



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

“And they said to one another, “Let us choose a leader and go back to Egypt.”

— Numbers 14:4 ESV

Back in March we decided to re-introduce chickens at our place. The chickens we used to have had either all died or stopped laying eggs. I thought we should get no more than 6, Betsy thought 12. I took the girls with me to the farm store one day and somehow came home with 17! Sometimes chicks die before reaching adulthood, so I reasoned we might still end up with about a dozen. Somehow all 17 survived! One of those 17 turned out to be a rooster, so now we have 16 laying hens and one very loud, but so far very friendly, rooster.

My chicken coop needed renovations. I read that it's good to have 1 nesting box for every 3-4 laying hens. I only had two makeshift buckets laid sideways with the lids off that had served as our nesting boxes for years. The chickens started laying about a month ago and it became evident we needed to add boxes! So, I built 3 more nesting boxes in the chicken coop. I didn't use makeshift materials this time. I looked up some plans online, measured the ideal dimensions, installed nice plywood walls and dividers, and even lined the bottom with straw. Stepping back after the project was done, I couldn't help but be satisfied with how good they looked! I built it in such a way that I could lift a lid from the outside of the coop and scoop up the eggs without even going inside. Certainly, the hens would appreciate all my hard work!

The hens were very interested in the building process, always getting in my way as I cut, sawed, and screwed the frame together. They pecked at my fingers and walked over my legs and back as I kneeled in the dirt, fitting everything together. They seemed to be appreciative of my efforts, and I was sure they were going to love it! That's been a couple of weeks ago now and to this day not a single hen has laid an egg in their new nesting boxes! Many days we pull out as many as a dozen eggs from their tipped-over bucket nesting boxes.

It reminded me of the Israelites wanting to go back to Egypt when God was trying to lead them to the promised land. There is something about human nature (and chicken nature apparently) that compels us to choose the old and familiar over the new and improved. Granted, for the Israelites there were some obstacles between them and the new and improved. Still, it shows something of our character that we would rather stick with what's familiar (even if it's slavery) than embrace an opportunity for something better.

God is calling us to something better. In a sense, he's “preparing a place for us” to enjoy for eternity. — John 14:2. Like curious chickens, we're probably very interested in what this place will look like. We love our master and enjoy being in His presence. It's fascinating to think of what He's creating for our enjoyment. Being in heaven with Him for all time will be our ultimate joy.

In another sense, God is calling us to a better life in the here and now. We wallow in despair, chase our tails in unfruitful work, and maybe even lament our boring existence. In the meantime, God is calling us to an exciting life of worship, service, community, and fruitful work! We just need to muster up the courage to leave the old behind and embrace what He's putting before us. If this is you, try attending that Sunday School class you've been sleeping in past, serve at the Rescue Mission sometime, volunteer to cook a meal on Wednesday night, or serve with the children or youth. Look for opportunities to serve the Lord and study His holy word, and I'm positive you won't regret it.

God Bless,
Pastor Rob

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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!

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—If you've recently attended church with us then you have recognized that the sanctuary looks a little different. Thank you for your support in creating more space and seating! Praise God for faithful stewards of the Lord's house!

Ministry Opportunity at MTBA Campground - MTBA will be hosting Casper Christian School for a retreat on September 18-19, Thurs.-Fri. The school has asked the camp to prepare a lunch meal for all J.H & H.S. students on Thursday, and a Thursday evening meal and Friday breakfast for the H.S. students. Dave Brown is seeking volunteers to prep, cook, and serve one, two, or all three meals. If you are interested in helping, please contact Dave at 307-315-4759 or 307-922-3068.

Thank you!

College Ministry

Snacks—

September provides an opportunity for us to provide snacks for the CM bible study group. (Roughly 20 students per week) Please drop snacks by the church office.

Thank you for helping!



Rescue Mission

The Wednesday night bible study group will serve on Wednesday, September 17, at 4:45 PM. The regular Tuesday night RM group will serve on September 23, 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, September 8, at 12:30 PM, at Perkin's. All ladies are welcome!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Caroline Guinn	1
Holly Guinn	1
Richard Wilkison	1
Carson Pollat	1
Dave Winn	1
Julie Phillips	4
Shelly Sloas	6
Mike Hays	7
Jordyn Kiracofe	8
Mona Maynard	10
Darla Winn	12
Raylan Guinn	16
Heidi Dunbar	17
Mark Guinn	17
Adam Pollat	18
Lexia Bolvin	20
Ron Pickinpaugh	24
Ramsay Myers	28
Caleb March	29
Grace March	29
Cheryl Straughan	30

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

If you are a member, or long-standing attender, please download the Church Directory app and take a moment to update your information. This tool is a fantastic way to connect with other members in the church. The app is secure and can only be accessed by those that have been granted access. We hope you will find this tool helpful! Please let Amanda know if you have any questions. Thanks!



Potluck Luncheon

Please join us for a potluck luncheon following church service on Sunday, September 28th.

Weather permitting, we will hold the potluck outside on the church lawn. The Mixed Adult class will serve. Please bring a dish to share and don't forget to invite a friend or neighbor!

Men's Breakfast

All men are invited to join us for food, fellowship, and study on Saturday, September 13, at 8:00 AM.

Nursery

September 7th—Meredith, Hannah, Grace
 September 14th—Mike, Shelly, Daisy
 September 21st—Meg, Mirabelle, Josie
 September 28th—Kay, Kathy, Jenna

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



September



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Serve the LORD with gladness: Come before his presence with singing. Psalm 100:2 KJV	2	3 YOUTH & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM	4	5 ~WSB Ladies Retreat at College Heights~	6
7 Lord's Supper Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M.	8 LADIES' PICKLEBALL 6-8 PM at Huber Park 	9	10 YOUTH & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM	11	12	13 Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM 
						LADIES RETREAT ON THE MOUNTAIN (9/12-9/14) — Pastor Rob at Drill 9/12-9/14 —
14 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M.	15 LADIES' PICKLEBALL 6-8 PM, at Huber Park	16	17 YOUTH & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM Rescue Mission 4:45 PM Please let Jack know if you would like to help!	18	19	20
						 Amanda Works
21 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. Evening Service 6:00 P.M.	22 LADIES' PICKLEBALL 6-8 PM at Huber Park	23 Rescue Mission 5:45 PM (Please let Darla know if you would like to help!)	24 YOUTH & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM	25	26	27
						 Amanda Works
28 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M. CHURCH POTLUCK (Mixed Adult class will serve) Evening Service 6:00 P.M.	29 LADIES' PICKLEBALL 6-8 PM at Huber Park	30	1 YOUTH & Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM 	2	3	4
						 Amanda Works