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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: Mike Willis
Song Leader: Marty Weesner

Song #3 Hallelujah! Praise Jehovah
Song #76 How Great Thou Art

Song #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior (v. 1-4)

Communion:
Lance Hooten Alan Little Mark Seglem
Clyde Kempf Shannon Sheppard Terry Goen

Song #337 Hallelujah! What a Savior (v. 5)

Offering
Song #134 The Lord's My Shepherd
Song #446 Hear, O Israel (chorus only)

Message: Richard Kellam

Invitation Song #837 I Need Thee Every Hour

Song #239 In Moments Like These

Closing Prayer Matt Oualline

Sunday Evening 6pm James West
Song Leader Lance Hooten

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

Jan.12 Teacher Meeting after morning service
Jan.15 Wednesday Night Meal, 6 pm
Jan.15 Wednesday Night Service, 7 pm
Jan.19 Third Sunday Singing & Fellowship

We serve a God who answers prayers!

Do you have a list of unanswered prayers? Is there anything in specific that you have been praying for that just seems so far away from being answered? Let's dig deep into this topic, and as we are understanding prayer more, I want to remind you that God is in the business of answering prayers!

What is prayer?

The simplest answer to this question is "talking to God." or "to have a conversation with The Father." It's the picture of a communal bond between God and His children and it starts with us opening up our mouth and heart to speak with and/or petition Him. As we consistently move into a life of prayer, we grow in intimacy and fellowship with the Father. We begin to understand who God is and His goodness, and ultimately our relationship is strengthened with Him. Prayer aligns us to the will of God. The bible references prayer countless times and reminds us in Philippians 4:6-7, "not to worry about anything but instead, to pray about everything..." Jesus, while on this earth, lived a life of praying to his heavenly Father. Jesus prayed often and for many different reasons ---- Luke 3:21 (NLT) mentions Jesus praying as he was being baptized by John the Baptist:

"One day when the crowds were being baptized, Jesus himself was baptized. As he was praying, the heavens opened.."

Luke 6:12-13 (NLT) talks about Jesus praying to his Father before he chose his disciples:

"One day soon afterward Jesus went up on a mountain to pray, and he prayed to God all night. At daybreak he called together all of his disciples and chose twelve of them to be apostles..."

Luke 5:16 (NLT) showcases Jesus withdrawing from crowds to pray:

"But despite Jesus' instructions, the report of his power spread even faster, and vast crowds came to hear him preach and to be healed of their diseases. But Jesus often withdrew to the wilderness for prayer."

If Jesus understood to pray, then we definitely should be modeling his life and praying.

What is the purpose of prayer?

Contrary to what the world tells us, God is not our spiritual Santa Clause. He isn't at our beckoning call to just answer every prayer with a YES but God will answer our prayers (there is a difference)! The purpose of prayer is not to get God to do our will but instead for us to align with God and the will that He has for our life. 1 John 5:14 says, "This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to his will, he hears us." Prayer isn't just about our needs but about interceding on behalf of others. It's also an act of worship and it's an invitation to intimacy with the Father. When we pray to the Father, we give him His due credit and thank Him for who He is.

Is God still in the business of answering prayers?

All throughout scripture, there is evidence to show that prayers are answered (even if the answer isn't YES). God shows us through his word that he truly is a God who will answer our prayers! (cont)

IMPORTANT ADDRESSES:

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	<u>Attendance</u>	<u>Offering</u>	<u>Budget</u>
1/05/25	102	\$4,194	\$3,900
1/12/25		\$	\$3,900
1/19/25		\$	\$3,900
1/26/25		\$	\$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
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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.**

January Schedule

		Message	Song Leader
Jan. 12	AM	Richard Kellam	Marty Weesner
	PM	James West	Lance Hooten
Jan. 19	AM	Richard Kellam	John McAree
	PM	Third Sunday Singing & Fellowship	
Jan. 26	AM	Richard Kellam	KC Smith
	PM	Marvin Smith	Brad Chastain

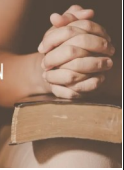
Lord's Table

Lance Hooten	Alan Little
Mark Seglem	Clyde Kempf
Shannon Sheppard	Terry Goen

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*

ANSWERED PRAYERS!

Marvin Smith found Not Guilty!

Mark Eldridge's sister, Jan, was baptized!

Richard's dad is better after a trip to the ER with high blood pressure.

Shirley Hooten had successful shoulder surgery and thankful for all the prayers

Jane Harman is now back with Claudia and doing much better.

Praises and continued prayers of healing for those who have had recent surgeries .

Toby Liles

Joey Chastain

Katie Preast

Jackie Pickens

Phyllis Disotell

SYMPATHY:

Gabriel Bixby - Off Duty Dallas Police Office that lives in the Hunt County area. He died in an vehicle accident. Pray for his family as well as his first responder family in Dallas and Hunt County

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**

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

Our Elders

Our Deacons

S.H.A.R.E

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

Pray for all our First Responders everywhere.

Please pray for California and all of those who have been affected by the wildfires.

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**.

Brad Chastain has been experiencing a bout with insomnia. He was finally resting some Wednesday night.

Vivian Warren had a recent breast biopsy that came back cancerous. It is a very small but aggressive growth. She will have surgery soon to remove the cancerous tumor.

Chaney Wallis (daughter of Justin & Kali from the Winnsboro congregation) has been diagnosed with leukemia.

John & Suzanne West (niece and husband of Linda May) John experienced heart issues while on vacation in Spain.

Jordan Wolf - JoAnn Hamil's son-in-law and **Eleanor's dad** fell and broke his jaw in two places. They are still trying to find out what is causing him to pass out.

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

Prayers for those dealing with various forms of cancer

Wayne Garner

Tom Waters

Cory Mavroulis

Mark Goldsmith

Randy Weldon (Linda Rawle's brother)

Karla Johnson

Tom Kemp (Candice West's uncle)

Rae Daniels

Sheri Courtney (Connor Barth's aunt)

Eddie Melton

Debbie Tolison

Linda Wolfe (friend of JoAnn Hamil)

Linda Sustaire

Jamie Rogers & son

Prayers for those dealing with various health issues

Norma Resneder

John & Nan Satterwhite

Stacy Horsman's Aunt Wanda

Jessica Anderson (Carrie May's daughter) Crohn's disease

Eric Harris (JoAnn Hamil's nephew) kidney failure

Brian Adkins (Diana Boyer's son) hernia surgery soon

Lois Mooring Osborn (fibromyalgia)

Jolie Ruddick (anxiety)

Felipe Hernandez (brain tumor)

Donna Kay Chamness (needing a liver transplant)

Floyd "Eddie" Rogers (leg issues)

John Garrett (brain aneurism)

Marvin Smith's mom (cirrhosis of the liver)

Laverne Mckinzie (Tina Smith's mom)

Cleta Hooten (dementia)

Madison (the Cline's nanny) Cyst on her brain

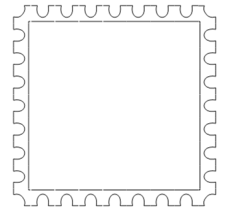
Students from Sulphur Springs

Mary does not have leukemia but needs lots of prayers

Riley (open heart surgery needed)



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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

January 12th Meeting of all Teachers after Morning worship

January 19th - Third Sunday Singing & Fellowship

ForestSong - Jan. 24-25 Shiloh Road Church of Christ

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



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan. 13 - Judy Williams

Jan. 13 - William Hass

Jan. 16 - Rachelle Sherrin

Jan. 17 - Kassie Smith

Jan. 17 - Barbara McAree

Jan. 18 - Clint McAree

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY!

Jan. 16 - Nicholas & Chandra Cline



(cont from front)

In the book of Samuel, Hannah prayed to God for a child. The bible says in chapter 1, verse 10, "In her deep anguish Hannah prayed to the Lord, weeping bitterly. And she made a vow, saying, "Lord Almighty, if you will only look on your servant's misery and remember me, and not forget your servant but give her a son, then I will give him to the Lord for all the days of his life, and no razor will ever be used on his head."

Later on in the book of Samuel, God answered her prayer and gave her a son. The scripture goes on to say in Chapter 20, "So in the course of time Hannah became pregnant and gave birth to a son. She named him Samuel, saying, "Because I asked the Lord for him."

In the book of Acts, Paul and Silas were thrown into prison after they commanded an evil spirit to come out of a women (the owners of the women were furious as there were no longer able to make money off of her). The bible goes on to talk about how Paul + Silas were praying and singing hymns to God. Acts 16: 25-26 says, "About midnight Paul and Silas were praying and singing hymns to God, and the other prisoners were listening to them. Suddenly there was such a violent earthquake that the foundations of the prison were shaken. At once all the prison doors flew open, and everyone's chains came loose."

GOD ALWAYS ANSWERS!

Someone once said, "the faith to pray must include the faith to believe God can give even when our prayers are lacking." There are all sorts of things we pray all the time and we don't necessary believe them to come to past - but they are prayers that get answered. I challenge you to get a pen + piece of paper, and write down the prayers that you have prayed to see how God has answered you thus far! Remember, **HE HEARS YOU!**

Excerpt from Writings For Christ
By Bonnie Hughes