



Volume XXV, No. 2
January 8, 2023



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:		
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 begins

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

Announcements & Prayer: Tom Waters
Song Leader: K.C. Smith

Song Blue Skies and Rainbows
Song #538 My Hope Is Built on Nothing Less

Song #701 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Communion: Alan Little
Brad Chastain John Higbee
Matt Oualline Jake Hooten Lance Hooten

Song #474 Thank You Lord
Offering

Song #123 The Steadfast Love of the Lord
Song #162 All Hail the Power of Jesus Name

Message: Richard Kellam

Invitation Song #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord
Song #87 Sing Amen

Closing Prayer: Danny Meeks

Sunday Evening Worship at 6 pm Donny Weimar
Tennessee Bible College
Song Leader: Richard Kellam

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

Jan 11	Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm
Jan 11	Wednesday Night Devotional & Classes, 7 pm
Jan 18	Third Sunday Singing, 6 pm
Jan 29	Fifth Sunday Potluck, noon
Jan 29	Fifth Sunday Prayer Service, 6 pm

PRAYER LIST: (con't on Page 4)

Tom Waters (prostate cancer)
Alan Little (prostate cancer)
Jackie & Jakie Pickens (several health issues)
Jimmy Hamrick, the brother of **Gary Williams** (needs prayers)
Matt Oualline's cousin, **Linda Barnett** is in the hospital.
Lisa Clark's mother-in-law, **Ellawayne Clark** (now at home, aortic valve replacement surgery in the near future)
Debbie Ivy's niece, **Chantay Stevens**, daughter of **Marcoleta Stevens** (surgery went well)
Butch Smith's parents, **Durwood and Clara** (are both in a rehab center with Covid)
Holly Stark, the 5 month old niece of **Charley & Brenda Stark** (has RSV)
Carrie May's 3 yr. old granddaughter, **Piper** (bad bacterial infection in her eye socket)
Robert Resneder (cancer in his bronchial area; continues testing in a couple of weeks)
Norma Resneder (repeat infections in her jaw)
Norma Resneder's mother, **Imogene Davis**, has heart failure and pneumonia.
Ed White (triple-bypass surgery)
Prayers are asked for **Jamie Rogers** (cancer, and one of her sons who has terminal cancer)
Clyde & Reba Kempf are both not feeling good. **Clyde** has COPD and is now dealing with flu-like symptoms. **Reba** is coughing a lot and has a high fever.
Margie Jacobs is now at home after being in the hospital with Covid. She is still so weak she can't walk, but she is working at getting stronger. Her son **JP Jacobs** is staying with her.
Wayne Garner will be having surgery on Jan. 24 at UTSW. It will take 4 hours and he will be in the hospital 5-7 days afterward.
Prayers are asked for **Marvin Smith** and his 11 yr. old grandson, **Tucker Henderson**.
Johnny Knighton is on a mission trip to Neema Village in Tanzania, Africa with the Aggies for Christ Group. They will be working in an orphanage. Please keep this group in your prayers for a safe and successful trip.

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

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

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(Please give Linda Rawle any changes)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
01/01/23	114	\$4,285	\$3,000
01/08/23		\$	\$3,000
01/15/23		\$	\$3,000
01/22/23		\$	\$3,000
01/29/23		\$	\$3,000

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

JANUARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The **Wednesday** night meals are served at **6:00 pm**. The following women are responsible for the meals next month.
Laura Oualline Brenda Stark Lisa Clark
JoAnn Hamil Pam Higbee
 The next meal is Jan. 11



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

William Hass - Jan. 13



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Alex & Kourtney Ontiveros - Jan. 8

- God doesn't work on our timetables – He works on our hearts. ~Ann Voskamp
- Strengthen yourself. Receive courage and strength from the Holy Spirit. Take your heart into a place where it can be touched by God. ~Graham Cooke
- Satan's target is your mind and his weapon is lies. Fill your mind with God's Word. ~TobyMac
- A few honest moments spent with God have the power to change everything. ~Lysa TerKeurst
- God's plan for your life is a lot better than the one you've been working on. ~the worthiest
- Characterize people by their actions and you will never be fooled by their words. ~unknown
- Choosing to stay strong isn't fake, it's Faith. ~Whitney Capps

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	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
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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 903-456-3445.**



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 NEED A VOLUNTEER - Encouragement

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

NEWSLETTER

Lisa Clark has graciously agreed to take over the Newsletter the first of the year. Lisa has lots of experience after teaching in the field of computer technology for over 35 years. She is currently Technology Director at Rains ISD. I appreciate her willingness to fill this position.

Due to illness of both of us Lisa has not been given a chance to learn about the Newsletter. Hopefully this week!

Linda Rawle

Be sure to go to the Point Church of Christ Facebook Page and "Like." There is also a Point Church of Christ Updates & Events Page

Be sure to visit the church website for lots of information: www.pointchurchofchrist.org.

- If you think you've blown God's plan for your life, rest in this. You, my beautiful friend, are not that powerful.
- Things money can't buy: manners, morals, respect, character, common sense, trust, patience, class, integrity, love. It also cannot buy your Salvation! Thank you, Jesus for paying that price!

IS THIS A RELIGIOUS BELIEF OR A HUMAN RIGHTS BELIEF?

On January 22, 2023, we celebrate the fact that *Roe vs. Wade* was **not** able to celebrate its 50th year of forcing states to allow abortions for any and every reason. Today and the next three Wednesdays in January our devotions will address important aspects of abortion. Our prayer is that our readers will have the courage to speak God's truth when the subject of abortion comes up in conversations.

Recently I read an argument by a professing Christian who opposed the overturning of *Roe vs. Wade*. He said it's wrong for Christians to expect a secular government to legislate religious beliefs.

What constitutes a "religious belief"?

Religious beliefs are things uniquely tied to a particular faith. For example, if a government forced citizens to do Hindu chants or be baptized in Christ, they would be legislating a religious belief.

However, some religious beliefs are also human rights beliefs. For example, Hinduism, Islam, and Christianity all teach that one person shouldn't be able to steal another person's possessions, and most non-religious people agree.

When laws deny human rights, they violate Christian beliefs (Matthew 7:12), but they also violate basic human rights beliefs. Slavery was a violation of human rights, and so is abortion. ⁽¹⁾

If making laws against abortion is "legislating religious beliefs," so is making laws against rape, theft, child abuse, false testimony, and the murder of born people.

The passages below make it clear that every Christian should be praying for and voting for legislation that prohibits abortion.

"Speak up for those who cannot speak for themselves; **ensure justice** for those being crushed." Proverbs 31:8

"Rescue those being led away to death; hold back those staggering toward slaughter. If you say, 'But we knew nothing about this,' does not he who weighs the heart perceive it? Does not he who guards your life know it? Will he not repay everyone according to what they have done?" Proverbs 24:11-12

For brief, "non-religious" answers to pro-abortion arguments, see Pro-life Replies. For example, this site features a 5-minute reply to the false argument that abortion is a constitutional right.

For more confirmation, see:

What Scripture Says About Abortion
Matthew 7:21; Luke 12:47; James 4:17

⁽¹⁾ Pro-abortion groups often promote the lie that overturning *Roe* will lead to laws that force women to die instead of getting an abortion. That's completely false. That restriction has never been proposed by any legitimate pro-life group, and abortions for the life of the mother have been allowed in the U.S. for hundreds of years.

~Bible Love Notes

THIRD SUNDAY SINGING & FELLOWSHIP

We will be having a Fellowship Meal tonight after our Singing. Please bring your favorite snack and let's enjoy a time of Fellowship together.

- You will never influence the world by trying to be like it.
~TobyMac
- He who is hurried by worry delays the comfort of God.
~ Ann Voskamp

SATAN'S MEETING

Satan called a worldwide convention of demons. In his opening address he said, "We can't keep Christians from going to church. We can't keep them from reading their Bibles and knowing the truth. We can't even keep them from forming an intimate relationship with their savior. Once they gain that connection with Jesus, our power over them is broken. So let them go to their churches; let them have their covered dish dinners, but steal their time, so they don't have time to develop a relationship with Jesus Christ."

"This is what I want you to do, said the devil. Distract them from gaining hold of their Savior and maintaining that vital connection throughout their day!" "How shall we do this?" his demons shouted. "Keep them busy in the non-essentials of life and invent innumerable schemes to occupy their minds," he answered.

"Tempt them to spend, spend, spend, and borrow, borrow, borrow. Persuade the wives to go to work for long hours and the husbands to work 6-7 days each week, 10-12 hours a day, so they can afford their empty lifestyles. Keep them from spending time with their children. As their families fragment, soon, their homes will offer no escape from the pressures of work!"

"Over-stimulate their minds so that they cannot hear that still, small voice. Entice them to play the radio or cassette player whenever they drive to keep the TV, VCR, CDs and their PCs going constantly in their home and see to it that every store and restaurant in the world plays non-biblical music constantly. This will jam their minds and break that union with Christ."

"Fill the coffee tables with magazines and newspapers. Pound their minds with the news 24 hours a day. Invade their driving moments with billboards. Flood their mailboxes with junk mail, mail order catalogs, sweepstakes, and every kind of newsletter and promotional offering free products, services and false hopes."

"Keep skinny, beautiful models on the magazines and TV so their husbands will believe that outward beauty is what's important, and they'll become dissatisfied with their wives. Keep the wives too tired to love their husbands at night. Give them headaches too! If they don't give their husbands the love they need, they will begin to look elsewhere. That will fragment their families quickly!"

"Give them Santa Claus to distract them from teaching their children the real meaning of Christmas. Give them an Easter bunny so they won't talk about his resurrection and power over sin and death. Even in their recreation, let them be excessive ... have them return from their recreation exhausted. Keep them too busy to go out in nature and reflect on God's creation. Send them to amusement parks, sporting events, plays, concerts, and movies instead. Keep them busy, busy, busy!"

"And when they meet for spiritual fellowship, they leave with troubled consciences. Crowd their lives with so many good causes they have no time to seek power from Jesus. Soon they will be working in their own strength, sacrificing their health and family for the good of the cause. It will work! It will work!"

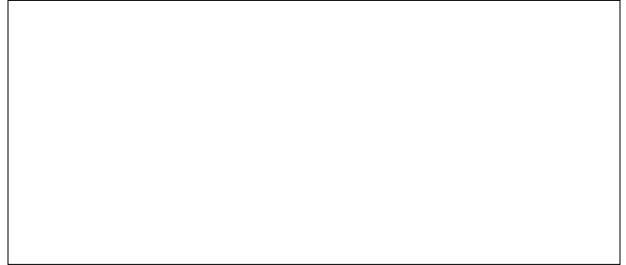
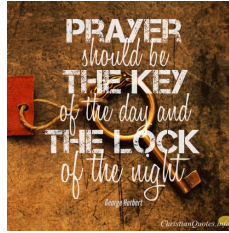
It was quite a plan! The demons went eagerly to their assignments causing Christians everywhere to having little time for their God or their families, having no time to tell others about the power of Jesus to change lives. I guess the question is, has the devil been successful at his scheme?

You be the judge! Does "busy" mean:

B-eing **U**-nder **S**-atan's **Y**-oke?



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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'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)
Kassie Stone is having trouble with her implants for the relief of migraines. She is thinking of having them removed.
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)
Amelia Taylor, the one year old daughter of a friend of **Candice West**, is in Children's Hospital with a respiratory illness.
Danny Meeks' friend, Anthony Bradberry (heart issue)
Randa Chastain's friend **Emmie Logan**, is showing signs of Parkinson's. Emmie's mother passed away with Parkinson's.
Diana Boyer has asked for prayers for her daughter, **Cassandra**, her husband, and the **Treadway family**. They are having marital problems.
Carrie May's niece's husband, **Joe Klich**, had a serious epileptic seizure, after not having one for a decade.
Please be in prayer for all those who are suffering from Covid, Flu, and Respiratory illnesses. There are so many that are suffering in hospitals and those at home.