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Richard Kellam	903-268-7586
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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 #549 There is Sunshine in My Soul  
Song #77 Glorify Thy Name

Song #383 Jesus Keep Me Near the Cross

**Communion:**  
Mike Willis Gary Williams Jordan Meeks  
Greg Blake Nic Cline Jeff Oualline

Song #15 Step by Step

**Offering**

Song #552 Have Thine Own Way  
Song #490 It Is Well with My Soul

**Message:** Richard Kellam

Invitation Song #635 Freely, Freely

Song #87 Sing Amen!

**Closing Prayer** Lance Hooten

**Sunday Evening, 6 pm** Mark Eldridge  
**Song Leader:** Brad Chastain

Wednesday Evening Worship at 7:00 pm  
Adult Class –Auditorium Ladies' Class –High School room  
Toddler Class 1<sup>st</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Class  
Youth Group (Summit) - Fellowship Hall

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

Dec.11 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm  
Dec.11 Wednesday Night Services, 7 pm  
Dec.22 Singing & Fellowship (moved from the 15th)  
Christmas Party after services  
Dec.25 No Wednesday Night Service

**FROM THE PIT TO THE PALACE**

Joseph's journey began in the depths of a pit, where we all eventually find ourselves. It's a place of despair, where the darkness seems to swallow us whole, and the world feels like it's closing in. We're left to wallow in our self-pity with a 'don't bother me' attitude. This was not the last pit Joseph would encounter on his path to fulfilling God's plan for him. The second pit, a prison cell, was full. It housed other prisoners, each with their story of how they ended up there. But Joseph, despite his circumstances, continued to rely on God to guide him, doing what God empowered him to do for the mission set before him. His story is a testament to the plan of God and his people, who were chosen to bring Christ to the world. God took Joseph from the pit to the palace, where he would advance the cause of God for the good of the whole world.

As we stand on the threshold of the new year, twenty-two, twenty-five, a fresh start and moving us from the past year. We face a powerful choice. We can choose to start our year in the pit, or we can choose to aim for the palace. The power to shape our future is in our hands through our faith in the God we have encountered from the surroundings of our life to Him. Joseph trusted God in the pit, which led him to peace and blessings for the people who trusted in his God to deliver them. Joseph's mission to provide salvation for the Israelites from the famine and preserve them for the plan God had set in motion from creation isn't too far removed from what God has planned for His people of the Kingdom.

The pit holds in its grip people who will never know God or what His son did for the world if we, ourselves, stay in the pit and never find the courage to speak up and tell them of the escape that is open for them, an escape that will take them from the pit to the palace. There is a beautiful habitat that waits for the taking and will be such peace for the 'pit dweller' of the world; it is free for those who believe and have faith that will take their journey from the pit of despair to the palace of light.

~Jo Ann Hamil

**IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:**

**Floyd Rogers**, Texas Department of Criminal Justice, Floyd Rogers 01216373, P.O. Box 660400 Dallas, Texas 75266 -0400  
**Kris & Shea Ivy**, 4102 CR 3221, Lone Oak, TX 75453  
**Chance Stone**, 3075 B Juniper Street SW, McChord Field, WA 98439  
**Emily (Hooten) & Nathan Heinrichs**, 1445 N. Pecan Hill, Stephenville, TX 76401  
**Mason & Anna (Hooten) Krantz**, 3870 CR 2184 Greenville, TX 75402  
**Linda Higgins**, 3400 Miles Rd. apt 2006. Sachse, Tx 75048  
**Dustin Winkler**, 5616 Spring Valley Rd., Apt 170, Dallas, TX 75254  
**Ken Hare & Reneé Funk**, 1864 South Mountain Rd., Marshall, AR 72650  
**Jonny Knighton**, 824 Churchill St., College Station, TX 77840  
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**Wonda Banks**, 219 PR 8515, Point, TX 75472  
**Rodney & Paula Britt**, 6046 21st Century Dr., Charlestown, IN 47111  
**Cleta Hooten**, Greenville Health and Rehab, Room 404A, 4910 Wellington Street, Greenville, TX 75401  
**Randy & Jeanne (Killough) Botteicher**, 392 Spring Run Rd. Belleville, PA 17004  
**Jo Ann Hamil** 207 E. North Street Campbell, TX 75422  
**Shay McAree** 255 Williamsburg Pkwy, E102 Fate, TX 75189  
**\*\*Kenna Kellam** 11100 E. 96th S. #1133 Tulsa, OK 74133

	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
12/01/24	118	\$5,860	\$3,900
12/08/24		\$	\$3,900
12/15/24		\$	\$3,900
12/22/24		\$	\$3,900
12/29/24			

**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** 903-474-3965  
**Katie Preast** 903-504-9955  
**Jake Pickens** 903-456-3445

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**WHO TO CONTACT FOR INFORMATION**

Good Samaritans Stephanie Garner  
 Church Historian (give pictures, articles, etc.) Rica Kellam  
 Church Directory Debbie Ivy  
 Visitation Vivian Warren or Brenda Stark  
 Newsletter Lisa Clark

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**DEACONS**

Dail Hooten Lance Hooten Larry Hooten  
 John McAree James West

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**COMMITTEES**

**Building Use and Activities Committee:**

Ken Player

**Construction Committee:**

Wayne Garner Larry Hooten Dail Hooten

**Finance Committee:**

Lance Hooten Alan Little Mike Willis

**Funeral Food Hostesses:**  
 (sign up sheet on bulletin board)



**Correspondence Team:**

Monday Morning Breakfast Ladies  
 (see Vivian Warren - Gari Looney - Brenda Stark)  
 Visitors – Sick/home bound—Encouragement



**DECEMBER WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS**  
 The **Wednesday night** meals are served at **6:00 pm.**

Jo Ann Hamil Rachelle Hooten Sharon Eldridge

Chandra Cline Lisa Meeks

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

**December Schedule**

		Message	Song Leader
Dec. 8	AM	Richard Kellam	Scott Hooten
	PM	Mark Eldridge	Brad Chastain
Dec. 15	AM	Richard Kellam	Marty Weesner
	PM	Jeff Oualline	Dylan West
Dec. 22	AM	Richard Kellam	John McAree
	PM	Singing & Fellowship (Christmas Party)	
Dec. 29	AM	Richard Kellam	KC Smith
	PM	5th Sunday Prayer Service	

**Lord's Table**

Mike Willis	Gary Williams
Jordan Meeks	Greg Blake
Nic Cline	Jeff Oualline

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.”  
I Thessalonians 5:16-17*

**Katie Preast** had successful knee surgery on Tuesday. Prayers for healing.

**Wayne Garner** The PA has commented on how well he was looking. He has gained 8 lbs. Prayers are being answered. Please continue. More treatments scheduled

**Jackie & Jakie Pickens** (several health issues) - Jackie had successful cancer surgery. They think they got it all but had to remove more tissue than expected. She is home and resting.

**Joey Chastain** Prayers for continued healing from recent shoulder surgery.

**Jane Harman** - has been struggling with health issues and is moving across the pond to Claudia's. Please pray as they make this transition.

**Gary McAree** - Struggling with vision

**Knight Family** -The mother of KC Smith's co-worker has sepsis.

**Jeanne (Killough) Botteicher** - continued healing.

**Carol Jackson**, friend of James Ray had to go back to the hospital.

### SYMPATHY:

**Jeanene Harrell** - Sister to **Judy Williams** passed away on Dec. 4th. Prayers for her family and friends.

### SPIRITUALLY:

**Higher Ground Climbs** - Two great climbs ended with seven new brothers and sisters in Christ. Continue to keep all who attended on your prayers list.

Keep the **Clines** in your prayers as Nic goes through a work transition

Please pray for **Ethan, Jeff** and his mother, **Jennifer**, as well as the entire **Oualline family**

**Marvin Smith** - his trial has been pushed to January. Continue to keep him and Tina in your prayers.

**Wood County Jail Ministry** - there have been many baptisms through this ministry

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

**Our Elders**

**Our Deacons**

**S.H.A.R.E**

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**.

**Toby Liles** is scheduled for shoulder surgery on the 10th  
**Tom Waters** (prostate cancer) - his cancer has spread and he is having a really tough time with the chemo he is taking. Keep him in your prayers.

**Brian Adkins**, son of **Diana Boyer** has been referred to see a surgeon regarding some abdominal issues. He is also schedule for a MRI.

**Stacy Horsman's Aunt Wanda** - health struggles  
The following are students from Sulphur Springs

**Mary** - diagnosed with leukemia

**Riley** - needing open heart surgery

**Madison**, the nanny for the **Clines** has a cyst on her brain and is being referred to a Neurosurgeon.

**Terry Stone** - continuing with IV antibiotics

**Norma Resneder** - health struggles

**Eric Harris**, nephew of **Joann Hamil** is in kidney failure

**Randy Weldon**, brother of **Linda Rawle** (cancer spreading)

**Karla Johnson** - breast cancer

**Jessica Anderson**, **Carrie's** daughter (Crohn's disease)

**John Whidden**, brother-in-law of **Kari Smith** is home.

**Tom Kemp**, uncle of **Candice West**, Lung cancer

**Rae Daniels'** cancer has spread. Please pray.

**Phyllis Disotell** - healing from broken leg

**Jolie Ruddick** - anxiety symptoms

**Laverne Mckinzie**, **Tina Smith's** mom

**Donna Kay Chamness** - strength for liver transplant

**Sheri Courtney**, aunt of **Connor Barth** (cancer)

**Felipe Hernandez** - brain tumor.

**Eddie Melton** has been diagnosed with cancer

**Nic Cline** --prayers for his father **David** and **Jerrica**.

**John & Nan Satterwhite**

**Lois (Mooring) Osborn** (fibromyalgia)

**Pam Higbee** requested prayers for the following:

**Ellen Neal** - growth on her kidney

**Jade** - broken neck and long road to healing

**Meghan** - Pam's daughter,

**Angela Shugart** - stomach issues

**Ashley Moffit** - brain surgery

**Jodie Manning** - 2 lumps found and possibly has Lupus

**Annie** - sister-in-law's sister

**Crystal** - neighbor

**Floyd "Eddie" Rogers** continued issues with his legs.

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

**John Garrett**, brain aneurism

**Debbie Tolison**, breast cancer

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

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

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

**Linda Sustaire** (chemo for breast cancer)

**Marvin Smith's** mother (cirrhosis of the liver)

**Jamie Rogers** (cancer & son who has terminal cancer)

**Cleta Hooten** (dementia)



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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:**

**Today starts a new rotation for our children's classes. Please find a sub if you can't be there.**

**See bulletin board in the foyer for more information**

- Dec. 22 - Singing & Fellowship Night along with our Annual Christmas Party
- Dec. 25 No Wednesday Night Service

**Upcoming Dates to keep in mind:**

Women's Higher Ground - April 3rd - 6th  
Men's Higher Ground - April 10th - 13th  
Songfest May 30th - June 1st

The Angel Tree Ministry could use your help with distribution next Saturday, Dec. 14th. Please meet at the Fairgrounds at 8:30 Saturday morning. See Candice West for more details.

**WELCOME BACK**

**Jeff & Kathryn Howerton  
474 Briggs Blvd  
East Tawakoni, TX 75472**

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**HAPPY BIRTHDAY!**

- Dec. 9 - Stephanie Garner
- Dec. 9 - Debbie Ivy
- Dec. 9 - Wade McCasland
- Dec. 11 - Courtney Garner
- Dec. 13 - Levi West
- Dec. 14 - KC Smith
- Dec. 14 - Easton Melancon



**HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!**

**Dec. 11 - Larry & Brenda Hooten**