



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:

2555 E. 2nd St.
Casper, WY 82604

Mailing Address:

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Phone Number:

307-265-6540

Office Hours:

Pastor: Dr. Rob Peterson

Mon.-Thurs.

Secretary: Amanda Platt

Tues.-Fri.

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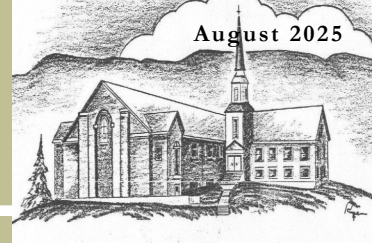
Sunday Schedule:

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

Wednesday Schedule:

Youth Group & Children's Ministry (GLOW):
6:00 P.M., every Wednesday

THE MESSENGER



From the Pastor's Pen

"Playing Catch as Connection"

"Again Jesus spoke to them, saying, 'I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will not walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.' – John 8:12 ESV

On both of my deployments I made heavy use of the USO reading room. The USO provided a great program where a soldier could record a video of themselves reading a book and then mail that book (with included video) back to their family. The family could then watch the video and follow along in the book. One of the favorite books I sent to my family was "*Night Catch*" by Brenda Ehrmantraut. The premise of the book was that although the soldier and family were on opposite sides of the world, there was a simple way they could stay connected. Before the soldier went to sleep at night he would look at the North Star and figuratively "throw it" to the other side of the world. As the world spun and the family went about their business, the star would be traveling their way. Sure enough, half a day later the child could look outside their window at night, "catch" the North Star, and throw it back to their soldier before going to bed. As you might imagine, it was a clever, well-written book and highly emotional.

I've played catch with all four of my kids, but without a doubt I've played the most catch with my son Garrett. It's been one of those things we've been able to keep up throughout the years. If we have 5 minutes before supper, we play catch. If there's a few minutes before bed, we play catch. If the weather is unseasonably warm in late fall or early spring, we play catch. We've even played catch during commercial breaks while watching football and baseball games! There are few things that provide an instant connection like a couple baseball gloves and a ball.

Last week on the evening before Garrett moved away to college he asked me to "play catch." It became one of the most emotional moments of my life. We threw the ball much longer than normal. I knew my arm would make me pay for it the next day, but each toss was worth it. There was no reason to stop, no chore or task seemed more important than what I was doing at that moment. Time sped up and slowed down all at once. Images from t-ball to senior year flashed through my mind as the ball slapped against leather again and again. I soaked in every second, desperately wanting the moment to continue but knowing it couldn't.

I was an emotional puddle when Emma moved away to college two years ago and apparently I haven't changed since. It's a bit overwhelming to think I'm only half done emptying the nest! When you face a short-term separation, a long-term separation, or a new stage in life, *how thankful you become for moments of connection.*

Going back to the "*Night Catch*" idea I know we'll always have ways to connect as a family. We've endured separations in the past and we'll navigate whatever the future brings. In that book that still sits on our shelf, the North Star was the point of connection for a small family. How good it is as Christians to know we have a brighter light connecting a larger group. Indeed, *all Christians* are connected through the true light of the world. Having faith in Jesus assures us that others who also have faith in Jesus are in the same family. We'll enjoy that special family connection not just in this life, but in the life to come. As we look for ways to connect, what a blessing that we can look to Christ. He is our constant, He is the one who provides an everlasting connection.

God Bless,
Pastor Rob

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Snacks & Food for the Gal's Gathering on the Mountain—We are seeking snacks to provide for the ladies during their upcoming retreat on the mountain. If you would like to help, please drop your items off at the church office. Thanks for helping!

Seeking Food Sponsors for Gal's Gathering on the Mountain—In addition to seeking snack items, we are also seeking food sponsors. There is a sign-up sheet located in the back of the sanctuary where you can sign-up to pledge an amount to donate towards the cost of purchasing food to prepare meals at camp on the mountain. The ladies will host 5 meals on the mountain, and the pledges are broken down in \$5-\$20 increments. Thank you for helping to purchase the groceries to put these meals together. Please remember to share the gathering invitation with all of the ladies you know!

YouTube Livestream – You now have a new way to view our Sunday morning service. Please visit our YouTube link and subscribe: <http://www.youtube.com/@hbcc.church>

Sanctuary Chairs & Carpet Update—The Building and Grounds committee, as well as other volunteers within the church, have been hard at work making room for the new sanctuary chairs that will be making their way into the church this week! Thank you for sponsoring chairs and helping us prayerfully make the decision to create more seating and event space for our growing church. Praise God for faithful and loving stewards of the Lord's house.

NE Region Annual Meeting—Saturday, August 16th, at 1:00 P.M., at Kaycee Church replant building (244 Ritter Avenue, Kaycee, WY).

Shirt Orders—An order form for shirts & sweatshirts for the Gal's Gathering on the Mountain has been placed in the back of the sanctuary. We have created a really fun design for you! Please place your shirt order by August 17th to allow time to have the shirts made. (Youth sizes are available, as well.)



YOUTH LADIES ARE WELCOME, TOO!

HILLTOP BAPTIST CHURCH

2025 Gal's Gathering on the Mountain

"A Sweet Friendship Refreshes the Soul" - Proverbs 27:9

MOUNTAIN TOP BAPTIST ASSEMBLY CAMP
SEPTEMBER 12-14

DON'T MISS THIS EXCITING OPPORTUNITY TO GROW YOUR FAITH AND FRIENDSHIPS!

REGISTER ONLINE OR BY FORM
\$50 EARLY REGISTRATION BY 8/17, \$60 THEREAFTER
A SHIRT ORDER WILL BE DONE SEPARATELY

SCAN ME

Rescue Mission

The Wednesday night bible study group will serve on Wednesday, August 20, at 4:45 PM. The regular Tuesday night RM group will serve on August 26, at 5:45 PM. Please let Darla know if you would like to help.

Youth Group/Children's Ministry

The Youth Group and Children's Ministry (GLOW) meets every Wednesday at 6:00 PM throughout the summer.

Ladies' Luncheon

Monday, August 11, at 12:30 PM, at Perkin's. All ladies are welcome!

Potluck Luncheon

In lieu of our normally scheduled potluck, we will gather together for a picnic at the park (Edness Kimball-Wilkins State Park) on Sunday August 17th, at 12:30 P.M., following our regular church service at HBC. Please feel free to pack a picnic for you and your family, a lawn chair, and don't forget your sunscreen. It's going to be a great Sunday together!

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and study on Saturday, August 9th, at 8:00 AM.

Nursery

August 3rd—Kay, Jenna, & Maggie
August 10th—Meg, Mirabelle, & Josie
August 17th—Ashley, Annabelle, & Elena
August 24th—Daisy, Cindy B., & Maggie
August 31st—Caroline, Harley, & Maggie

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jamie Kiracofe	2
Karen Jones	3
Ashley Hays	4
Lindsey Parker	6
Vera Hays	8
Linda Husk	9
Cody Warren	13
Maggie Parker	15
Nancy Martinson	19
Rob Peterson	20
Hannah Peterson	22
Anita Clark	31

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

College Ministry Snacks

September will be here before we know it, and so will our opportunity to serve! September is our month to donate weekly snacks to the CM Ministry Group. Please stay tuned on how you can help!

Casper Christian School

Presents

'BATTLE WITH THE BANDS'
on August 23rd, 4-8 p.m.,
at 411 S. Walsh Dr.
Enjoy local worship bands and see CCS students perform! Free admission, kids' area, and food trucks on-site!

Text

GIVE

to 307-219-5224

Are We Missing You?

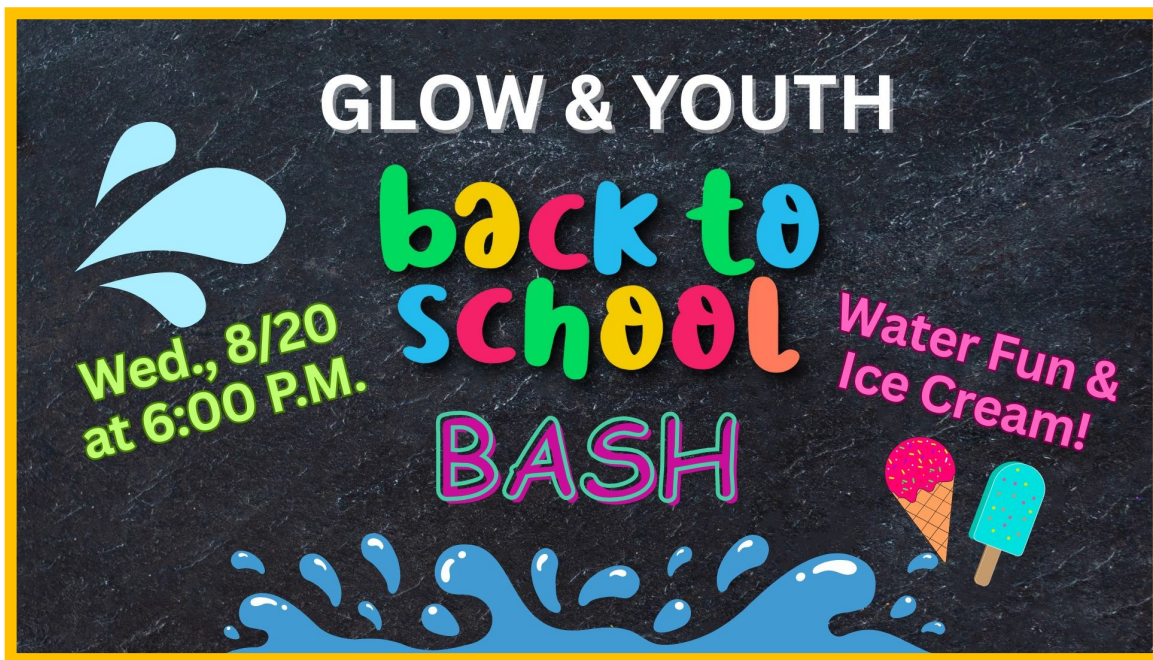
If you aren't receiving emails from the church, such as reminders, potluck, and the newsletter, please send your email address to:

Secretary@hbcc.church

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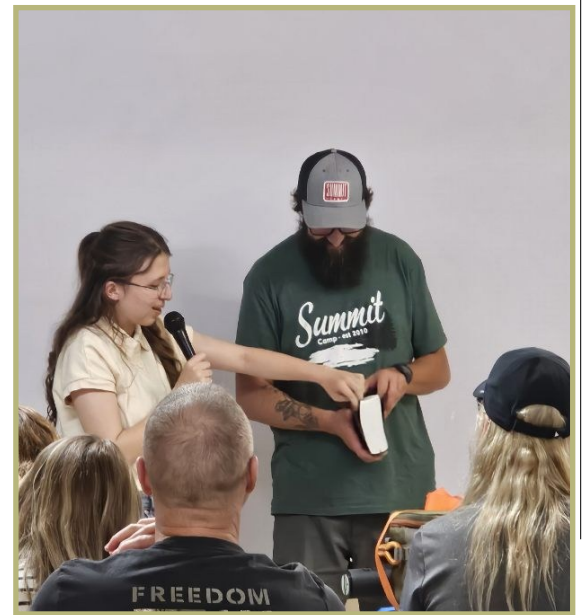
Thank you, church family, for supporting our kids and youth in growing their faith, friendships, and memories at camp!



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you!

The church came together to celebrate and honor Pastor Josiah, Jamie, and family on July 20th. It was a special time of reflection after 13 years of dedication serving the Lord at HBC and shepherding our Hilltop family.

As a farewell to the pastor we know, the church gifted a fly fishing rod to Josiah in support of his love for fishing, and the youth presented him with a bible highlighting their favorite verses.



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Please join us for a

PICNIC AT THE PARK

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17TH
12:30 P.M.

at Edness Kimball State Park

**FOLLOWING OUR REGULAR
CHURCH SERVICE AT HBC**

**DON'T FORGET TO PACK A LUNCH,
LAWN CHAIR, AND SUNSCREEN!**

Pack a picnic for your family and join us for an afternoon of fun!
This is a terrific time to put those floats and kayaks to use.
As a reminder, there is a small entrance fee to the park.
Please feel free to carpool. We hope to see you there!

FellowshipOne Online Giving

You can 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>

Food Pantry Items Needed:

Individually wrapped snacks with a long shelf life (nuts, granola bars, crackers, etc.), boxed pasta, canned fruits and vegetables, canned tuna/chicken, pasta sauce, boxed meals, canned soups, apple sauce, etc.

Thanks for helping!

Please contact Shari Bethel with questions.

VIEW OUR CHURCH DIRECTORY ON YOUR MOBILE DEVICE!

FREE App for iPhone, iPad
& Android



Our church directory is a great resource tool that allows you to get to know our church family better!

Simply go to the App Store, search for *Instant Church Directory* and download the FREE app to begin.

You will use your email address listed in the directory to CREATE A LOGIN the first time you use the directory app.

If you're not listed in the directory, OR if you have trouble logging into the app, please contact the church office.



SEEKING SCHOOL SUPPLIES & HYGIENE ITEMS:



**WASHCLOTHS, BRUSHES, COMBS,
SCHOOL SUPPLIES: NOTEBOOKS, PENS,
PENCILS, SHARPENERS, COLORING
BOOKS, CRAYONS, COLOR MARKERS, ETC.**

EVERY MONDAY
6:00-8:00 PM

LADIES' PICKLEBALL ALL AGES WELCOME!
AT HUBER PARK

PLEASE JOIN US
**QUARTERLY
BUSINESS MEETING**

Sunday, August 24th,
at 6:00 PM

August

Sunday

Monday

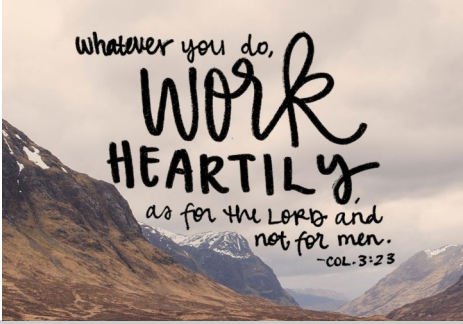





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Saturday

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3 Lord's Supper Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M.		4  6-8 PM, at Huber Park	5	6 YOUTH & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM	7	8 ——— Pastor Rob at Drill 7/31-8/2 ———>
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17 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Picnic at the park @ 12:30 PM Edness Kimball Wilkins State Park		18	19	20  Youth & GLOW Rescue Mission 4:45 PM Please let Jack know if you would like to help!	21	22
24 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. BUSINESS MEETING 6:00 P.M.		25  6-8 PM at Huber Park 	26	27 Youth & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM	28	29
31			30 Rescue Mission 5:45 PM (Please let Darla know if you would like to help!)			