. The family had to decide whether to pull the plug on the life-assisting machine, because the young lady would not be able to come out of the coma that she was in. Was this the family of the little boy?

Two days after this encounter with the little boy, I read in the newspaper that the young lady had passed away. I couldn't stop myself and went to buy a bunch of white roses and I went to the mortuary where the body of the young woman was laid for people to see and make a last wish before burial. She was there, in her coffin, holding a beautiful white rose in her hand with the

photo of the little boy and the doll placed over her chest. I left the place crying, feeling that my life had been changed forever. The love that this little boy had for his mother and his sister is still, to this day, hard to imagine. And in a fraction of a second, a drunk man had taken all this away from him.

~author unknown

## THANKSGIVING AT CHRISTMAS

One of my favorite books in the Old Testament is the book of Habakkuk. I'm especially drawn to it as we enter the Christmas season. Christmas is a time for being thankful as we remember that Jesus was born to be our Savior, and that whatever challenges or confusion we might face in our lives, we can be thankful for God's gift to us.

The prophet Habakkuk didn't understand what God was up to or why He was taking so long to fix the terrible situations that God's people were facing. Those who have been part of God's family for a while know that figuring out what God is doing can sometimes be very challenging. And isn't the time we are living in now more than a little confusing?

Like many of us today, Habakkuk was confused. He was asking: Why God? Why this? Why now? What are You up to? Many of us today might feel like he did. We just can't figure out what God is up to. I recently had a member of my congregation approach me and complain that "God seems so unfair." There seemed no solution for what he was going through. And this is exactly how Habakkuk felt.

But the last three verses of Habakkuk show that he found a way to live with his uncertainty:

"Though the fig tree should not blossom  
And there be no fruit on the vines;  
Though the yield of the olive should fail  
And the fields produce no food;  
Though the flock should be cut off from the fold,  
And there be no cattle in the stalls,  
Yet I will exalt in the Lord,  
I will rejoice in the God of my salvation.  
The Lord God is my strength,  
And He has made my feet like hinds' feet,  
And makes me walk on my high places."  
(Habakkuk 3:17-19)

Habakkuk was thankful in the midst of all his questions. He praised God despite his confusion. In this Christmas season, let us remember to always give thanks to God for the gifts He has given. For He is at work even when we cannot see it. We can find joy by trusting Him in every circumstance.

With thankfulness for all God's gifts,  
For His kingdom,

*Tony Evans*

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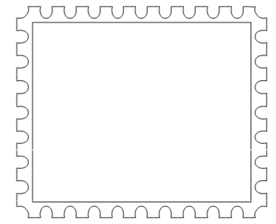
Be sure to visit the church website for lots of information:  
[www.pointchurchofchrist.org](http://www.pointchurchofchrist.org).

- It's impossible to get in shape spiritually when you only exercise your faith on Sundays. ~unknown
- There is not enough room in your mind for both worry and faith. You must decide which one gets to live there. ~TobyMac
- The hardest thing in life is to know which bridge to cross and which to burn. ~unknown



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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.

### Prayer List: (continued from Page 1)

**Charley & Brenda Stark's** great-niece, **Brittany Stark** (cancer)  
**Brenda Stark's** sister, **Tammy Krantz** (cancer, doing radiation and chemo)  
**Darrell Kempf's** wife, **Kim Kempf** (Cancer and many other health issues)  
**Dianne Willis' brother-in-law, Roger Hooten** (cancer has metastasized into both lungs) Please pray for **Roger & Shirley**, and their **family**.  
**Odell & Cindy Rushing's** baby, **Walker** (back in the hospital until further notice)  
**Richard Kellam's** neighbor, **Jerry Varney** (cancer)  
**Doug & Joan Morgan, friends of Joey Chastain** (both have cancer)  
**Lacy Coker**, a friend of **Randa Chastain** (colon cancer)  
**Linda Sustaire** (chemo for breast cancer)  
**Kassie Smith** (migraines)  
**Kassie Smith's** friend, **Justin Myers** (asked for prayers, no details given)  
**Kassie Smith's** friend, **Adrian** (is having a tough time and needs prayers)  
**Kassie Smith's** friend, **Christian Bostick**, son of **Brian Bostick** (going to go to a GI Specialist)  
**Kassie Smith's** friends, **Lacy & Bud Oldham** (are expecting a baby, her water broke early, staying hospitalized until 36 weeks)  
**Tonja Rollings, Kay Gabbard's** niece (needs prayers)  
**Marvin Smith's** mother (cirrhosis of the liver)  
**Tommy Gaston** (works at Potts Gas, has problems with his back and legs)  
**Megan Higbee, daughter of Pam Higbee**, (stomach problems)

### Prayer List: (continued from Page 1)

**David Davidson, Pat Lawson's** brother (blood clots in his legs and some other issues)  
**Randa Chastain's** uncle, **Eugene Edwards** (had another biopsy of his brain, results were sent to other doctors)  
**Nan & John Satterwhite** (dealing with health issues)  
**Debbie Ivy's** daughter-in-law, **Mary Ann's** mother, **Nancy Pham** (has fluid around her lungs and isn't doing well at all)  
**Reba Kempf's** nephew, **Noah** (may have brain damage on the left side of his brain)  
**Gary Williams' neighbor's** 12 year old daughter, **Katie** (Juvenile Diabetes, requiring four shots a day)  
**Richard Stark, Charley's** brother (now at home in Rehab)  
**Amelia Taylor**, the one year old daughter of a friend of **Candice West**, is in Children's Hospital with a respiratory illness.  
**Randa Chastain's** friend **Emmie Logan**, is showing signs of Parkinson's. Emmie's mother passed away with Parkinson's.  
**Carrie May's** niece's husband, **Joe Klich**, had a serious epileptic seizure while they were on an RV trip in Mexico.

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

### LESSONS FROM A CHRISTMAS TREE



Be a light in the darkness.  
 We all fall over sometimes.  
 You can never wear too much glitter.  
 Bring joy to others.  
 Sparkle and twinkle as often as possible.  
 It's okay to be a little tilted.