



**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.

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307-265-6540

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 Monday - Friday (afternoons)  
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 Wednesday & Thursday

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**Sunday Schedule:**

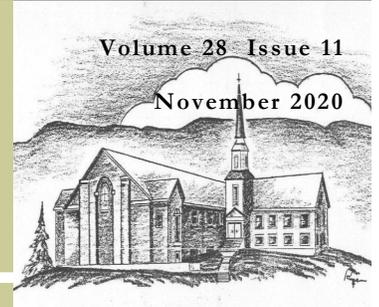
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

**Wednesday Schedule:**

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

# THE MESSENGER

PASTOR'S PEN



## From the Pastor's Pen

*"...whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way."*

Proverbs 19:2

A few weeks ago I responded to an ad on Casper Mountain advertising free firewood. All I had to do was bring my own chainsaw, pickup, and trailer and cut down standing dead trees. The access was fairly easy and I could get my vehicle pretty close to the area I'd be cutting in; so one Saturday morning I went up there and cut a trailer full of firewood. When I got there I learned that most of the trees were Aspen. They were a little more heavy than I thought and it took a little longer than I planned. By the time I got home I had to drop the trailer quick in order to get back to town for a Cross Country meet the kids were running in.

When my neighbor saw me with that big load of Aspen he called over the fence, "What are you doing with all that beautiful wood?" I was in a bit of a hurry and just yelled back, "I'm gonna burn it!" He didn't say much, and I didn't have time to say much back, so that was pretty much the extent of the conversation.

Have you ever had those moments when you recall a piece of important information *days after* the moment you *should* have recalled it? This is what happened for me. Several days after that casual exchange of phrases my sister was visiting and she also noticed the wood still sitting in my trailer. She mentioned she'd love a couple pieces to take back with her for some decorating ideas she had. We cut up a few so they'd fit in her vehicle and it was only then that it dawned on me why my neighbor made that strange comment about the "beautiful wood." You see, my neighbor is a woodworker. Just a few weeks earlier he had shown me some of the pieces he'd been working on and selling at the weekly Farmer's Market. He has one of those fancy laser machines that engrave wood and he makes attractive signs, coasters, furniture, and all manner of decorative art with wood. All of this information came flooding back into my head and I was surprised with myself that I didn't think about when he made the comment. I realized with shock and horror that I may have inadvertently offended my neighbor by flippantly saying I was going to burn all that beautiful Aspen.

As soon as I could, I caught him outside and confessed my blunder and stated that I got all that wood for free and he was more than welcome to come over and take any logs that might catch his eye. Amends were made and I feel confident now that I didn't do anything to permanently damage our relationship. But it got me to thinking about how dangerous it is to be constantly rushed. When we're in a hurry we run more of a risk of not thinking, not caring, not taking the time to look at things from another person's perspective. And in so doing, we might not be the best neighbors, or even the best Christians. Proverbs 19:2 says, *"...whoever makes haste with his feet misses his way."* I had to tell myself this month to slow down so I don't repeat any more of those blunders. If you're like me and have a tendency to rush from one task to the next, make sure you slow down as well. It's always amazing to me how Jesus filled His time with worthwhile things, but we never get the idea from scripture that He was rushed or in a hurry. He even tarried a few days after hearing about Lazarus's condition. He accomplished the Father's will, not by running around and getting things done at the last minute, but by beginning His days with prayer, taking time to really BE with people, and listening to the Father's leading. Let's be more like that. And if you see something on sale from Foundwoods LLC, take a look, it might have come off my trailer!

God Bless,  
Pastor Rob

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Casper Area SBC Churches' Annual Thanksgiving Service**—Wednesday, November 25th, at 6:30 PM, at Mountain View Baptist Church. Everyone is invited!

**WSBMN Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting** - November 5-6, at Boyd Avenue Baptist Church. Please let Pastor Rob or Pastor Josiah know if you would like to go and be a messenger. Details have been posted on the church bulletin.

**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 signup sheets have been placed. Volunteers are needed for Rescue Mission meals, nursery, troop leaders, Youth Group meals, and cleaning/sanitizing the church. Thanks for all you do!

**Operation Christmas Child**—It's that wonderful time of year again! Boxes and information have been placed in the back of the sanctuary. The deadline to submit a box is Nov. 19th. Thank you for helping with this life touching ministry! Please see Julie with questions.

**Annual Church Christmas Party**—Mark your calendars for Friday, December 11th, at 6:00 p.m., for our fun-filled Christmas event! We will begin with a potluck dinner, so please bring a dish to share. Then, prepare for some belly-laughs as we play our annual white elephant gift exchange game. Please bring a gift of your choice; one per person. Hope you can join us!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Craig Straughan	3
Josh Green	9
Gwen Rush	4
Pastor Josiah	11
Marilyn Burton	17
Kendell Keller	25
Laquita Woodell	17

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



**Women's Mini-Conference**

Thursday, November 5th, at Boyd Avenue Baptist Church. This is a free conference for all ladies prior to the WSBMN Annual Meeting.

Enter his gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise!  
 Give thanks to him, bless his name!

PSALM 100:4



Daylight Savings Time ends Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to move your clocks back 1 hour on Saturday night, 10/31. (This is also a great time to change your batteries in your smoke detectors!)

<p><b>Lord's Supper</b></p> <p>We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, November 1st.</p>	<p><b>Potluck</b></p> <p>The next potluck will be on Sunday, November 22nd. The Men's Class will serve.</p>
<p><b>Rescue Mission</b></p> <p>Help serve on Tuesday, November 24th, at 5:45 pm. Please let Darla know if you would like to help.</p>	<p><b>Men's Breakfast</b></p> <p>Will meet on Saturday, November 14th, at 8:00 AM, in the fellowship hall. All men are invited!</p>
<p><b>Youth Group</b></p> <p>Meets every Wednesday at 5:30 PM. A meal is provided.</p>	<p><b>Nursery</b></p> <p>Please see Pastor Josiah or Jessica if you are interested in helping with nursery.</p>

**Are We Missing You?**

If you aren't receiving emails from the church, such as reminders, potluck, and the newsletter, please send your email address to:

Secretary  
 @hilltopbaptist  
 churchcasper.com

**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!

# November 2020

Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday                      Saturday

<p>1</p> <p>Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM</p> <p>Evening Worship/Special Called Business Meeting 6:00 PM</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p> <p>WSBMN Thirty-Seventh Annual Meeting</p> <p>Women's Mini-Conference</p> <p>Amanda</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p>
<p>8</p> <p>Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM</p> <p>Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Trail Life 6:30-7:30 PM</p>  <p>11:30 AM All are invited!</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p> <p>happy birthday! Pastor Josiah!</p>  <p>5:30 PM</p> <p>Amanda Works</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM</p> 
<p>15</p> <p>Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM</p> <p>Q2 Business Meeting &amp; Hanging of the Greens 5:00 PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18</p>  <p>5:30 PM</p> <p>Amanda Works</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Operation Christmas Child Boxes Due</p> 	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
<p>22</p> <p>Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM</p> <p>Evening Worship @ 6:00 PM</p>	<p>23</p> <p>Trail Life 6:30-7:30 PM</p> <p>Amanda Works</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Rescue Mission 5:45 PM</p> <p>(There is a great need for volunteers at this time. Please let Darla know if you can help!)</p>	<p>25</p>  <p>SBC Area Churches' Annual Thanksgiving Service at Mtn. View Baptist 6:30 PM</p>	<p>26</p>  <p>Office Closed</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday School @ 9:30 AM Worship @11 AM</p>  <p>(Men's class will serve)</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>1</p>	<p>2</p>  <p>5:30 PM</p>	<p>3</p>	<p>4</p>	<p>5</p>