



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:

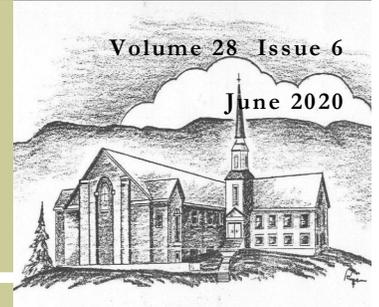
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule:

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

THE MESSENGER

PASTOR'S PEN



The Pastor's Pen

“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ²Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few.”

– Ecclesiastes 5:1-2

Every morning we start the day with a quick update briefing for the Brigade Commander (hereafter referred to as the O6, Colonel, or the old man). Sometimes these briefings last barely ten minutes, other times they approach thirty; depending on the amount of information needed to convey and how long the Colonel speaks at the end. Over the course of the deployment I've noticed something interesting during these briefings. It doesn't matter how confident the briefer is, how well he knows his information, or how naturally outgoing or comfortable he is speaking in front of a crowd; there always seems to be a hint of nervousness in their voice as they stand before “the old man.”

This phenomenon is even more interesting given the fact that our Colonel is extremely easy-going and friendly. He doesn't instill fear by stern looks or biting words like other Commanders sometimes do. I've served this particular Commander for two years at Battalion and three years at Brigade and he's been one of the most understanding, easy to work for, and patient O6's I've ever known. Given my assessment of him you can imagine my surprise when I find *myself* a little nervous when it's my turn to brief. Why would I feel butterflies in *my* stomach? My familiarity with him has a long track record; I've shared a room with him at various trainings, sat with him at numerous head tables during formal occasions and had countless casual conversations with him about everything and nothing in particular. He's encouraged me during my long road to receive my doctorate, he recently promoted me, and he regularly asks me about the welfare of my family and Betsy in particular. Why do the butterflies still form? What could it be?

It's the position of authority, plain and simple. He represents a lofty standard, the power to promote or demote, the influence to bless or curse, and the final word on any matter.

Which brings me to my point. The sense of respect and reverence one feels when standing before the Commander is only a small taste of what it's like to approach our God in heaven. In Ecclesiastes 5:1-2 Solomon says, *“Guard your steps when you go to the house of God. To draw near to listen is better than to offer the sacrifice of fools, for they do not know that they are doing evil. ²Be not rash with your mouth, nor let your heart be hasty to utter a word before God, for God is in heaven and you are on earth. Therefore let your words be few.”*

Metaphors that compare people to God are always a little uncomfortable, but in this case the comparison is more about the *position* rather than the *person*. When we push the analogy even farther we understand that our God is also kind, merciful, loving, benevolent, and He obviously cares for us. Because of that, not in spite of it, we ought to approach Him with a mixture of warmth and reverence. In this case reverence shouldn't be understood as fear, it should be understood as respect for His power and authority. These are the dual attitudes we must hold as professing Christians, to be equally ready to bow down on our knees in God's presence as we are to be swept up in His arms in a loving embrace. The Bible teaches both attitudes, and when we understand His goodness and sovereignty, we should be excited to experience both.

Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Kid's Camp/Summit Camp Update— All June camps have been cancelled. The board will meet on June 2 to make a decision on July & August camps. Everyone is encouraged to pray and still plan for camp until a final decision has been made. WSBM is keeping in touch (weekly) with the health department and emergency management in Natrona County. The safety of all camp staff and campers is in the fore-front of their decision making. Please watch for updates to be sent out as soon as they are available.

VBS—Thanks to all of those who graciously volunteered to help with VBS this year. Please be in prayer for those helping to make a decision on hosting a VBS this summer.

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 lawn care, Rescue Mission meals, and cleaning and sanitizing the church. Thanks for all you do!

Sunday School will begin June 7th. Adults will be in one class, and children will attend their regular classes. Sunday evening services will resume June 14th, at 6PM.



In honor of all of the men in our church, a \$75.00 donation has been made to Father's in the Field. There will not be an evening service. We hope you have a blessed Father's Day!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Deb King	6
Emma Peterson	9
Carl Myers	15
Neal Hilston	25

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



Please join us
Sunday, June 7th
At 6:00 PM
All members are encouraged to attend.

Church at the Lake
August 9th!
More info to come.

FellowshipOne Online Giving

We are excited to announce you can now give via online through our web page, or at:

<https://www.fellowshiponegiving.com/app/giving/hilltopbaptistchurch>

Or, download the FellowshipOne Giving app and select Hilltop Baptist Church of Casper:

<https://app.ministryone.com/landing/b6vm>

Lord's Supper

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

Rescue Mission

Help serve on Tuesday, June 23rd, at 5:45 pm. *(It is recommended that only those age 60 or younger help serve at this time. But, please talk to Darla if you are interested in helping in other ways, like organizing, shopping, etc.)*

Youth Group

Youth Group will meet at 7:00 PM, on Wednesday's, at Mike Cedar park throughout the summer.

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

Is breaking for the summer season!

Potluck

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

Nursery Schedule

TBD

True Care
Heroes Walk for Life

Join True Care in their 15th annual Walk for Life on Saturday, June 6th, at North Casper Athletic Complex! Register online and create your own Heroes Walk for Life Fund-raising page at <https://secure.qgiv.com/event/heroeswalk/>, or visit <https://truecaregiving.net/page/19-Walk%20For%20Life/> and download, fill the registration form, and mail it to True Care. True Care thanks you for being a lifesaver!

Due to current circumstances, everyone is encouraged to wear a mask and social distance during the walk.

JUNE 2020

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

	1	2	3  Mike Cedar Park 7:00-8:00 PM	4	5	6
7 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM  at 6:00 PM	8	9	10  Mike Cedar Park 7:00-8:00 PM	11	12	13
14 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM	15	16	17  Mike Cedar Park 7:00-8:00 PM	18	19	20
21 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM  No Evening Service	22	23 Rescue Mission 5:45 PM (There is a great need for volunteers at this time. Please let Darla know if you can help!)	24  Mike Cedar Park 7:00-8:00 PM	25	26	27
28 Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM	29	30	31  Mike Cedar Park 7:00-8:00 PM	2	3	4 