



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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Mailing Address:

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Phone Number:

307-265-6540

Office Hours:

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

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 Amanda Platt: secretary@hilltopbaptistchurchcasper.com

Sunday Schedule:

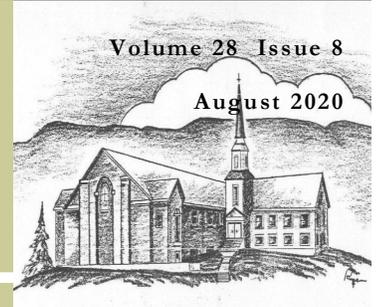
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule:

Youth Group.....5:30-7:00 PM
 (Meal provided)

THE MESSENGER

PASTOR'S PEN



From the Pastor's Pen

The time stamp on my watch reads July 28th, 2020 as I write this. That means it was exactly one year ago today when I reported for duty in Cheyenne. Today marks my first day back in the office after my deployment to the Middle East, and I must admit it feels weird. In some ways it seems that a decade has passed since I last sat in this chair, in other ways it feels like it was only yesterday. The lamp on my desk with a bulb that no longer works and the clock on the wall with hands that remain motionless due to battery failure remind me that an entire year indeed has passed. The frozen clock is a fitting symbol for how things feel right now; like I'm stuck in time. Although things feel a bit unnatural, I look forward to re-starting my routine and jumping into the ministry already occurring here at Hilltop Baptist Church.

Currently, I feel a profound sense of satisfaction and contentment. I can't express how thankful I am for Josiah who was willing and able to step into the senior pastor role and provide meaningful ministry for this entire absence (even while attempting to do so on a part-time salary!) With Jamie working full-time and the family at home; both Josiah and Jamie put their heart and soul into taking care of the long-term and day-to-day needs of this church family. Amanda also scrambled to keep things running smoothly in the office without a designated full-time employee to handle little things as they came up. At the risk of excluding any of the volunteers by name, I want to say "thank you" to everyone else who served in volunteer positions throughout the church. Many of you stepped into positions of leadership and I am extremely grateful for that.

Countless times during the deployment other soldiers would ask me, "What's your church doing while you're gone?" When I would explain that our ½ time associate pastor is going up to ¾ time, and about seven or eight other men were taking turns helping to fill the pulpit and everything was going fine, I would almost always get the same two responses. Either they would say, "Are you worried they won't need you when you get back?" Or, "Sounds like you just put yourself out of a job." The statements were meant in good fun, but my response was always the same... "I don't see it that way."

To me, the health of the church should NEVER be too wrapped up in any ONE person. The church is a collection of gifted people and sometimes a leadership vacuum can provide much needed opportunities for others to explore or develop their gifts. This is what I feel took place in the past year and I for one am pleased with the results. For those of you reading this who stepped out in faith and tackled responsibilities this past year, I hope you feel the same way.

Over the next several months I hope to add value to the ministries of this church while preserving the new strengths that have been added in my absence. I thank God for each and every one of you and am excited to be serving alongside you once again!

God Bless,
Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Northeast Region Annual Meeting— Saturday, August 15th, at Sunrise Baptist Church—3990 S. McKinley, Casper, WY. Executive Board Meeting at 11:00 AM, Lunch at 12:00 PM, and Annual Meeting at 1:00 PM. Please come and be a part of this meeting of our Northeast Wyoming SBC Churches.

VBS— Due to current circumstances, we will not be hosting a VBS this year. Thanks to all of those who prayed for guidance in making the difficult decision. And, thanks to all of those who graciously volunteered to help.

Looking for Ways to Help? - If you've been looking for opportunities to help within the church, stop by the table located at the back of the sanctuary where new signup sheets have been placed. Volunteers are needed for Rescue Mission meals, Youth Group meals, and cleaning and sanitizing the church (please see Vern). Thanks for all you do!

Nursery volunteers needed, as well as troop leaders!
Please see Pastor Josiah if you are interested in helping.



PLEASE JOIN US AT
EDNESS KIMBALL
WILKINS STATE PARK
(COTTONWOOD SHELTER)

**CHURCH AT
THE LAKE**

August 9th, at 11:00 AM

*Worship, fellowship, swimming, and a BBQ
to follow; please bring a dish to share!*

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jamie Kiracofe	2
Linda Husk	9
Rob Peterson	20
Hannah Peterson	22
Ilias Green	23

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

BCM SNACKS NEEDED

SEPTEMBER is around the corner and it will soon be our turn to supply snacks. A signup sheet will be placed in the back of the sanctuary if you are interested in helping. Thanks in advance!

WY State-Wide Ladies' Retreat "Anchored in the Storm"

August 21-22, 2020
at
Mtn. View Baptist Church

\$25 early registration by August 16th, and \$30 after. Please register online at www.eventbrite.com
Or contact
Debbie Zastrow.
(See the flyer posted on the bulletin.)

Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, August 2nd.

Rescue Mission

Help serve on Tuesday, Aug. 25th, at 5:45 pm. Please let Darla know if you would like to help.

Youth Group

Meets every Wednesday at 5:30 PM.
A meal is provided.

At this time we are following the CDC recommended guidelines and respecting instructions from our government officials. Please understand our scheduled activities could change at any time. Please watch for updates in your email or on the HBC Facebook page.

Men's Breakfast

Will meet again in the fall.

Potluck

There will not be a potluck during the month of August.

Nursery Schedule

TBD

YOUTH GROUP

Meets every Wednesday at 5:30 PM.

Please see the signup sheet in the back of the sanctuary if you would like to help provide a meal. Thank you for helping!

AUGUST 2020

Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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2 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM	3	4	5 YOUTH GROUP At Jeffrey City	6	7	8
9  Church at the Lake 11:00 AM @Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park BBQ to follow!	10  11:30 AM All are invited!	11	12 YOUTH GROUP NO YOUTH GROUP	13	14	15
16 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM	17	18	19 YOUTH GROUP BBQ at the Kiracofe home	20  PASTOR ROBI	21 "Anchored in the Storm" Ladies' Retreat 	22
23 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM Q3 BUSINESS MTNG @ 6:00 PM	24	25 Rescue Mission 5:45 PM (There is a great need for volunteers at this time. Please let Darla know if you can help!)	26 YOUTH GROUP NO YOUTH GROUP	27	28	29
30 SS @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM Evening Worship 6PM	31					