



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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Pastor: Dr. Rob Peterson
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Mon.-Thurs.
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Sunday Schedule:

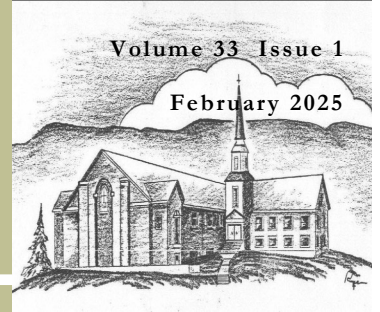
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule:

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

THE MESSENGER

PASTOR'S PEN



From the Pastor's Pen

"For I know the plans I have for you, declares the Lord, plans for welfare and not for evil, to give you a future and a hope. – Jeremiah 29:11 ESV"

On my way to Worland this morning I encountered a beautiful fog. I was scheduled to take part in a military funeral and truthfully I wasn't looking forward to the drive. The stretch between Casper and Shoshone has been a well-traveled road for me. Between military funerals, trips to Yellowstone, and trips to Riverton or Lander to watch the kids compete, I've been over that road quite a few times.

Some might call that stretch of road visually boring, and in some ways I would agree. It's not so much unappealing as it is miles and miles of sameness. The same broken terrain, the same rock formations, the same gently rolling hills and sagebrush. A 1 mile stretch of that road would be a representative sample of the other 99.

But this trip was different. There had been a fresh snow the evening before and a fog had rolled in. It was the time of day when there should have been a pink glow from the rising sun, but the fog was thick enough that everything was bathed in a white glow instead. The fog was really quite beautiful. Sometimes fog can be too thick to appreciate, and instead makes the driving difficult and dangerous, this was different. There was a dimensional quality to it. You could see far enough that the immediate curves and terrain were easily identifiable, however your eye found itself squinting into the white, trying to make sense of what was just beyond the range of clarity. I noticed myself suddenly very interested in the scenery that typically I overlooked. The dusting of snow on the sagebrush, weak light, and morning fog transformed my familiar and boring drive into an entirely new experience.

Fog is usually used as a metaphor to describe making something unclear. For instance, a person's mind might be "foggy" when they can't grasp certain concepts. The "fog of war" is a phrase used to indicate the lack of clarity on the battlefield. In this instance, however, I saw the fog as something that enhanced the beauty of the landscape before me. The element of mystery made the familiar drive interesting again.

We often make comments such as, "I wish I knew what the future would bring." Or, "I wish I had a crystal ball." Without thinking we desire to see into the future as far as possible. The way the fog clouded my ability to see all the way to the horizon on this drive made me appreciate the terrain I could see right in front of me that much more. This reminded me that sometimes the mystery of what's ahead adds to the enjoyment of the journey. I don't know what life has in store for me 10 years from now, or 5 years for that matter, and that's okay. In the meantime I enjoy discovering the next 10 minutes! Every day is a gift from God and his mercies are new every morning. Instead of straining to see beyond our limits, maybe try thanking God today for your daily bread and look for ways to be of service to him in the here and now. The mystery of the future will always be there, and maybe that even adds to the beauty of it. One thing we know, God has a plan in store for you and will unveil each step one day at a time.

God Bless,
Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Thursday Night Home Bible Study—A Home Bible Study is being organized for Thursday evenings. This is for adults of any age, male or female, married or single. For information, please call Rick Sheesley at 307-431-9480 or Ulla Sheesley at 307-431-9693.

Baby Bottle Boomerang—True Care Women's Resource Center will host their annual Baby Bottle Boomerang until President's Day. Families and individuals are encouraged to pick up a bottle from church and fill it with coins, checks, and dollar bills that will be used to support True Care in helping provide women with no-cost, life affirming services right here in the Casper area. Thanks for supporting True Care and helping women choose life!

Winter Bible Study—The NE Region WSBC Winter Bible Study is scheduled for February 23-26, 6:00-8:00 p.m. Please join us for this wonderful time of study. Dr. Fred Creason will be teaching from the book of Joshua. It's always a wonderful time of study and fellowship as we meet with our sister churches. HBC is scheduled to provide refreshments on the first night. Please see the sign-up sheet hanging in the back of the sanctuary to sign up to provide food. Sandwiches are always appreciated. Childcare will be available. We hope you can make it!



Please join us for a
Baby Shower
Honoring Nataliya Johnson
March 1st, at 11:00 a.m.
at Anna Simakova's home (see address in the bulletin)
Nataliya is registered at Amazon under Nataliya Johnson of Cody, WY, and at Wal-Mart under Lyla Cynthia Ruth Johnson and Jarrod Johnson of Cody, WY
(The direct links will be provided on the HBC Facebook page)



Ladies, please join us for another fun Gal's Gathering event on Friday, February 7th, at 6:00 P.M., at Meredith's home. We have an exciting game night planned! Feel free to bring a favorite game you like to play, and an appetizer to share. Don't forget to invite a friend! Young ladies are also welcome. We hope you can make it!



The church was blessed to celebrate Daniel and Meredith Coto following service on January 12th, after Daniel was officially granted his U.S. Citizenship!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY

John Parker	1
Evangeline Barella	2
Cindy Nuckles	2
Jenna Peterson	2
Anastasia Keller	12
Annabelle Danielson	14
Tim Adams	17
Jim Kincaid	19
Amanda Haworth	21
Kim Warren	23
Tanner Keller	28
Grey Keller	29

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

New Sanctuary Makeover:

At the business meeting in November the church expressed interest in getting quotes for putting chairs in the sanctuary instead of pews. This would also entail new carpet to allow the room to be used for both worship and fellowship purposes. The estimates are as follows:

271 chairs for congregational seating - \$17,910
22 - 5ft round tables for use during fellowships - \$2,750
New carpet - \$24,864
Total - \$45,524

These quotes will be discussed at the business meeting on Feb 16th, at 6:00 p.m.

Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, February 2nd.

Rescue Mission

The Wednesday night bible study group will serve on Wednesday, February 19th, at 4:45 PM. The regular Tuesday night RM group will serve February 25th 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.

Ladies' Luncheon

Monday, February 10th, at 12:30 PM, at Perkin's. All ladies are welcome!

Potluck Luncheon

Due to the Winter Bible Study, we will not have a potluck in February.

Men's Breakfast

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

Wednesday Night Adult Group

Please join us for "Fellowship in February" every Wednesday in February starting at 6:00 PM!

Nursery

February 2nd—Meg & Jessica
February 9th—Ashley & Annabelle
February 16th—Mike & Shelly Hays
February 23rd—Meredith & Maggie

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

February

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

						1 Bible Study 9-10:30 AM
2 Lord's Supper Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Choir Practice at 5:00 P.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M.	3	4	5 Youth & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM Adult Group "Fellowship in February" 6-7 PM	6	7  GAME NIGHT! At 6:00 PM At Meredith's home	8 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM 
9 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. FOOTBALL PARTY! 4:00 P.M. At the Peterson's	10 	11	12 Adult Group "Fellowship in February" 6-7 PM Youth & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM Ladies Tea Meeting at 6:00 PM	13	14	15 Bible Study 9-10:30 AM 
16 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Choir Practice at 5:00 P.M. Return your True Care baby bottle! Business Meeting at 6:00 PM	17 	18 Rescue Mission 2/19 @4:45 PM Please let Jack know if you would like to help!)	19 Youth & Chil- dren's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM Adult Group "Fellowship in February" 6-7 PM	20	21	22
		Amanda Works	Amanda Works	Amanda Works	GONE 2/20-2/28	
23 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Choir Practice at	24 Winter Bible Study 2/23-2/26, 6-8 PM	25 Rescue Mission 5:45 PM (Please let Darla know if you would like to help!)	26 Youth & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM	27	28	1  Nataliyah Johnson's Baby Shower at the home of Anna Simakova 11:00 AM
HBC providing refreshments						