



Hilltop Baptist Church
 220 S. Pennsylvania Ave
 Casper, Wyoming 82609

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.

Church Physical Address:

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Pastor : Dr. Rob Peterson
 (Deployed)
 Interim Pastor: Josiah Kiracofe
 Monday - Friday (afternoons)
 Secretary: Amanda Platt
 Wednesday & Thursday

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Sunday Schedule:

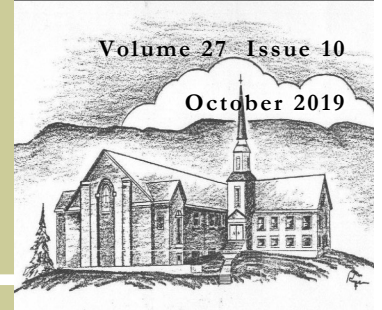
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule:

Youth Group.....5:30-7:00 PM

THE MESSENGER

PASTOR'S PEN



From the Pastor's Pen

"Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."

- 1 John 2:6

I've had a little extra time to do some personal reading lately... and I absolutely love it! During our training time at Ft Bliss, and currently here in my deployed environment, I've been able to set aside some time each day for pleasure reading. Betsy and I decided to read one book together so we could discuss it when we talk. In addition to that book, I grabbed a half dozen or so from our church library in the fellowship hall before I left. One of those books is titled, *"The Hole in Our Gospel: What Does God Expect of Us? The Answer that Changed My Life and Might Just Change the World."* I grabbed it in a hurry and wasn't even aware that it was written by Richard Stearns, the long-time President of World Vision. This is an organization that Betsy and I are familiar with.

I enjoy reading books that *interact* with the teachings of the Bible. The thought in this book deals mainly with the Christian's obligation to become the hands and feet of the gospel. A key verse is 1 John 2:6, *"Whoever says he abides in him ought to walk in the same way in which he walked."* Several pages in the book explore the passages where Jesus positively affected the lives of children, the poor, the hurting, the rejected, and the outcasts. If we say we abide in him, shouldn't we be doing the same? This book points out that in America we can easily become obsessed with self and use our abundant wealth to further pad our comfortable lifestyle. We use every penny of our paycheck to add another luxury in our life while people on the other side of the world go hungry, die of preventable diseases, or spend hours every day fetching contaminated water.

In the New Testament, Paul urged followers of Christ to use their financial resources to bring relief to others experiencing difficult times. Specifically, he urged the Corinthian church to open their hearts by citing the example of the Macedonians when he wrote in 2 Corinthians 8:1-4, *"We want you to know, brothers, about the grace of God that has been given among the churches of Macedonia, for in a severe test of affliction, their abundance of joy and their extreme poverty have overflowed in a wealth of generosity on their part. For they gave according to their means, of their own free will, begging us earnestly for the favor of taking part in the relief of the saints."* The Macedonians weren't anything like us Americans... this passage says they were experiencing extreme poverty themselves, yet they opened their hearts to others and gave financially.

Our church provides great opportunities to give to others in positions of need. Let me highlight three that you can do any month of the year. 1) Help out with our Rescue Mission meal ministry. Volunteer to help prepare a meal or physically take part in the serving aspect. Look someone in the eyes and smile as you demonstrate the love of Christ. 2) Participate in the Operation Christmas Child shoebox ministry. Every month you can create a box and put it in your closet. When this time of year rolls around you can bring 12 boxes to the church - Amazing! These boxes are sent out worldwide to underprivileged children who oftentimes receive it as the only gift they've ever known! 3) Give Financially. Through the Cooperative Program, Southern Baptists gave \$140,544,000 to world missions in 2017-2018. That money signifies an incredible investment in not only bringing the gospel to unreached people, but in projects that aim to improve their life in the here and now. When you give financially to the church a portion of your gift goes directly to the Cooperative Program. If you already participate by giving, great, but don't stop there! There are several great organizations, some local, and some worldwide, that aim to show the love of Jesus to those less fortunate. Consider giving above and beyond your tithe to an organization that provides clean water, sponsors orphans, combats diseases in developing nations, or provides education to women and children. Jesus went out of his way to positively affect the lives of children, the poor, the hurting, the rejected, and the outcasts. *If we say we abide in him, shouldn't we be doing the same?*

God Bless,
Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS



Pastor Appreciation Month—Please help us show Pastor Rob and Pastor Josiah our love and appreciation this month! We hope to fill Pastor Rob’s next box full of encouraging thoughts/cards/notes/items by October 6th. (Monetary donations will also be accepted for postage cost.) Also, in lieu of our normally scheduled potluck, **we will host a potluck luncheon on Pastor Appreciation Day, 10/13**, to honor Pastor Josiah. A card basket will be available. Please bring a friend, and a dish to share!

Ladies’ M&M Night—All ladies are invited to an M&M Night, (Munch and a movie), Wednesday, October 23rd, at 6:30 pm, at Christina Brown’s home. Please bring a snack to share and RSVP to either Darla or Christina.

Iron Sharpens Iron —All are invited to join in a fantastic group study Thursday, October 24th, at 6:30 PM, at HBC. Proverbs 17; Iron sharpens iron, and one man sharpens another. Hope you can come!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

James Kiracofe	3
Reggie Coleman	4
Nikki Borden	8
Stephanie Myers	19
Amanda Fancher	21

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

Church Care/Cleaning

Help is needed once per week to vacuum, clean, and do various tasks for the upkeep of the church. Please see the signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested. Your help is very much appreciated!

THANK-YOU!

Thanks to those who helped with the lawncare of the church this spring and summer. Your time and hard work is very much appreciated!

Boxes for Pastor Rob and Troop

Two boxes have been placed in the front of the sanctuary for collecting items to send to Pastor Rob and his troop each month during Pastor Rob’s deployment. Monetary donations are also needed to help pay the expense of the shipping. Please see the information sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in helping. See Christina Brown with any questions.

Thank you for all you do!

Lord’s Supper

We will observe the Lord’s Supper on Sunday, October 6th.

Rescue Mission

Help serve on Tuesday, October 22nd, at 5:45 PM.

Youth Group

Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 PM. *(Please see the signup sheet if you are interested in providing a meal)*

Men’s Breakfast

Will meet on Saturday, October 12th, at 8:00 AM, in the fellowship hall.

Potluck

The next potluck will be on Sunday, October 13th. The Mixed Adult Class will serve.

Nursery Schedule

October 6th—Betsy/Amanda & Kayla
 October 13th—Betsy/Caroline & Kayla
 October 20th—Emma S./Jamie & Emma S.
 October 27th—Emma P./Linda & Emma P.

October 2019

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

		<p>1</p> <p>Heart of Casper Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>2</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM</p> <p>Amanda in office</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>
<p>6</p> <p>Lord's Supper</p> <p>Last day to collect Pastor Appreciation items for Pastor Rob</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Widow's Luncheon @ Perkin's, 11:30 am</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Heart of Casper Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm</p> <p>Amanda in office</p>	<p>9</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>	<p>12</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM</p>
<p>13</p> <p>Pastor APPRECIATION DAY</p> <p>POTLUCK to honor Pastor Josiah</p> <p>Children's Church</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Trail Life Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Heart of Casper Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm</p>	<p>16</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM</p> 	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p>
<p>20</p> <p>Children's Church</p>	<p>21</p>	<p>22</p> <p>Heart of Casper Ladies Bible Study 6:30 pm</p> <p>Rescue Mission 5:45 PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM</p>	<p>24</p> <p>IRON SHARPENS IRON 6:30 PM At HBC</p> <p>Amanda in office</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>
<p>27</p> <p>Children's Church</p>	<p>28</p> <p>Trail Life Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM</p>	<p>29</p>	<p>30</p> <p>YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM</p> <p>Amanda in office</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Trunks of Treats 5:00-6:30 PM (Please bring candy to hand out)</p>	<p>1</p> <p>UPCOMING: New ladies bible study—'It's Not Supposed to Be This Way' by Lysa TerKeurst November 5th at 6:30 PM \$8.00 for the book</p>	<p>2</p>