



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:

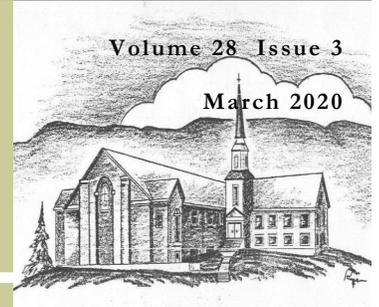
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule:

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

THE MESSENGER

PASTOR'S PEN



The Pastor's Pen

"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."

– 2 Timothy 2:2

Greetings from the increasingly warmer Middle East! I had hoped that the 90's+ temperatures would hold off as long as possible; but within the last week they've returned. I have to be thankful for the nearly three months of temps in the 70's and 80's, it really was nice. We'll be marching towards 100+ from here until the end of the deployment.

I'm getting close to the time of reflection for this experience. Being that it's another deployment to the same part of the world I spent a year in ten years ago, it's hard not to compare the two. However, when I do compare them, the two deployments are vastly different. Ten years ago I was a young Captain, firmly in the middle of the rank structure with my peers, slotted as a Battalion Chaplain responsible for ministry for an entire redeployment camp, sometimes numbering over 5,000 soldiers. I ran myself ragged with counseling, Bible studies, worship services, and meetings. Although the pace was wearisome, the visible fruit of the ministry was immediate, I prayed with several to receive Christ, got to baptize those several, witnessed answered prayer, saw marriages saved and some restored. I guess if I'm honest with myself I hoped for a similar experience this time around; but like Heraclitus said, "No man ever steps in the same river twice, for it's not the same river and he's not the same man."

This time I find myself as a Lieutenant Colonel with virtually no peers in rank structure. I'm in a supervisory role over a Battalion Chaplain with the rank of Captain, on a much smaller camp with less than 10% the soldier population as I was accustomed to. Realizing my new role, I've willed myself to step out of the performing role and empower the newer Chaplain to have a good experience with counseling, Bible studies, worship services, and meetings. Don't get me wrong, I still have my fair share of meetings and briefings, but I've scaled way back in the ministry performing aspect. As a result, the visible fruit of the ministry for me hasn't been nearly as immediate, and if I'm honest with myself that has caused me to struggle a little bit. Who doesn't like to pray with people to receive Christ, baptize individuals and witness answered prayers? The leap from Battalion Chaplain to Brigade Chaplain has been a transition from doing to mentoring... and not one that I was entirely eager to make! On the positive side it has forced me to be more introspective, see the bigger picture, and focus on Kingdom results instead of personal efforts. I'm still wrestling with God about this, occasionally whining about my new lot in life, but I have a sneaking suspicion that God will bring me around to His way of thinking.

If there's going to be any benefit from my experience, I hope and pray that each of you reading my rambling thoughts looks for parallels in your own life. Perhaps you're fully aware that God is calling you to adopt more of a mentoring role, that's great! I hope you've been encouraged by my ramblings! Perhaps you're sensing that same shift, but like myself you aren't 100% comfortable or willing to make the transition. If that's the case I hope my words challenge you. Look around you, there are undoubtedly people younger than you without as much experience living the Christian life. Encourage them, provide ministry opportunities, and then be their greatest cheerleader. Like Paul said to Timothy, *"And the things you have heard me say in the presence of many witnesses entrust to reliable people who will also be qualified to teach others."*

Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering— Please join us for a week of prayer, March 1-8, and be in prayer for your personal donation. To learn more, visit: www.anniearmstrong.com

Canada Mission Trip— June 26th-July 4th. This is open to all members. Be in prayer about whether God could use you for his purpose! Please let Pastor Josiah know if you are interested.

Thank-You!— The Youth would like to thank you for supporting them during their chili fundraiser. With your generous donations, they were able to raise over \$800 to help cover camp fees.

Mission Trip Yard Sale— The tentative date is May 16th. Please place your donated items in the designated area next to the Mixed Adult Class downstairs. Thank you!

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS
SUNDAY, MARCH 8th

Spring Ahead!!



Restoration Church
**CULTIVATING CONNECTION
2020 Marriage Conference**

March 13th & 14th

\$30/Couple - \$15/Individual

FRIDAY: Dinner 5:30 PM, Conference 6:00-9:00 PM

SATURDAY: Breakfast 8:30-9:00 AM, Conference 9:00-1:00 PM

Purchase tickets by contacting the church office
(307) 235-9100 or ONLINE at www.restchurch.com

Childcare will be available.

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 5th. Thank you for helping.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Brook 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.)



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 5. The lilies are \$10/each.

Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, March 1st, 2020.

Rescue Mission

Help serve on Tuesday, March 24th.

Youth Group

Every Wednesday, 5:30-7:00 PM.

(Please see the sign-up sheet if you are interested in providing a meal.

Thanks for your help!)

Men's Breakfast

Will meet on Saturday, March 14th, at 8:00 AM, in the fellowship hall.

Potluck

Please join us for potluck on Sunday, March 22nd, following service. The Mixed Adult class will serve. Please bring a friend and a dish to share!

Nursery Schedule

March 1st—Meredith/Linda & Emma P.
March 8th—Emma P./Timothy & Jessica
March 15th—Betsy/Amanda & Kayla
March 22nd—Amanda/Caroline & Kayla
March 29th—Monica/Jamie & Emma P.

Church Care/Cleaning

Help is needed, once per week, to vacuum, clean, and accomplish 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!

Save these dates for Youth/Kid's Camp:

Kid's Camp: July 6-10
Summit Camp: July 13-18

March 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
Annie Armstrong Week of Prayer						
Lord's Supper			YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM Amanda in office			
 Children's Church	Widow's Luncheon @ Perkin's, 11:30 am Trail Life Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM		YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM Amanda in office			Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
VBS Meeting after church Children's Church			YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM Ladies Movie Outing—see Christina Brown for details Amanda in office			
 Children's Church	Trail Life Meeting 6:30-7:30 PM	Rescue Mission 5:45 PM	YOUTH GROUP 5:30-7:00 PM Amanda in office	Iron Sharpens Iron Meeting At HBC 6:30 PM		
Hymn Sing for Life At Highland Park Church 4-5:30 pm			SONG OF SOLOMON 2:11-12 For behold, the winter is past; the rain is over and gone. The flowers appear on the earth, the time of singing has come, and the voice of the turtledove is heard in our land.			