



**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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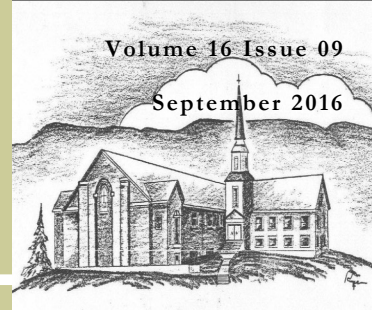
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**Sunday Schedule:**

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

Youth Group - Tuesdays .....5:30 PM

# THE MESSENGER



PASTOR'S PEN

To all the Saints at Hilltop Baptists Church,

## 4 Steps to a Friendlier Church

Genuine friendships are becoming rarer – and thus, of greater perceived value – than any other aspect of modern church life. No church is automatically friendly. Especially not to outsiders coming in.

The good news is that most people who attend church do so for spiritual reasons. But the reason they choose one church over another church is often about personal relationships.

People usually visit a church because a friend invited them. And when they choose to stay it's because they've made friends there. Friendly Churches are No Mistake. It's often easier to find a church that preaches the Bible, has good worship and offers excellent child care than it is to find a church where we can make genuine, lasting friendships.

The following is a simple plan for a Friendlier Church:

Every week, we need all our church members, and our leaders, to do at least one of the following steps:

**1. GREET** someone you've never met before.

Get out of your comfort zone. Find someone whose name you don't know and learn it. Welcome them if they're new. Discover something about them. Get to know them if they've been around for a while, but you just haven't met yet. Or offer to sit with them if they came to church alone.

**2. INTRODUCE** people to each other.

After meeting someone, make sure they meet others, too. Connect people who have something in common. Introduce a first time guest to the pastor. A young person to the youth leader. Kids and their parents to the children's ministries director. And so on.

**3. FOLLOW UP** on someone you met recently.

Find that person you met a week or two ago and say 'hi' again. Call them by name. Engage in further conversation. Include them in your group of friends.

**4. THANK** someone who did something you appreciate.

Every church has people who volunteer their time and efforts with very little, if any appreciation shown to them. Sometimes it's a simple "way to go" to the worship leader. Or an appreciation to a Sunday School teacher for encouraging your child to read their Bible.

Encouragement costs nothing, but is worth a great deal.

**5. ACCOUNTABILITY** – The Essential Fifth Step

We go around the room in Sunday School and share stories about who we met, introduced and so on. By doing this, we hold ourselves accountable and we often learn more about church members and guests as we do so.

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R. Husk

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Youth Group** - Starting September 6th, Youth Group will run from 5:30-7:30. Note the new time. There will be a small meal each time, we are looking for 4 volunteers to help provide the meals on a rotational basis.

**BCM Snacks** - For the month of September we have been asked to provide snacks for Casper College BCM on Tuesday nights. Please bring all donations to the church office by 2 P.M. on Tuesdays.

**Men's Breakfast** - Men's Breakfast will be held Saturday, September 10th at 8:00 A.M.

**Northeast Region Ladies Retreat** – “The Blessed Life” Ladies Retreat will be held September 9-10 at the Mountain Top Camp on Casper Mountain. If you are interested, please see the pamphlets on the information table and the flyers on the bulletin boards.

**Heart of Casper Community Bible Study** – Bible Study will be on “Daniel” by Beth Moore. Registration will be held on September 13th at 6:30 P.M. at Hilltop Baptist Church. The study will run September 13th – November 29th. Cost of the book is \$16.00. For more information, call Jean Brown 234-3594.

### This Month's Birthdays:

<i>Caroline Guinn</i>	1
<i>Dave Winn</i>	1
<i>Julie Phillips</i>	4
<i>Jordan Kiracofe</i>	8
<i>Brianna Spurlin-bock</i>	8
<i>Darla Winn</i>	12
<i>Raylan Guinn</i>	16
<i>Jean Brown</i>	20
<i>Lonnie Bodiford</i>	27

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

*“Bear one another's burdens, and so fulfill the law of Christ.”  
- Galatians 6:2*

### Rescue Mission

Help us serve at the Rescue Mission on September 27th at 5:45 p.m.

### Lord's Supper

We will have the Lord's Supper during the September 4th service.

### Trail Life Meetings

The Trail Life meetings will be held September 12th and 26th at 6:30 P.M.

### Potluck

There will be potluck September 25th. The Mixed Adult class will be serving.

### Nursery Schedule for the Month

September 4 Carla Weir  
September 11 Kiracofe  
September 18 Linda Husk  
September 25 Caroline Guinn

# September 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4 Lord's Supper	5 Labor Day	6 Youth Group 5:30 P.M.  Women's Bible Study 6:30 P.M.  BCM	7	8	9  Ladies	10 Men's Breakfast  Retreat
11	12 Trail Life 6:30 P.M.	13 Youth Group 5:30 P.M.  Women's Bible Study 6:30 P.M.  BCM	14	15	16	17
18	19	20 Youth Group 5:30 P.M.  Women's Bible Study 6:30 P.M.  BCM	21	22	23	24
25 Potluck	26 Trail Life 6:30 P.M.	27 Rescue Mission Dinner 5:45 P.M. Youth Group 5:30 P.M.  Women's Bible Study 6:30 P.M.  BCM	28	29	30	