



**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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Casper, WY 82604

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307-265-6540

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Zach Schaff  
Mon.-Thurs.

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Tues.-Fri.

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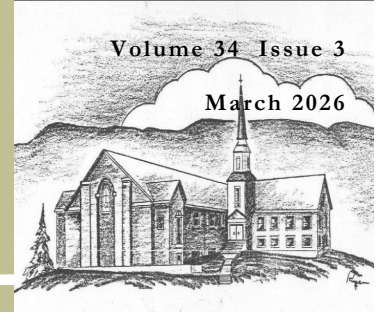
### Sunday Schedule:

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

### Wednesday Schedule:

Youth Group & Children's Ministry (GLOW):  
(5:30 P.M. Meal) 6:00 P.M., every Wednesday

# THE MESSENGER



## From the Pastor's Pen

### "The Wager"

A few weeks ago, I got caught unprepared for a snowfall. I hadn't been watching the weather and woke up to an unexpected 5 inches of wet, heavy snow. I have a 4-wheeler with a plow on it which usually makes quick work of a job like that. But the 4-wheeler was in the barn, the plow wasn't attached, and I wasn't exactly sure if it would be more work to get the plow ready or just shovel by hand. I opted for the hand shovel route.

After the first pass, I began to doubt my judgment. The snow was extremely heavy, and I was making slow progress. I kept thinking about changing my mind and hooking up the plow to finish the job, but I was committed to my decision. The longer it went the more tired I got and the more I regretted my choice! It was truly awful!

This week, I heard about the forecast for snow in advance so I decided I would be more prepared. It was supposed to be 5 inches again, so I hooked up the plow (it didn't take that long) and parked the 4-wheeler in the garage so I could just open the door in the morning and plow out. I went to bed almost looking forward to moving snow the next morning. Then I woke up to... no snow.

Instead of moving snow, I enjoyed the fire, sipped some coffee, and played around with the dogs. Then I sat for awhile and contemplated the two recent mornings. I was reminded of an apologetics class I took in Seminary. In the required reading I encountered an essay titled, "Pascal's Wager" by Blaise Pascal. Some people are critical of it, thinking he doesn't make a very strong case for the existence of God. And it's true, the essay doesn't spend a great deal of time convincing the reader that God is real. That wasn't his aim, though. Instead, he simply argues for living a life of faith based on reason alone. His argument is simple; there are only two possible outcomes, either Christianity is true, or it isn't. If a person lives as if it is true and places their faith in God they lose almost nothing, and the reward is infinitely great – eternal life with God. On the other hand, if a person lives as if it isn't true, any potential earthly gain isn't worth the infinite risk – eternal punishment in hell.

True, it isn't an exhaustive defense of the faith, but it is a thought-provoking read for the non-believer. What does a person have to lose by living their life for God? I would say almost nothing. A Christian life is a quality life. You love others, treat people as you want to be treated, work hard, maintain hope, and reap the rewards of a disciplined life. Even if there were no wager involved – that would be a life worth living.

This time of year we have a wager almost every day – snow, or no snow? Better to be prepared. Why not prepare yourself for eternity and look into the invitation from God to place your faith and trust in Him?

God Bless,  
Pastor Rob



# EASTER DONUT



## Fellowship

Please join us on Easter morning at 9:00 a.m. for donuts in the Fellowship Hall!

HILLTOP BAPTIST CHURCH

# GOOD FRIDAY

Service

April 3rd, at 6:30 PM

Good Friday marks the death of Jesus, who was a perfect sacrifice, taking upon Himself our guilt and blame.

Please join us on Good Friday as we reflect on the significance of Jesus' death.



## Easter Lilies

Every year, we fill the church with Easter Lilies on Easter morning. If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily in honor or memory of someone, please fill out a form and put it in the offering plate along with \$20 for each lily you would like to purchase (please return by 3/22). Please see Darla Winn or Holly Guinn with questions.

## WE ARE SEEKING 3,000 PLASTIC EASTER EGGS AND CANDY/FILLERS

FOR OUR EASTER EGG HUNT OUTREACH ON APRIL 4.

IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO HELP, PLEASE DROP ITEMS OFF AT THE CHURCH BY MARCH 22. THANK YOU FOR HELPING!



## Hilltop Baptist Church

# Easter Services AND EVENTS

2555 E. 2nd St., Casper, WY

## COMMUNITY EASTER EGG HUNT

on **April 4**. We are partnering with Boyd Avenue Baptist Church. Please see the sign-up sheet for an opportunity to serve!

### GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

Friday, April 3, at 6:30 PM

### EASTER SUNRISE SERVICE

6:40 A.M. at Washington Park

### EASTER DONUT FELLOWSHIP

9:00 A.M. in the Fellowship Hall

### EASTER SERVICE

11:00 A.M. Worship Service

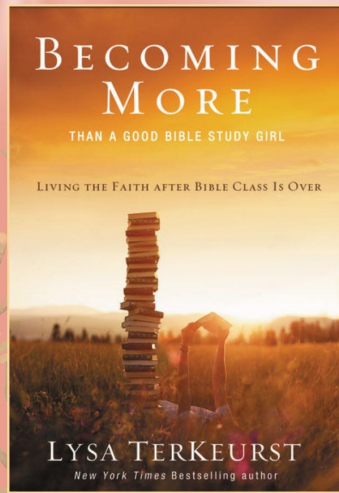
# LADIES BIBLE STUDY

6 sessions, every Tuesday night starting March 3, at 6:00 PM

There is no cost for this study!

All ladies are welcome. Please feel free to extend an invitation to a friend or neighbor. We hope you will join us!

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**Hilltop Baptist Missions**—Where or how is God calling you to serve? Your Mission Team is actively working on future opportunities for God to use you to reach non-believers near and far! Please see stay tuned for more information.

Join us for a

# Patluck

On Sunday, March 22nd, following the morning service. Please invite a friend and bring a dish to share. We hope to see you there! (The Youth & Children's classes will serve)

# Spring forward

JUST A REMINDER TO CHANGE YOUR CLOCKS SO WE DON'T MISS YOU ON SUNDAY!  
DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME BEGINS SUNDAY, MARCH 8TH!



## Intentional Parenting

5-Sessions

Wednesdays at 5:30 PM starting March 4th

- SESSION 1: STRONG BELIEF & 24/7 MODELING
- 1) QUICK FIX PARENTING CAN LEAD TO DISASTER
  - 2) PARENTS ARE THE SINGLE GREATEST INFLUENCE
  - 3) YOU ARE UNDER SURVEILLANCE 24/7
  - 4) GOOD BEHAVIOR STARTS WITH YOU
  - 5) ADMIT IT WHEN YOU'RE WRONG
  - 6) PARENTS NEED AN INTENTIONAL PLAN
  - 7) BELIEVE IN YOUR POWER TO INFLUENCE



Behold, children are a heritage from the Lord, the fruit of the womb a reward. -Psalm 127:3

Workbooks can be purchased through Amazon, if you would like one.

## Gal's Gatherings Event

Ladies, please join us for **SNOWSHOEING!**

Saturday, March 7<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM

We will meet at the Sunrise Shopping Center (in front of Boomtown Bowling Alley)

and carpool or follow each other up the mountain.

Ladies of all ages are welcome! Please see Betsy with questions.



Some of our HBC ladies got together and enjoyed an evening of painting at the Artisan Alley. They had a lot of fun, and their artwork turned out beautifully!

The Gal's Gatherings planning team takes delight in thinking up events and ways to spend time fellowshiping and getting to know one another, as well as perform ministry opportunities. We would love to know your thoughts. If you have an idea for future Gal's Gathering events, please feel free to contact Amanda at [secretary@hbcc.church](mailto:secretary@hbcc.church), or call or text at (307) 253-7575.

Our next Gal's Gatherings event will take place on Saturday, March 7th, at 10:00 a.m. We are planning a snowshoeing event (or, possibly hiking if there isn't enough snow). We will meet at the Sunrise Shopping Center at 10:00 a.m. If you would like to borrow snowshoes, please reach out to Betsy.

The only thing missing at our next event is you.

We hope to see you there!

# ANNOUNCEMENTS

**Seeking Volunteers to Help Cook a Meal for Youth/GLOW**—We are looking for volunteers to sign-up to cook a Wednesday night meal for Youth Group/GLOW ministry. A sign-up sheet with an meal plan has been placed on the back table of the sanctuary. You are welcome to cook at the church or in your home. We appreciate your willingness to help! We to encourage you and make this an enjoyable way to serve in the church. Please reach out to Lindsey with questions (330) 709-3144.

**Save the Date!**—Our annual Ladies Tea will be on Saturday, April 18th, from 12:00-2:30 PM, at Hilltop Baptist Church. What an exciting and fun event this is for ladies of all ages! The theme of the event is “Legacy of Love”, and the guest speaker will be Trisha Schaff. Please take this opportunity to invite that friend or neighbor you’ve been meaning to bring to church or get to know. Because the planning team puts so much effort into the details of this event, a sign-up sheet will be posted at the back of the sanctuary so they can plan for the appropriate amount of ladies in attendance.

**Children’s Memory Bible Verse**—Ms. Lindsey has come up with a challenge for the GLOW kiddos. Each month, the kids will be given a new bible verse to learn. The children can recite it any time during the month of March and will receive 3 coins to use in the GLOW store. Their bible verse has been posted in the adult classrooms to help the adults encourage the kids to work on memorizing the verses. We’re excited to watch them work on storing God’s wisdom and guidance in their hearts!

**Easter Egg Collection**—We are excited to announce that we will be hosting another Community Easter Egg Hunt as an outreach event on 4/4, while partnering with Boyd Avenue Baptist Church. In preparation, we are needing donations of 3,000 plastic eggs and candy/filling. Please bring donations to the church by 3/22. There are four egg hunts we will be helping with: Buckboard Park-9am, Meadowlark Park-10:30am, Highland Park-11:30am, and Fun Valley Park-1:30pm. This is a great opportunity to serve! If you would like to volunteer to help at one of these hunts, please see the sign-up sheet at the back of the sanctuary. Thanks for helping!

## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Shelly Hays	2
Bob Martinson	3
Robert Gaskamp	5
Betsy Parker	16
Cindy Phegley	16
Levi Guinn	19
Tim Stark	22
Matthew Warren	22
Roy Rogers	23
Kay Shaver	27
Patty Martz	28
Christina Brown	31

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

## What Next? Class

If you started attending our church recently or are just curious about how to become more involved in our groups, ministries, and programs, you are invited to join us for lunch on Sunday, March 22, directly following the morning service.

Pastor Rob will outline our church’s beliefs, vision, purpose, goals, ministries, programs, etc. Hopefully, you will learn something new about us and get to know others who are recent attendees as well.  
*(Please join us for the potluck luncheon.)*



On February 1st, our church, along with Boyd Avenue and close friends and family of Pastor Zach & Lynn, was blessed to witness Zach’s commitment to serving Christ!



**SAVE THESE DATES!**

**Kid’s Camp — July 6-10**

**Summit Camp — July 13-18**

**HBC Ladies Retreat—  
September 11-13**

If you are a member, or long-standing attendee, please download the Instant 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 about accessing the app. Thanks!



### Rescue Mission

The Wednesday night bible study group that meets in the Phillips’ home will serve on Wednesday, March 18th, at 4:45 PM. The regular Tuesday night RM group will serve on March 24th, 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.

*(A meal is served at 5:30 PM)*

**Games, study, food, and fun!**

**We hope to see your youth/child there!**

### Ladies’ Luncheon

Monday, March 9th, at 12:30 PM, at Perkin’s restaurant.  
All ladies are welcome!

### Potluck Luncheon

Please join us for a potluck luncheon on Sunday, March 22, following the morning service.

Please bring a dish to share, and don’t forget to invite a friend. We hope to see you there!

### Men’s Breakfast

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

### Nursery

March 1st—Kathy, Youth, Meredith, Hannah  
March 8th—Ashley, Betsy, Annabelle, Elena  
March 15th—Julie, Kay, Maggie, Grace  
March 22nd—Meg, Mirabelle, Caroline, Harley  
March 29th—Mike, Shelly, Daisy

Text

**GIVE**

to 307-219-5224

### **Are We Missing You?**

If you aren’t receiving emails from the church, such as reminders, the newsletter, etc. please send an email request to be added:

[Secretary@hbcc.church](mailto:Secretary@hbcc.church)

# March

Sunday                      Monday                      Tuesday                      Wednesday                      Thursday                      Friday                      Saturday

<p>1 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M.</p> <p>Lord's Supper</p> <p><b>ORDINATION SERVICE</b> 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>2</p>	<p>3</p> <p>Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM</p>	<p>4</p> <p>YOUTH &amp; Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM (5:30 Meal)</p> <p>Intentional Parenting Class 5:30 PM</p>	<p>5</p>	<p>6</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Gal's Gatherings Snowshoeing 10:00 AM Meet at Sunrise Shopping Center</p>
Amanda Works →						
<p>8 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M.</p> <p>Daylight Savings Time Begins</p>  <p>Evening Service 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>9</p> 	<p>10</p> <p>Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>YOUTH &amp; Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM (5:30 Meal)</p> <p>Intentional Parenting Class 5:30 PM</p>	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Men's Breakfast 8:00 AM</p> 
Amanda Works →						
Pastor Rob Out of Office →						
<p>15 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M.</p> <p>Evening Service 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>16</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	<p>17</p> <p>Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM</p>	<p>18</p> <p>YOUTH &amp; Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM (5:30 Meal)</p> <p>Intentional Parenting Class 5:30 PM</p> <p>Rescue Mission 4:45 PM</p>	<p>19</p>	<p>20</p>	<p>21</p>
Pastor Rob Out of Office →						
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Amanda Gone →						
<p>22 Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M.</p> <p>Evening Service 6:00 P.M.</p> <p><b>WHAT NEXT? CLASS</b> Potluck Luncheon (Youth &amp; Children's Classes will serve)</p>	<p>23</p>	<p>24</p> <p>Rescue Mission 5:45 PM (Please let Darla know if you would like to help!)</p>	<p>25</p>	<p>26</p>	<p>27</p>	<p>28</p>
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Amanda Gone →						
<p>29</p> <p>Sunday School @ 9:30 A.M. Worship @11 A.M.</p> <p>Evening Service 6:00 P.M.</p>	<p>30</p>	<p>31</p> <p>Ladies Bible Study 6:00 PM</p>	<p>1</p> <p>YOUTH &amp; Children's GLOW Ministry 6-7 PM (5:30 Meal)</p> <p>Intentional Parenting Class 5:30 PM</p>	<p>2</p> 	<p>3</p>  <p>Join us at 6:30 PM</p>	<p>4</p>  <p>See the sign-up sheet if you would like to help!</p>
Amanda Works →						