



**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:**

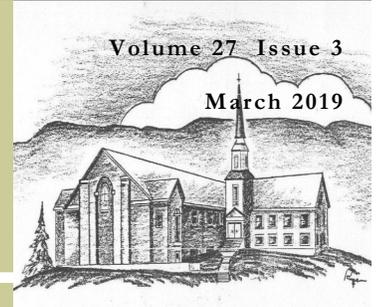
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

**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

*"For in him we live and move and have our being. As some of your own poets have said,  
'We are his offspring.'"*

Acts 17:28 (NIV)

Let me ask you a question. As Christians who seek to influence those around us, should we be content to be expert scholars of the Bible, or should we also have a good working knowledge of popular literature as well? Pretty interesting question, isn't it? I almost guarantee that some hard-charging Christians would say a thorough knowledge of the Bible is all you need! And if you're content to live your life in your holy bubble, you might do just fine. However, notice how I phrased that opening question, *As Christians who seek to influence those around us*. You see, in order to interact in a positive way with non-believers, to understand where they're coming from, and to have influence in their lives, you benefit greatly when you can communicate in their language.

Paul's speech at Mars Hill is an interesting study. The scripture above take from Acts is from that interaction. It says that Paul was greatly distressed by how the people there followed so many different idols. As he begins to speak with the local population you notice how frequently he references ideas and literature they were familiar with. Paul made an attempt to understand where his audience was coming from!

I'm not at all suggesting that we keep up with filthy tv shows and smutty books in order to consider ourselves culturally relevant. There are better ways to understand the mindsets of our unbelieving friends or even become better equipped to explain how we believe. I took a brief look around my library to help me recall some of the best books I've read that would help us in this area. Consider this a suggested reading list if you're ready for a new book that will help you function more like Paul at Mars Hill:

- 1) *Blue Like Jazz: Nonreligious Thoughts on Christian Spirituality* – by Donald Miller
- 2) *Mere Christianity* □ by C.S. Lewis (Classic apologetic work)
- 3) *Shantung Compound: The Story of Men and Women Under Pressure* – by Langdon Gilkey
- 4) *A Severe Mercy* – by Sheldon Vanauken
- 5) *Who Stole My Church: What to Do When the Church You Love Tries to Enter the 21<sup>st</sup> Century*  
– by Gordon MacDonald
- 6) *Spiritual Leadership* – by Henry and Richard Blackaby
- 7) *Qualitative Inquiry & Research Design: Choosing Among Five Approaches* – by John Creswell

\* I am absolutely kidding on this one... please don't read this unless you are forced to, and even then consider dropping the class or avoiding whatever professor is forcing you to read such a dry book.

These books will benefit you in several ways. Some of them will help you understand better what you already believe, some of them will help you understand popular culture, some of them will inspire you, some of them will answer questions you didn't even know you had. Grab a book, a blanket, and a coffee or hot chocolate and enjoy!

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 from 6-7pm.**

**Mission Fundraising Yard Sale** — Mark your calendars for Saturday, May 25th. We will begin accepting donations March 10th, just in time for spring cleaning! There will be a designated area at the church for donated items. Please see Pastor Josiah with questions.

**Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** — Join us for a week of prayer, March 3-10, and be in prayer for your personal donation. To learn more, visit: [www.anniearmstrong.com](http://www.anniearmstrong.com)



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 7th.

Thank you for helping!



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Brooke Johnson	1
Gail Hilston	14
Cindy Phegley	16
Rick Husk	17
Levi Guinn	19
Tim Stark	22
Roy Rogers	23
Patty Martz	28
Christina Brown	31

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

### Thank you from the family of JoAnne:

*Pastor & Hilltop Baptist Church, On behalf of the Cowlthorpe family, we thank you for your thoughtful flower arrangement. We will miss her, but we are comforted with knowing she is with our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. Thank you for your kindness. Ron and Priscilla*

### Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 3rd.

### Potluck

Sunday, March 24th, following service. Men's Class to serve.

### Rescue Mission

Help serve on Tuesday, March 26th, at 5:45 PM.

Please bring a friend and a dish to share!

### Men's Breakfast

Will meet again Saturday, March 9th, 8:00 AM (Josiah Kiracofe)

### Nursery Schedule

March 3rd—Debbie/Caroline & Jessica  
 March 10th—Caroline/Kayla  
 March 17th—Caroline/Julie & Garrett  
 March 24th—Kolker's/Jamie & Emma S.  
 March 31st—Linda/Linda & Emma P.

### Cookbooks for Sale Benefiting Missions

Cookbooks are available in the back of the sanctuary. They are \$15 each. Please make your check payable to HBC with a memo of COOKBOOK, and place it in the offering plate. Thank you!

# March 2019

Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday                      Saturday

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3 Lord's Supper	4	5 Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 PM	6  5:30-7 PM VISITATION PROGRAM 6-7PM	7	8	9 Men's Breakfast 8:00 a.m. (Josiah Kiracofe)
Pastor Rob @ Drill March 6-9 						
10 Children's Church  	11	12 Ladies' Bible Study 6:30 PM (Last day of this study)	13  5:30-7 PM VISITATION PROGRAM 6-7PM	14	15	16
17 Children's Church	18	19	20  5:30-7 PM VISITATION PROGRAM 6-7PM	21	22	23 Girlfriend's of Grace 
24 Children's Church	25	26	27	28	29	30
Pastor Josiah out of office March 24-30 						
POTLUCK—Men's Class to serve		Rescue Mission 5:45 PM	No Youth VISITATION PROGRAM 6-7PM	XO Marriage Conference Restoration Church, 411 Walsh Dr. \$60 Registration fee March 29-30 307-235-9011 		
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