

## **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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#### **Phone Number:**

307-265-6540

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Pastor: Dr. Rob Peterson

Associate & Youth Pastor: Josiah Kiracofe

Mon.-Thurs.

Secretary: Amanda Platt

Tues.-Fri.

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# **Sunday Schedule:**

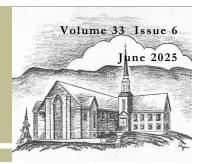
Sunday School 9:30 AM
Morning Service 11:00 AM
Evening Service 6:00 PM

# Wednesday Schedule:

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

# Hilltop Baptist Church

# THE MESSENGER



#### From the Pastor's Pen

"Remember not the former things, nor consider the things of old.

Behold, I am doing a new thing; now it springs forth, do you not perceive it"

— Isaiah 43:18-19 ESV

Seems that we're in a season of transition at the church. Some people are energized by change, others dread it. Some change happens by choice; other changes are thrust upon us. At the church we have both types of changes happening at the same time.

Our church attendance has been increasing for a couple years now. Just looking at our attendance sheets 3 or 4 years ago most Sundays were in the 50s, 60s, and 70s. This past year we've hit 160, 157 and were in the 140's several times. Before our balcony was opened, we had seating for 184. If you figure people begin to feel crowded at 70% occupancy, that means that 128 was the threshold for the need to create more seating, hence the need for the balcony. The balcony created 35 more seats. Our current occupancy is now 219, meaning that a 70% occupancy is 153 – which we've surpassed already! These numbers caused us to look at the next move to create more seating – not only for Sunday mornings, but for occasional fellowship events that have outgrown our downstairs meeting space. For those reasons the church voted to purchase 270 chairs to put in the sanctuary. That is a big change for a church that has had pews since 1952!

Personally, it will be a difficult transition for me to go from pews to chairs. I consider myself somewhat traditional and resistant to change. I like the nostalgia of pews. Nevertheless, I see the functional advantage of chairs and I'm happy we landed on an option that I'm confident will be both pleasing to the eyes and more comfortable for the body! I'm encouraged by the church's response and overwhelming vote in favor to make this move – even though I'm sure many of you felt the same way I did.

The other change the church is going through wasn't voted on or sought out. It was the need to look for a new Youth Pastor. After 12 years of faithful service, Pastor Josiah is feeling led to look for the next ministry opportunity and chapter of his life. This is a much harder change for me to accept than our sanctuary makeover! Josiah has not only been a faithful partner in ministry, but a good friend as well. I am approaching the search for a new staff member with all the enthusiasm of a child eating his broccoli. However, God has gotten my attention on that front as well. We can celebrate the success of Josiah's ministry **AND** look forward to the next man God is bringing to us. We don't have to choose one over the other. There is excitement in the idea that someone else will be coming to us ready to begin the next chapter of *their* life. Please be in prayer for our search committee and the person God is preparing to do ministry here. God is good even in the midst of change, or should I say *especially* in the midst of change.

God Bless, Pastor Rob

## **ANNOUNCEMENTS**

**True Care Open House**—True Care Women's Resource Center has officially relocated to their new facility at 770 East 2nd Street. They are inviting you to an open house on Wednesday, June 18th, 5:00-8:00 PM. Praise God for His provisions for True Care and the women in our community!

Love Your City—Is coming Saturday, June 7th. Join churches across Casper, beginning at 8:00 AM, as we love our city in Jesus' Name. Projects are pouring in from schools, community partners, and those needing help. Let's show up to show the love of Christ in a big way this year! Sign up with your family, friends, or community group today at <a href="https://www.casperLYC.com">www.casperLYC.com</a>

Men's Breakfast—Will continue throughout the summer on the second Saturday of the month at

#### 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!

8:00 a.m. All men are invited for food, fellowship, and study. We hope you'll join us!

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!



These ladies had a blast learning how to play pickleball and using their skills at the last Gal's Gathering. What a fun event! We hope you can join us on Monday evenings, at Huber Park, throughout the summer!

#### Lord's Supper

We will observe the Lord's Supper on Sunday, June 1st.

#### **Rescue Mission**

The Wednesday night bible study group will serve on Wednesday, June 18, at 4:45 PM. The regular Tuesday night RM group will serve on June 24, 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, June 9th, at 12:30 PM, at Perkin's. All ladies are welcome!

#### Potluck Luncheon

Please join us following the service on Sunday,
June 22nd, for a potluck luncheon on the church
lawn! Please bring a dish to share, and don't forget
to invite a friend!

#### Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and study on Saturday, June 14th, at 8:00 AM.

#### Nursery

June 1st—Mike & Shelly
June 8th—Meredith & Maggie
June 15th—Kay & Josie
June 22nd—Meg & Jessica
June 29th—Ashley & Annabelle

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Deb King	6
Emma Peterson	9
Kathy Hill	10
Augie Pepple	11
Carl Myers	15
Arlyn Barella	16
Deborah Brown	16
Daisy Allen	18
Helen Williams	30

(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 fourthgrade, and is interested in attending Kid's Camp!

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



In honor of all of the men in our church, a \$75 donation has been made to Father's in the Field.



#### 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

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Gal's Gatherings: Childcare Assistance

Ladies, we are excited to invite you to join us for a weekly pickleball event, and we don't you to have any excuse for missing out on the fun! We would like to help arrange childcare for babies/little ones during the Gal's Gatherings events, specifically for mom's who have difficulty acquiring a sitter. There is a park located near the pickleball courts and Nancy Martinson is graciously willing to watch little ones there. Please reach out to Nancy regarding a need for childcare, (307) 251-4653.







#### Youth Camp Breakfast Fundraiser

Yum! If you know Pastor Josiah's cooking, then you know you don't want to miss the opportunity to order a Sunday breakfast!

The youth will be collecting orders the Sunday prior. Food is by donation. Please see Pastor Josiah for additional information.

Thank you for helping our youth experience an incredible camp ministry!



What a joy it was to recognize the promotion of all of these wonderful young men and young ladies! Please be praying for God to guide our senior graduates as they embark on new paths.

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## Summer Potlucks on the Lawn

We had a great time of fellowship during our Potluck BBQ on Memorial Day weekend. We hope you can join us throughout the summer as we continue holding our potlucks out on the lawn when the weather permits. Grilled food will not be provided during the next potluck. Please bring a dish to share and don't forget to invite a friend!

Help setting up tables and chairs would be appreciated. We hope to see you at the next potluck on June 22nd!







Dear Hilltop Baptist Church Family,

It has been said...

A hundred years from now it will not matter what my bank account was, nor the sort of house I lived in, or the kind of car I drove. But the world may be different because I was important in the life of a child.

My heart is full of gratitude for the privilege given me to serve as a Sunday School teacher at Hilltop Baptist Church. Thank you for the wonderful expression of appreciation shown me in flowers, gift card, and a card signed by precious little hands. It's truly been an honor and joy teaching the children about Jesus. They've left their fingerprints all over my heart. Thank you for your remembrance of me.

Love, Darla Winn



# JUND

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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.	2	3	4 Youth & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM	5 Works	Pastor Rob at Drill	LOVE YOUR COMMUNITY MISSION WORK DAY
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