



Hilltop Baptist Church
 220 S. Pennsylvania Ave
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Mission Statement

Our mission is to:

1. See people saved.
2. See people grow in their relationship with God.
3. See people grow in their love for one another.

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Sunday Schedule:

Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule:

Youth Group.....	5:30-7:00 PM
Visitation Meetings.....	6:00-7:00 PM

THE MESSENGER

PASTOR'S PEN



From the Pastor's Pen

"Behold, as the eyes of servants look to the hand of their master, as the eyes of a maidservant to the hand of her mistress, so our eyes look to the LORD our God, till he has mercy upon us."

Psalm 123:2 (ESV)

This scripture makes me think of maids, butlers, and other household servants we sometimes see on TV shows in fancy homes. I don't know about you, but I've never had a servant. I have, however, hunted over some good bird dogs. My first experience was with our family black lab named Duke; and although he never retrieved, he was sure good at sniffing out birds and finding them again once they fell to the shot. For many years after that I had my own black lab named Gus and my Dad used a chocolate lab named Jake. Hunting over those two dogs was as much of a blessing as a father and son could have in the heart of South Dakota pheasant country. I read something in a magazine once about how difficult it is that men measure their lives by many dogs, and a dog measures its life by one master. I'm now on my third bird dog, and this young apprentice named Zeke shows promise. What I like about him the most so far is his intense gaze during training sessions. When it's



time to practice the basics such as sit, stay, come, he seems to know that school is in session. With all the intensity he can muster he bores those beady little eyes straight into my soul. He can tell that instruction is coming and his desire to please translates into solid, unwavering concentration.

If I was attempting to explain this verse to seasoned upland bird hunters I might translate it this way, *"As the eyes of the bird dog looks to the handler, so our eyes look to God, until he has mercy upon us."* Someone who's logged hundreds of miles chasing birds over a trusted canine friend understands the special bond developed between the one who flushes the game and the one who slaps the trigger. They understand that the bird dog desires nothing but to please the hunter, and the hunter desires nothing but to give the bird dog good, honest instruction and unconditional love. This is where the comparison hits home the most. Our Heavenly Father has abundant love, grace and mercy to bestow upon us. He longs to guide us into good work and give us nourishment, strength, and instruction to do so. He wishes to keep us from harm and to comfort us in times of struggle. But, if we're not focused on Him we run the risk of missing it. I don't ever want to miss the love, grace, and mercy of God. So, whenever I see the concentrated gaze of my pal Zeke, I will remember to look to the Lord with an even greater intensity and focus.

God Bless,
Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Financial Class—We will spend three Sunday nights taking a biblical look at finances and how they affect your life. We'll be looking at a Dave Ramsay study titled, "Life, Money, Hope." Let's be honest, we could all use a little education on spending and investing wisely. I have to say (Rob speaking) that Betsy and I incorporated some of these principles the study talks about years ago and have found them incredibly helpful. We've been a dual-income family as well as a single-income family and can appreciate the struggles on both sides. Please consider making a commitment to attend these three Sunday evenings. It could very well change your financial future! Our usual Sunday night format will be changed around to concentrate the entire time on this topic. Interaction and questions are welcome. Drinks and light refreshments will be provided. Bring a friend! **March 31, April 7, April 14—at the church, 1:15 pm.**

Mission Fundraising Yard Sale — Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 25th. We have begun accepting donations, just in time for spring cleaning! There will be a designated area at the church for donated items. Please see Pastor Josiah with questions.

EASTER DAY SERVICES — Please join us for Sunrise Service at 6:15 am, at Washington Park. Followed by a potluck breakfast in the fellowship hall at 8:00 am, Sunday School/Easter Egg Hunt at 9:30 am, and Easter Worship Service at 11:00 am.

Jews for Jesus — Please join us on Tuesday, April 16th, at 6:00 PM, in the fellowship hall, as we partake in a Passover meal.

Ladies Bible Study — The Heart of Casper study group will begin a new 7-week study, 'What Love Is' by Kelly Minter, on Tuesday, April 9th, at 6:30 PM. Books are \$10. Registration and lesson on the first night.

If you would like to donate Easter Eggs for our upcoming egg hunt, please drop your pre-filled eggs off at the church office by April 14th.

Thank you for helping!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Michael Haworth	12
Lois Haworth	23
Mason Platt	28
Carolyn Griner	30

(If your birthday is not listed, please contact the church office.)

MEN'S BREAKFAST



Has been moved to the 3rd Saturday in April, 4/20.

VBS Clinic
April 12-13, at
Mtn. View Baptist!

YOUTH PASTA FUNDRAISER
Following service on
Sunday, 4/28!

TRUE CARE
Hymn Sing for Life
April 7th, at 4PM
@ Grace Reformed Church

EASTER LILIES

If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in memory or honor of someone, please fill out a form and give it to Darla Winn no later than April 14. The lilies are \$10/each.

Church Care/Cleaning

Please see the signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in helping.

Thanks so much for your help!

Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, April 7th.

Rescue Mission

Help serve on Tuesday, April 23, at 5:45 PM.

Men's Breakfast

Will meet again Saturday, April 20th, 8:00 AM (Roy Rogers)

Potluck

In lieu of our regularly scheduled potluck luncheon, we will have a potluck breakfast Easter morning, at 8:00 AM.

Please bring a friend and a dish to share!

Nursery Schedule

April 7—Debbie/Caroline & Jessica
 April 14—Caroline/Linda & Kayla
 April 21—Caroline/Julie
 April 28—Kolker's/Jamie & Garrett

April 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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					YOUTH EVANGELISM CONFERENCE APRIL 5-6	
			Rob @ Drill April 3-6 →			
7 Lord's Supper Finance Class 1:15 PM True Care Hymn Sing for Life 4:00 PM Grace Reformed Church	8	9 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	10  5:30-7 PM VISITATION PROGRAM 6-7PM	11	12 VBS CLINIC @ Mtn. View Baptist Church April 12 & 13	13
14 Children's Church  Finance Class 1:15 PM	15	16 JEWS FOR JESUS 6:00 PM	17  5:30-7 PM VISITATION PROGRAM 6-7PM	18	19  Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. (Roy Rogers)	20
					Rob @ Drill April 19-20 →	
21  6:15 AM Sunrise Ser- VICE (Washington Park) 8:00 AM Potluck Breakfast 9:30 AM Sunday School/Egg Hunt 11:00 AM Worship	22	23 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM Rescue Mission 5:45 PM	24  5:30-7 PM VISITATION PROGRAM 6-7PM	25	26	27
28 Children's Church YOUTH PASTA FUNDRAISER! Following service.	29 Rob @ Drill April 29—May 1 →	30 Ladies Bible Study 6:30 PM	1  5:30-7 PM VISITATION PROGRAM 6-7PM	2	3	4