



Volume XXV, No. 11
March 12, 2023

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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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

**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: **Scott Hooten**
Song Leader: **K.C. Smith**

Song #153 Come, Let Us Worship
Song #484 You Are My All in All

Song #701 My Jesus, I Love Thee

Communion:
Danny Meeks Gary Williams Charley Stark
Brian Sherrin Mark Seglem Joey Chastain

Song #72 Blessed Be the Lord God Almighty
Offering

Song #578 We Will Glorify
Song #31 Be Still and Know

Message: **Richard Kellam**

Invitation Song #63 I Will Call Upon the Lord
Song #38 Awesome God

Closing Prayer: **Brad Chastain**

Sunday Evening Worship at 6 pm
Song Leader: **Lance Hooten
Brad Chastain**

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

Mar 15 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm
Mar 15 Wednesday Night Devotional & Classes, 7 pm
Mar 19 Third Sunday Singing & Fellowship, 6 pm

PRAYER LIST: (con't on Page 4)

Tom Waters (prostate cancer)
Cleta Hooten (dementia)
Jackie & Jakie Pickens (several health issues)
Carrie May's 3 yr. old granddaughter, **Piper** (bad bacterial infection in her eye socket)
Robert Resneder is in Baylor Scott White hospital in Lake Pointe. As of Friday they had started IV antibiotics and given IV pain meds.
Norma Resneder (repeat infections in her jaw, fractures)
Norma Resneder's mother, **Imagine Davis** (heart failure and pneumonia)
Norma Resneder's brother, **Ken Arnold** (light stroke and leakage in his heart valves)
Wayne Garner (will start chemo treatments on March 14)
Prayers are asked for **Marvin & Tina Smith** and their 11 yr. old grandson, **Tucker Henderson**.
Ronnie Kinworthy (husband of one of Rica's co-workers, cancer has returned)
Vivian Warren's brother-in-law, **Bob Russell** (voice box cancer, on radiation and chemo)
Johnny Melton, neighbor of **Tom & Lana Waters** (lung cancer)
Nan & John Satterwhite (dealing with health issues)
Roger Hooten's chemo treatment is not working. They are working on another kind of treatment.
Aryanne Peckumn, Chris & Courtney Garner's daughter, is suffering from depression. Please pray for her.
Jake Hooten is struggling with some things and has reached out for help. Please pray for him.
Linda Wolfe, friend of **Jo Ann Hamil**, has cancer and facing more surgery. Please pray for her.
Rachelle Sherrin's birth mother, **Patti Davis**, passed away last Monday in Missouri.
Matthew Killough, nephew of **Jeanne Killough Botteicher**, has been diagnosed with metastatic melanoma. He lives in Lubbock. Please keep him and his family in your prayers.

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

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Kris & Shea Ivy, 4102 CR 3221, Lone Oak, TX 75453
AIC Stone, Chance C., 3075 B Juniper Street SW, McChord Field, WA 98439
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Rodney & Paula Britt, 6046 21st Century Dr., Charlestown, IN 47111
Cleta Hooten, Greenville Health and Rehab, Room 404A, 4910 Wellington Street, Greenville, TX 75401
Jeanne Killough Botteicher, 392 Spring Run Rd. Belleville, PA 17004

(Please give Lisa Clark any changes)

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
03/05/23	91	\$3,568	\$3,000
03/12/23		\$	\$3,000
03/19/23		\$	\$3,000
03/26/23		\$	\$3,000

CONTRIBUTIONS

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

MARCH WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The **Wednesday night** meals are served at **6:00 pm**.
 Dianne Willis, Brenda Hooten, Linda Rawle, Reba Kempf, and Candice West are responsible for the meals in March.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Katie Preast - Mar. 14
 Ashlie Stephan - Mar. 15

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.

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

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

WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

Good Samaritans	Stephanie Garner
Senior Suites & Rehab	Vivian Warren
Arms of Hope Cottage	Scott & Rachele 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 Mar-Apr:

NEED 4 VOLUNTEERS



Correspondence Team for Mar-Apr:

Monday Morning Breakfast Ladies - Visitors
NEED A VOLUNTEER – Sick/home bound
 Dianne Willis - Encouragement

THE SPELLING TEST

A woman arrived at the Gates of Heaven. While she was waiting for Saint Peter to greet her, she peeked through the gates. She saw a beautiful banquet table. Sitting all around were her parents and all the other people she had love, and who had died before her. They saw her and began calling greetings to her, "Hello, How are you? We've been waiting for you! Good to see you!"

When Saint Peter came by, the woman said to him, "This is such a wonderful place! How do I get in?" "You have to spell a word," Saint Peter told her. "Which word?" the woman asked. Saint Peter replied, "Love." The woman correctly spelled "Love" and Saint Peter welcomed her into heaven.

About a year later, Saint Peter came to the woman and asked her to watch the Gates of Heave for him that day. While the woman was guarding the Gates of Heaven, her husband arrived. "I'm surprised to see you," the woman said. "How have you been?"

"Oh, I've been doing pretty well since you died," her husband told her. "I married the beautiful young nurse who took care of you while you were ill. And, then I won the multi-state lottery. I sold the little house you and I lived in and bought a huge mansion. And, my wife and I traveled all around the world. We were on vacation in Cancun and I went water skiing today. I fell and hit my head – and here I am. What a bummer. How do I get in?"

"You have to spell a word," the woman told him.
 "Which word?" her husband asked.
 "Czechoslovakia."

THIRD SUNDAY SINGING & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday, **March 19**, will be our Third Sunday Singing and Fellowship time. Please make plans to attend, and bring your favorite food to share.

2023 SPRING HIGHER GROUND CLIMBS

The **Men's Climb** will be April 13-16 at Focus Pointe. Pray that the men who attend will leave with a renewed attitude for God. It will begin Thursday night, April 13 at 7:00 pm and end Sunday Morning after a worship service

The **Women's Climb** will be April 20-23 also at Focus Pointe. Pray that the women who attend will leave with a renewed attitude for God. It will begin Thursday night, April 20 at 7:00 pm and end Sunday Morning after a worship service.

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 us. He changes our relationship in the home and in the workplace. 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.

Higher Ground is a three-day event for "Climbers." It begins on Thursday evening at 7:00 pm and concludes on Sunday afternoon at 12:00 noon. During this time there will be many opportunities and challenges for each individual to examine themselves, to share with one another, to be encouraged by others, and to encourage others. Through times of worship, times of study, quiet times of reflection, and devotionals, each climber will find motivation and paths of spiritual growth.

JUST FOR FUN . . .

She's always late. Her ancestors arrived on the Juneflower.

I just got lost in thought. It was unfamiliar territory.

Nothing is foolproof to a sufficiently talented fool.

You can't have everything, where would you put it?

If the shoe fits, get another one just like it.

Seen it all, done it all, can't remember most of it.

When the chips are down, the buffalo is empty.

Everyone has a photographic memory. Some don't have film.

He who laughs last, thinks slowest.

Back up my hard drive? How do I put it in reverse?

I feel like I'm diagonally parked in a parallel universe.

He's not dead, he's electroencephalographically challenged.

Always be kind. If you see someone falling behind, walk beside them. If someone is being ignored, find a way to include them. If someone has been knocked down, lift them up. Always remind people of their worth. Be who you needed when you were going through hard times. Just one small act of kindness could mean the world to someone. ~unknown

WILL YOU GIVE THIS TO MY DADDY?

Last week I was in Atlanta, Georgia attending a conference. While I was in the airport, returning home, I heard several people behind me beginning to clap and cheer. I immediately turned around and witnessed one of the greatest acts of patriotism I have ever seen.

Moving through the terminal was a group of soldiers in their camos. As they began heading to their gate, everyone (well almost everyone) was abruptly to their feet with their hands waving and cheering.

When I saw the soldiers, probably thirty to forty of them, being applauded and cheered for, it hit me. I'm not alone. I'm not the only red-blooded American who still loves this country and supports our troops and their families.

Of course I immediately stopped and began clapping for these young unsung heroes who are putting their lives on the line everyday for us so we can go to school, work and home without fear or reprisal.

Just when I thought I could not be more proud of my country or of our service men and women, a young girl, not more than six or seven years old, ran up to one of the male soldiers. He kneeled down and said 'hi.'

The little girl then asked him if he would give something to her daddy for her.

The young soldier, who didn't look any older than maybe twenty-two himself, said he would try and what did she want to give to her Daddy. Then suddenly the little girl grabbed the neck of this soldier, gave him the biggest hug she could muster and then kissed him on the cheek.

The mother of the little girl, who said her daughter's name was Courtney, told the young soldier that her husband was a Marine and had been in Iraq for eleven months now. As the mom was explaining how much her daughter Courtney missed her father, the young soldier began to tear up.

When this temporarily single mom was done explaining her situation, all of the soldiers huddled together for a brief second. Then one of the other servicemen pulled out a military-looking walkie-talkie. They started playing with the device and talking back and forth on it.

After about 10-15 seconds of this, the young soldier walked back over to Courtney, bent down and said this to her, 'I spoke to your daddy and he told me to give this to you.' He then hugged this little girl that he had just met and gave her a kiss on the cheek. He finished by saying 'your daddy told me to tell you that he loves you more than anything and he is coming home very soon.'

The mom at this point was crying almost uncontrollably and as the young soldier stood to his feet, he saluted Courtney and her mom. I was standing no more than 6 feet away from this entire event.

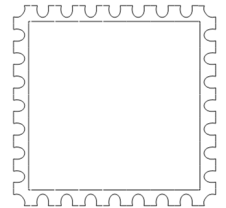
As the soldiers began to leave, heading towards their gate, people resumed their applause. As I stood there applauding and looked around, there were very few dry eyes, including my own. That young soldier in one last act of selflessness turned around and blew a kiss to Courtney with a tear rolling down his cheek.

We need to remember everyday all of our soldiers and their families and thank God for them and their sacrifices. At the end of the day, it's good to be an American.

An arrow can only be shot by pulling it backward. When life is dragging you back with difficulties, it means it's going to launch you into something great. So focus, and keep aiming.
~Bishop Dale C. Bronner



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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)
Richard Kellam's neighbor, **Jerry Varney** (cancer)
Doug & Joan Morgan, friends of **Joey Chastain** (cancer)
Lacy Coker, a friend of **Randa Chastain** (colon cancer)
Linda Sustaie (chemo for breast cancer)
Marvin Smith's mother (cirrhosis of the liver)
Megan Higbee, daughter of **Pam Higbee**
Danny Meeks' friend, **Anthony Bradberry** (heart issue)
Matt Oualline's cousin, **Linda Barnett** is in the hospital.
David Davidson, **Pat Lawson's brother** (blood clots)
Randa Chastain's uncle, **Eugene Edwards**
Diana Boyer has asked for prayers for her daughter, **Cassandra**, her husband, and the **Treadway family**.
Prayers are asked for **Jamie Rogers** (cancer, and one of her sons who has terminal cancer)
Butch Smith's parents, **Durwood and Clara** (are now at home)
Steve Stedham, cousin of **Danny Meeks** (lung cancer)

- Trying hard to live this, and stumbling a lot, so reminding myself as a new week begins: Intentions mean nothing and doing means everything - in work, in faith, in exercise, in service, in gratitude, in eating right, in forgiveness, in charity, in marriage, in parenting, in friendship, in love.
- Don't wait for things to get easier, simpler, or better. Life will always be complicated. Learn to be happy right now. Otherwise, you'll run out of time. ~unknown

DUST IF YOU MUST

Dust if you must, but wouldn't it be better
To paint a picture or write a letter,
Bake a cake or plant a seed,
Ponder the difference between want and need?

Dust if you must, but there's not much time,
With rivers to swim and mountains to climb,
Music to hear, and books to read,
Friends to cherish and life to lead.

Dust if you must, but the world's out there,
With the sun in your eyes, the wind in your hair,
A flutter of snow, a shower of rain.
This day will not come round again.

Dust if you must, but bear in mind,
Old age will come and it's not kind.
And when you go - and go you must -
You, yourself, will make more dust.
~Rose Milligan

Marriage Advice from 1886

- Let your love be stronger than your hate or anger.
- Learn the wisdom of compromise, for it is better to bend a little than to break.
- Believe the best rather than the worst.
- People have a way of living up or down to your opinion of them.
- Remember that true friendship is the basis for any lasting relationship. The person you choose to marry is deserving of the courtesies and kindnesses you bestow on your friends.
- Please hand this down to your children and your children's children: The more things change the more they are the same.
~Jane Wells (1886)