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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

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

Announcements & Prayer: Lance Hooten
Song Leader: Richard Kellam

Christmas Program

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

Offering

Message: Richard Kellam

Closing Prayer: Danny Meeks

Sunday Evening, 6 pm
Singing & Fellowship

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

UPCOMING EVENTS

Dec.22 Singing & Fellowship - Christmas Party
Dec.25 No Wednesday Night Service

O, LITTLE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Phillips Brooks wrote this Christmas hymn for Sunday school children in 1868 after a visit to Bethlehem. We sing it during the holiday season with little thought to the town's history other than its birthplace of Jesus.

Micah 5: "But you Bethlehem, though you be the least among the rulers of Israel, out of you will come forth who will be the ruler of my people." The Old Testament prophecies about the birth of Christ are why we know Bethlehem. God was specific in naming the birthplace of the future king.

FYI: It's fascinating to note that Caleb's family settled in Bethlehem, and his grandson Salma became known as 'the father of Bethlehem' ([1 Chronicles 2:51](#)). This personal connection adds a layer of intimacy to our understanding of Bethlehem's history.

A lady left this same area during the famine with her husband and two sons only to return alone except with a foreign daughter-in-law between her and starvation. We read this account in the book of Ruth.

Bethlehem is also known as the City of David. The city was David's family home ([1 Samuel 16:1; 17:12](#)) and where he was anointed king ([1 Samuel 16:4-13](#)). The town is sometimes called Bethlehem of Judah or Bethlehem Ephrath ([Genesis 35:19](#)) to set it apart from the Bethlehem of Zebulun ([Joshua 19:15](#)).

Despite its humble status in New Testament times, Bethlehem remains a place of unparalleled significance in biblical history. It's the birthplace of our Savior, Jesus Christ, and the fields where angels sang and announced the birth of a king. This enduring significance is a testament to the town's historical importance.

Luke, a physician, tells the story. It is written not from his point of view but from eyewitnesses' accounts of the event. He wants Theophilus to know the gospel he is telling others is true and accurate. Mary is still able to relate to Luke what truly happened. Others are still alive for Luke to interview, and they know the state of the political atmosphere of the days of Jesus's birth.

The same story of Christ's birth, life, and death is told today with the assurance that it is the story of our only means of salvation from sin.

What happened in Bethlehem did not stay in Bethlehem; however, where would we be if that was the end of the story?

We have a unique story about how we came to know Bethlehem, a town that held little importance to many. Who shared the story of this small town, just five miles from Jerusalem, with you? Who led you to the moment you accepted the king born in Bethlehem? These personal narratives influence our faith and understanding of Bethlehem's significance.

What is your story?

~JoAnn Hamil

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

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	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
12/01/24	118	\$5,860	\$3,900
12/08/24	105	\$3,793	\$3,900
12/15/24	107	\$5,189	\$3,900
12/22/24		\$	\$3,900
12/29/24		\$	\$3,900

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

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 Vivian Warren or Brenda Stark
 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

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

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

Brenda Stark Laura Oualline Lisa Clark

Rheann Stone Kassie Smith

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

December Schedule

		Message	Song Leader
Dec. 22	AM	Richard Kellam	Richard Kellam
	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*

Diana's daughter, **Lara Griffin** is home now and doing better. She is still following up with doctors.

Jane Harman is now at Greenville Gardens for rehab. See the back page for address and room number.

Toby Liles - prayers for healing from shoulder surgery

Katie Preast - continued healing from knee surgery

Wayne Garner - praises and continued prayers for his health.

Jackie & Jackie Pickens (several health issues) - Jackie had successful cancer surgery. Continued prayers for healing.

Joey Chastain continued healing from shoulder surgery.

SYMPATHY:

Tammy Krantz, Sister to Brenda Stark passed away on Monday after a battle with cancer. Her funeral was held on Friday. Continued prayers for family and friends.

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.

Pray for those in the path of the wildfires in California. The **Hooten family** has a niece who is a professor at **Pepperdine University**. Her family has evacuated from their home.

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**.

Cory Mavroulis - **Kassie Smith** requested prayers for him. He is dealing with two types of cancer.

Melissa Goldsmith asked to keep her husband in our prayers. **Mark** has been diagnosed with bone cancer.

Jordan Wolf - **JoAnn Hamil's** son-in-law and **Eleanor's** dad fell and broke his jaw in two places. He was transferred to Tyler for further treatment.

Tom Waters (prostate cancer) - is having a really tough time with the chemo he is taking.

Brian Adkins, son of **Diana Boyer** will have hernia surgery soon.

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

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)

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.

John Garrett, brain aneurism

Debbie Tolison, breast cancer

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

Linda Sustaire (chemo for breast cancer)

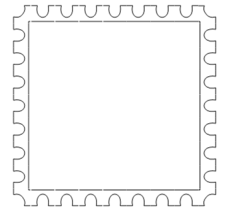
Marvin Smith's mother (cirrhosis of the liver)

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:

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

Jane Harman
Greenville Gardens, Room #124
3500 Park St.

WELCOME BACK

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

Why Celebrate Christmas?

In **Deuteronomy 11:18-21** God encouraged the Israelites to remind their children of the wonderful things He had done for them. Remembering God's benefits is important for adults as well, and holidays are one way we can do it.

It's not important to know the actual day of Christ's birth, but it's critically important to remember how His birth changed the world and how it changed our lives specifically.

Jesus "who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!" (**Philippians 2:5-8**).

That's a truth worth celebrating.

So let's use our Christmas celebrations to "tell of the kindnesses of the LORD, the deeds for which he is to be praised, according to all the LORD has done for us—yes, the many good things he has done for [His people], according to his compassion and many kindnesses" (**Isaiah 63:7**).

~gail@biblenotes.com



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Dec. 22 - Boots Hooten