



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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Mon.-Thurs.
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Sunday Schedule:

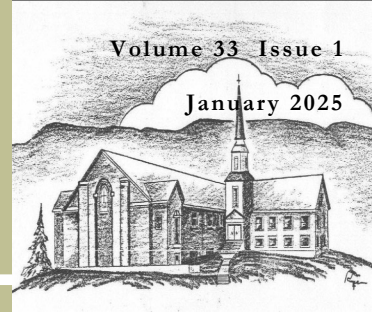
Sunday School	9:30 AM
Morning Service	11:00 AM
Evening Service	6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule:

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

THE MESSENGER

PASTOR'S PEN



From the Pastor's Pen

"If I had cherished iniquity in my heart, the Lord would not have listened."

– Psalm 66:18 ESV

"Pet Rabbits and Pet Sins"

If you've been entering the church through the Pennsylvania Ave entrance the last several months there's a good chance you've noticed a friendly cottontail sitting in the grass just to the left of the double doors. He's nearly always there, burrowed in a slight depression. He's very aware of his surroundings but reluctant to run off. I greet him every time I pass, and I know many of you do the same.

It's a curious thing, our duplicity of behavior. I have no hesitancy to hunt rabbits, shoot them, skin them, and eat them when I find them out on the prairie (sorry for the hard transition). However, I would never dream of doing that with this particular bunny. Why is that? Possibly because familiarity has turned this rabbit into more of a pet than prey. My feelings towards this critter have become that of affection, leading to protection. As much as I don't want to admit it, I would be very sad to hear of his demise.

Another hard transition... how many personal sins do we treat like this bunny? What I mean is that some sins we can be rather brutal with, but for some reason we single out certain sins as special and worthy of protection. If we hear about someone else committing murder or having an affair we're quick to condemn. There are even some sins in our own life that we deal with swiftly. When we commit these sins we feel terribly guilty about it and repent right away. But what about those "pet" sins in our life? Some pet sins might be gossip, drunkenness, gluttony, back-biting, grumbling, complaining, the list could go on. For some reason we become familiar with these sins and in turn have an affection for them and protect them. We don't repent when we sin in these ways. Our conscience doesn't provoke us to action like it should. When we hear the Holy Spirit's warning, we turn a deaf ear.

Now, I know that some of your minds are going back to the bunny. You're wondering if I'm going to shoot and cook the church rabbit to bring consistency back to my life. The answer is no... this is a spiritual lesson gained from an observation of the natural world. The bunny is safe... for now.

As far as the spiritual is concerned, it might be a good exercise for us to inspect the recesses of our heart for the purpose of dealing with pet sins. We do not honor God when we're quick to condemn sin in others but excuse those same sins in our own life. Let us deal consistently with sin for the purpose of honoring the Lord.

God Bless,
Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wednesday Night Adult Class—We are hoping to be able to provide nursery for families during our 6-week series, 'Faith: It Starts at Home'. Help is needed. If you are willing to serve in the nursery during this time, please sign-up via the sheet posted in the back of the sanctuary. Thanks for helping!

Baby Bottle Boomerang—True Care Women's Resource Center will host their annual Baby Bottle Boomerang beginning on Sanctity of Human Life Sunday, 1/19. This event will run until President's Day. Families and individuals are encouraged to pick up a bottle from church, (they will be in the back of the Sanctuary), 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. Please save the date!

GAL'S GATHERING PAINT NIGHT

Ladies, please join us at Artisan Alley (CY Ave) on Friday, January 17th, at 6:30 PM, for a fun night out. The cost is \$35. You can sign-up online at artisanalley307.com (Enter "HBC" under Group ID) We hope to see you there!

Sign-up online asap!



The ladies had a terrific time at their recent Christmas party. We hope you can join us for another fun group activity at our upcoming paint night at Artisan Alley on 1/17!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Koy Green	1
Dave Brown	13
Vern Jones	13
Betsy Peterson	13
Amanda Platt	14
Don Sloas	17
Josie Kiracofe	20
Harrison Barella	22
Garrett Peterson	29

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

Memorial Service

The service for Larry Brown (Mary Ellen Goff's brother) will be at College Heights Baptist Church on Saturday, January 11th, at 10:00 a.m. Mary appreciates the love and support from her Hilltop Baptist Church Family. Thank you for the prayers and loving on her during this difficult time.



As our Wednesday night program grows, we are concluding our Wednesday night Youth Group meal.

The Youth Group would like to thank you for your support over the years in providing a meal on Wednesday nights!

Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, January 5th.

Rescue Mission

The Wednesday night bible study group will serve on Wednesday, January 15th, at 4:45 PM. The regular Tuesday night RM group will serve January 28th 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, January 13th, at 12:30 PM, at Perkin's. All ladies are welcome!

Potluck Luncheon

Please join us for a potluck luncheon following service on Sunday, January 26th. Please bring a dish to share and don't forget to invite a friend!

The Ladies Class will serve.

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and study on Saturday, January 11th, at 8:00 AM.

Nursery

January 5th—Meredith & Maggie

January 12th—Kay & Josie

January 19th—Caroline & Harley

January 26th—Daisy & Lexia

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

January

Sunday

Monday

Tuesday

Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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5 Lord's Supper Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M.	6 Homeschool Group 9am-12pm	7	8 Youth & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM Group time Adult Group "Faith: It Starts at Home" 6-7 PM	9 Amanda Works	10 Pastor Rob Guard Duty	11 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM 
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