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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:

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

Song #1018 Joy to the World
Song #266 Majesty

Song #387 Tell Me the Story of Jesus

Communion:
Shannon Sheppard KC Smith Hunter Warren
Jeff Oualline Derrick Dieken Clyde Kempf

Song #83 God is So Good

Offering
Song #453 Love Lifted Me
Song #431 Break Thou the Bread of Life

Message: **Richard Kellam**

Invitation Song #997 O Come, All Ye Faithful
Song #1001 Hark! The Herald Angels Sing

Closing Prayer: **Larry Hooten**

Sunday Evening 6 pm **No Services**

Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm
Adult Class –Auditorium Ladies' Class –Fellowship hall
Toddler Class 1st – 5th Grade Class
Youth Group (Summit) - High School classroom

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec.27 **No Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm**
Dec.27 Wednesday Night Devotional & Classes, 7 pm
Dec. 31 New Years Eve Prayers & Fellowship

It is HIStory

Midnight tonight will watch Father Time walk into the past. His shoulders will be stooped and his white beard will hang to the floor as he exits the year twenty-twenty-three. The weight of the old year is heavy upon him. He leaves with the hope that the choices of the coming year will not be so heavy for the new year to come.

Enter the new born babe of twenty-twenty-four. **His** has no beard and he is bouncing with youth and enthusiasm for the new year. New choices will be made by so many people. Resolutions are made on January one. Most of them will be broken by January thirty-one. What will be added to your story when December thirty-one twenty-twenty-four approaches. So many of us will want to forget parts of what will occur in the coming year. Let the past be in the past. What choices will be made by individuals, groups of people, and our leaders that will weigh heavily on Father Time of twenty-twenty-four?

HIStory began so many centuries ago and has never weighed Father Time down. It is a story that can lighten the load of the world and perhaps, let Father Time exit the year with a bounce in his step and his shoulders straight.

Opportunities will arise for us to tell **His** story from birth to death. We can give hope to the coming year because **His** story will not stop with death, but begin with his resurrection and life for those who will listen to the "rest of the story". Christ's story gives the world hope. Earthly choices will have no effect on those of us who know **HIS**-tory from beginning to end.

Christ makes up a defensive team for his Bride the world can't penetrate. The devil has been defeated for us. **HIS**-tory doesn't promise twenty-twenty-four will be trouble free. James tells us to count it joy if we are troubled because of Christ. The rewards are far superior to the trouble the world can hand to us.

A Christian's moto comes from the great commission:

'Go tell HIStory'

~by JoAnn Hamil

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

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	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
12/03/23	109	\$4,170	\$3,000
12/10/23		\$	\$3,000
12/17/23		\$	\$3,000
12/24/23		\$	\$3,000
12/31/23			\$3,000

CHURCH NEWS CONNECTION

The Church News Connection is a messaging system that allows us to send out important information to all the church members quickly. This information is sent out via text so you will have the information on your phone in just a few minutes. If you are not receiving any of the messages or would like to have something sent out

Please contact any of the following people.
Chandra Cline 719-377-7300
Katie Preast 903-504-9955
Jake Pickens 903-456-3445

Interested in receiving church updates?

Here is how:

- 1) Download the Remind App (it is free)
- 2) Sign up for an account
- 3) Login to the App
- 4) Click on Add a Class and then select Join an existing class
- 5) Enter the following code - @637a27

Need more assistance?

Please see Katie Preast, Jake Pickens or Lisa Clark

WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION

Good Samaritans	Stephanie Garner
Church Historian (give pictures, articles, etc.)	Rica Kellam
Church Directory	Debbie Ivy
Visitation	Dianne Willis
Newsletter	Lisa Clark

DEACONS

Dail Hooten	Lance Hooten	Larry Hooten
John McAree	James West	

COMMITTEES

Building Use and Activities Committee:

Ken Player

Construction Committee:

Wayne Garner	Larry Hooten	Dail Hooten
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Finance Committee:

Lance Hooten	Alan Little	Mike Willis
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Funeral Food Hostesses:

Laura Oualline
 Brenda Stark
 Vivian Warren



Correspondence Team:

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



JANUARY WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The **Wednesday night** meals are served at **6:00 pm.**

**Laura Oualline Brenda Stark Lisa Clark
 JoAnn Hamil Amber Oualline**

are responsible for the meals in **JANUARY.**

Their **FIRST** meal will be Wednesday **January 3rd.**

December Schedule

		Message	Song Leader
Dec. 24	AM	Richard Kellam	Scott Hooten
	PM	No Service	
Dec. 31	AM	Richard Kellam	John McAree
	PM	New Years Eve Prayers & Fellowship	

Lord's Table

Shannon Shepard	KC Smith
Hunter Warren	Derrick Deiken
Jeff Oualline	Clyde Kempf

Pray with All Your
Heart Believe with All
Your Soul & You Will
See God Move

*Is anyone among you suffering? Let him pray. Is anyone cheerful? Let him sing praise.
Is anyone among you sick? Let him call for the elders of the church, and let them pray over him, anointing him with oil in the name of the Lord.*
James 5:13-14

PRAYERS ARE
A CONVERSATION
WITH GOD



PRAISES:

*“Rejoice always, pray without ceasing, in everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you.”
1 Thessalonians 5:16-17*

Butch Smith's father, **Durwood Smith** had a heart attack last Sunday. His heart was only functioning at 30 %. Doctors were able to put in another stent and he is now back at the nursing facility recovering.

SYMPATHY:

Please keeps the Morgan family in your prayers.

Doug Morgan has been on our prayer list for a while. He passed away last Saturday after a bout with cancer. They are friends of Joey and Wendy Chastain

SPIRITUALLY:

Tina Smith's sister **Natalia** and her son are both in need of our prayers.

Rea Daniels has asked for prayers.

Jackie Pickens praying for the Spirit to speak through her to those around her both family and friends.

Pam Higbee

Shala Campbell

Kandra Murphy has asked for our prayers

Higher Ground - Continued prayers for all our staff and climbers

Our Elders

Our Deacons

S.H.A.R.E

Please pray

.... for the situation in Israel.

.... our country.

.... our state.

.... our community.

.... our church.

Please pray for all of our leaders and the decisions they make.

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**.

Clyde Kempf's, mother, **Ozell Lipscomb**, was taken to Lake Pointe hospital in Rowlett with a possible stroke. When released, she will be moved to a rehab facility.

Diana Boyer's daughter, **Lara** has been having lots of neck pain for some time which bring on migraines. After many attempts to control the pain, they are sending her to a specialist. Please pray surgery is not needed.

Kadie Nowell and her four children, especially her two boys are in need of our prayers. Their father, **Jared Nowell**, died recently in a car accident. They are from Brownwood.

Marvin & Tina Smith

Billy McSweeny, cousin to **Debbie Ivy** is scheduled for surgery.

Nic Cline's father, **David Cline**, has been in the hospital and had surgery. He is doing some better.

Elaine Patterson, JoAnn Hamil's niece will have heart surgery in the near future after some tests to determine the kind of procedure that is needed.

Roger Hooten has been feeling well but numbers are up again.

Darrell Kempf's wife, **Kim Kempf** is home on hospice care.

Eric Smith, friend of **Richard** and **Rica** (amputation)

Floyd "Eddie" Rogers continued issues with his legs.

Nan & John Satterwhite (dealing with health issues)

Randa Chastain's uncle, **Eugene Edwards**

Roger and Shirley Hooten

Linda Rawle's brother has stage 4 cancer

Pam Higbee's sister-in-law's sister, **Annie** and neighbor, **Crystal**.

Patsy Brott, cancer

John Garrett, brain aneurism

Debbie Tolison, breast cancer

Ronnie Kinworthy cancer has returned

Linda Wolfe, friend of **Jo Ann Hamil**, cancer

Matthew Killough, metastatic melanoma

Israel Frelander, military unit

Brenda Stark's sister, **Tammy Krantz** (cancer)

Lacy Coker, a friend of **Randa Chastain** (colon cancer)

Linda Sustaire (chemo for breast cancer)

Marvin Smith's mother (cirrhosis of the liver)

Megan Higbee, daughter of **Pam Higbee**

Jamie Rogers (cancer, and son who has terminal cancer)

Tom Waters (prostate cancer)

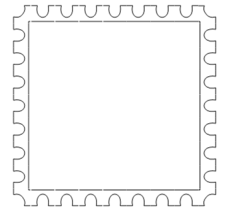
Cleta Hooten (dementia)

Jackie & Jackie Pickens (several health issues)

JESUS
Born as a baby
Preached as a child
Killed as a man
Arose as a victor
Coming back as the
KING



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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.



Take Note:

Upcoming activities:

Forest Song - Shiloh Rd. Jan. 26 & 27
AFC (Aggies For Christ) - Feb. 16 - 18
NETSYS Camp - Feb. 23 - 25
Spring Singing - March



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 30 - Clela Hooten
Dec. 30- Sharon Eldridge

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Dec. 29 - Danny & Lisa Meeks



Embrace all that you are every moment. Know that you are a vessel of light. Allow yourself to release all doubts about your ability, the mistakes of the past, and the fear of the future.

~Iyanla Vanzant

BE THE CHURCH

Let us consider how we may spur one another on . . . not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing. Hebrews 10:24-25

During the Covid-19 pandemic, Dave and Carla spent months looking for a church home. Following health guidelines, which limited various in-person experiences, made it even more difficult. They longed for connection to a body of believers in Jesus. "It's a hard time to find a church," Carla emailed me. Within me rose a realization from my own longing to be reunited with my church family. "It's a hard time to be the church," I responded. In that season, our church had "pivoted," offering food in surrounding neighborhoods, creating online services, and phoning every member with support and prayer. My husband and I participated and yet wondered what else we could do to "be the church" in our changed world.

In Hebrews 10:25, the writer exhorts readers not to neglect ***"meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but [encourage] one another."*** Perhaps due to persecution (vv. 32-34) or maybe as a result of simply growing weary (12:3), the struggling early believers needed a nudge to keep being the church.

And today, I need a nudge too. Do you? When circumstances change how we experience church, will we continue to be the church? Let's creatively encourage one another and build each other up as God guides us. Share our resources. Send a text of support. Gather as we're able. Pray for one another. Let's be the church.

By Elisa Morgan
Our Daily Bread Devotionals