



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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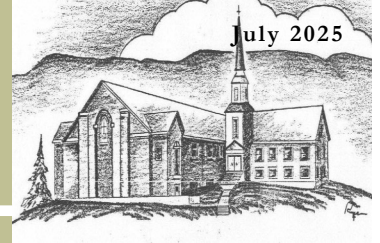
Sunday Schedule:

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

"...I have learned in whatever situation I am to be content..."

– Philippians 4:11 ESV

A few years ago our family went on a 19-day road trip up to Alaska. We drove and camped along the way, pitching tents each night and cooking from a camp stove or over the fire. It was an incredible time, I loved every minute of it. It was also a time of non-stop activity. Whether I was driving, setting up camp, or tearing down camp, I was always busy, and I loved it!

Last year for our 20-year anniversary Betsy and I enjoyed our first cruise! We departed from Florida and hit 4 ports; two in Mexico, one in Belize, and one in Honduras. It was also an incredible vacation, but different in many ways. I had no responsibilities, wasn't allowed to steer the ship or navigate, didn't have to clean up after myself, didn't even have to cook or wash dishes. This might sound like a wonderful time to many people, but truth be told I had moments of heaviness of heart that I couldn't explain. The scenery was beautiful, the ship was amazing, the food was incredible, but several times over those 7 days I found myself sighing with discontentment.

This past week our family got away for a 3-day camping trip at Pinnacles campground at Brooks Lake. Again, I was a flurry of activity. I set up the camper, cooked with a Dutch oven, gathered firewood, split kindling, took kids out in the canoe, set up their fishing rods, took fish off the line, and then cleaned and cooked the ones we kept. I set up a hammock for myself but couldn't sit in it for more than 5 minutes at a time because I was always on to the next thing. Again, I was as busy as could be, but I loved every minute of it!

As Betsy is prone to do, she helped me notice something about myself that I was unaware of. I'm not truly happy, or maybe *content* is a better word, if I'm not busy doing something. When she pointed out the difference in my demeanor between our camping trips and our cruise it was a real aha moment for me.

Now, I suppose there are two options for what I could do with that information. 1) I could decide that luxury, relaxing vacations are not for me and instead spend all my vacation time keeping myself busy with activity. Or 2) I could address my inability to be content with rest and do something about it. I'm choosing number 2.

To choose the first option would be a denial that I truly have a problem. It would also support an unhealthy attitude that seems to equate busyness with self-worth. I'm guessing I'm not alone in this boat. Somehow, we can get it in our heads that if we're not constantly busy, we're "less than" in God's eyes. On the contrary, there are many times God says to us, "*Be still and know that I am God.*" – Psalm 46:10.

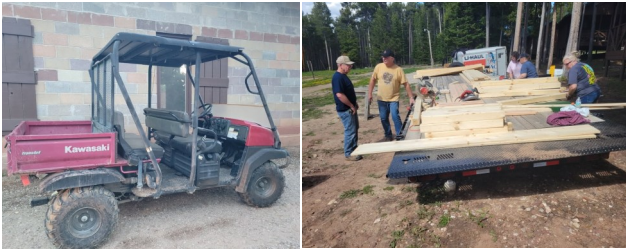
There is a time and a place for furious activity – "*The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.*" – Matthew 9:37-38. But there are also times when God says, "*Come away by yourselves to a desolate place and rest a while.*" – Mark 6:31. As followers of Christ, we need to learn how to be *content* doing either. If this is something you struggle with as well, join me in an attempt to find contentment whether busy or restful.

God Bless,
Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Snacks Needed for Youth Camp—We are seeking individually wrapped snacks for our youth to take to Summit Camp, July 14-19. Ideal snacks are chips, popcorn, crackers like Goldfish or Cheez-its, oatmeal pies, etc. Please drop the snacks off at the church office. Thank you for helping!

Mountain Top Baptist Camp Assembly Donation—At our recent church Business Meeting, the congregation noted the value of the ministry opportunity the Mountain Top Campground provides and voted to make a special donation to help with needs the camp currently has. Two of the most prominent needs was a way to navigate the camp and more bunk beds for the cabins. Thanks to our thoughtful congregation and John and Marie Vargas, a new used mule was purchased and 5 bunk beds were built by Adel Georgia and Rodolph Bros Inc. Praise God for generous and faithful servants!



Appreciation Event for Pastor Josiah—We invite you to join us on Sunday, July 20th, at 6:00 p.m. for a fun night of remembrance and celebration for Josiah's nearly 12 years of service at our church. There will be appetizers and dessert. Kim Warren will be organizing this event. Please reach out to her with questions. We hope you will join us!

Sanctuary Chairs

We are excited to announce that the sanctuary chairs have been ordered and anticipate delivery in July. Thank you for your prayers for guidance on this decision, and for sharing your hearts and thoughts to help us decide on the best way to create more seating in the sanctuary, and a space that can be utilized for large events. The cost of purchasing these chairs is around \$60 per chair. To help the church offset the cost, we are asking the congregation to consider purchasing a seat. If several people purchase a seat, or families purchase a couple, we will be well on our way to covering the cost.

If you would like to make a special gift, please indicate on your donation by writing "church chairs" on your check.

We are blessed to have members who abundantly love and care for God's house. Thank you for your consideration!



Happy Birthday, Helen!

Several members were delighted to attend a party at Parkway in honor of Helen. What a blessing!



HAPPY BIRTHDAY

Monica Gaskamp	4
Bill Green	8
Emmett Myers	10
McKyla Lauscher-Turner	11
Daniel Coto	16
Leslie Adams	17
George Dunbar	20
Robbin Decker	28
Bruce Nichols	31
Naomi Ruyter	31

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

Youth Summit Camp & Kid's Camp Registrations

Kid's Camp — July 7-11

Youth Summit Camp — July 14-19

Please let Lindsey know if your child is in 4th-6th grade, or going into fourth-grade, and is interested in attending Kid's Camp!

Contact Pastor Josiah if your youth is interested in attending Summit Camp!

Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, July 6th.

Rescue Mission

The Wednesday night bible study group will serve on Wednesday, July 16, at 4:45 PM.

The regular Tuesday night RM group will serve on July 22, 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, July 14th, at 12:30 PM, at Perkin's. All ladies are welcome!

Potluck Luncheon

Please join us following the service on Sunday, July 27th, for a potluck luncheon on the church lawn! Please bring a dish to share, and don't forget to invite a friend!

Help setting up chairs and tables would be appreciated.

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and study on Saturday, July 12th, at 8:00 AM.

Nursery

July 6th—Daisy, Irina, & Lexia

July 13th—Mike, Shelly, & Daisy

July 20th—Meredith, Hannah, & Grace

July 27th—Caroline, Harley, & Maggie

SAVE THE DATE!

Please join us for a picnic at the park (Edness Kimball State Park) following our regular church service at HBC on Sunday, August 17th, at 12:30 PM.

Please pack a picnic for yourself and don't forget a chair.

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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Sunday

Monday

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Wednesday

Thursday

Friday

Saturday

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6 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.	7 6-8 PM, at Huber Park	8	9 Youth Group 6-7 PM	10	11	12 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM
13 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Choir Practice at 5:00 P.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M.	14 6-8 PM at Huber Park 12:30 PM	15	16 Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM Rescue Mission 4:45 PM Please let Jack know if you would like to help!)	17	18	19
20 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Choir Practice at 5:00 P.M. Pastor Josiah's Appreciation Event At 6:00 P.M.	21 6-8 PM at Huber Park	22 Rescue Mission 5:45 PM (Please let Darla know if you would like to help!)	23 Youth Ministry 6-7 PM PUPPETEER SHOW 6:00 P.M. All are invited!	24	25	26
27 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Potluck Luncheon on the Lawn Following service Choir Practice at 5:00 P.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M.	28 6-8 PM at Huber Park	29	30 Youth & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM	31	1	2

Kid's Camp July 7-11

SUMMIT CAMP JULY 14-19

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