

Senior Adult Ministry Events

Monthly Breakfast
Saturday, June 6, 8AM, DCenter
 Warren Strayer is the guest speaker.

Day Trip to South Pass & Gold Mine
Thursday, June 18th
 Leave at 8AM from church parking lot.
 Have a late lunch in Riverton.
 Call Pastor Merrill Smith at
 265.4073 for more information.

Online giving by electronic check ONLY is now available. There is a link on our website at hpcc.cc to access the system. In order to use the system, you must have an e-mail address on file in the church database. (You can call Carole in the Finance Office to get your e-mail address added at 265.4073 ext. 111.)



Friday, May 15, 2009.

Wyoming Inspiration Weekend July 24-26, 2009

"Biblical Insights for Times Like These"

Arlo Newell-Guest Speaker

Arlo is a noted speaker, statesman, and author in the Church of God. We are delighted to have Arlo Newell share his insights from his many years of serving the Lord. Dr. Newell is deeply respected as a man of faith and deep integrity. Don't miss the opportunity of learning what the Word has to say to you in times like these.



Todd Braschler-Worship Leader

Todd is not a stranger to Wyoming. Todd served at Highland Park Community Church as their Worship Arts Pastor several years ago. Today, Todd travels throughout the country with Todd Braschler Ministries. He is a vocal artist, retreat speaker, and author. He is the originator of the Fight Like a Man Men's Retreat. Todd competed at the Gospel Music Association vocal competition for the Praise in the Rockies event held in Estes Park, CO. He was honored to receive 2nd in the Vocal 3 category. Todd doesn't lack in his zeal for the Lord and leading in an inspiring worship service.



Bear Lodge Resort (US 14A at Burgess Junction, Dayton, WY) is located in the Big Horn Mountains in northern Wyoming. They have modern motel rooms, meeting areas, & a dining room. There are also full hook-ups for RV enthusiasts in the adjacent woods.

Registration Information-Pick up a brochure at your church office, Welcome Center or Promotional Table in the Lobby. You may also call Carol at the church office, 265.4073.

New this year—online registration for VBS!! Go to hpcc.cc and the Kids VBS page. Then click the following link to register as a participant or volunteer!
<http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/casper>



VBS June 15th-19th

Call Pastor April or Julie Pierantoni for more information. (265.4073)

Divorce Care & Divorce Care for Kids

Begins Wednesday, June 3
 6:30-8:30PM, Room D210.
 Childcare is provided.

Call The Healing Place
 265.3977
 for more information.

This year, HPCC has been chosen to host a rebroadcast of the

Willow Creek Leadership Summit.

The Leadership Summit is firmly dedicated to keep your leadership edge sharp!

In the face of cultural upheaval, economic crisis, and persistent human need, our world calls out for leaders who do not back down, withdraw or compromise. You are invited to be one of the thousands of global leaders who are choosing to take responsibility for their leadership development.

August 14 & 15 from approximately 8AM-4PM.

Cost is \$85 which includes your lunches, beverages, snacks, and workbook. Scholarships are available. Contact Marti at 265.4073 for more information.

This year's scheduled speakers are:

- Bill Hybels**-Senior Pastor, Willow Creek Community Church
- Tony Blair**-Former Prime Minister of the United Kingdom
- Dr. Henry Cloud**-Clinical Psychologist, Author, Business Consultant
- Carly Fiorina**-former Chair and CEO of Hewlett-Packard, Business Commentator, and Strategic Advisor
- Patrick Lencioni**-Business Consultant, Author, and president of The Table Group, Inc.
- Gary Hamel**-Renowned Business Thinker, Visiting Professor at London School of Business
- Jessica Jackley**-Co-Founder of KIVA.org, the world's first online micro-lending website
- David Gergen**-Political Analyst for CNN and PBS and former White House Adviser to four presidents
- Dan Heath**-Author, Consultant, and co-founder of Thinkwell
- Chip Heath**-Author, Consultant, and professor at Stanford's Graduate School of Business
- Bono**-Lead Singer of U2 and Activist in the fight against AIDS and poverty in Africa
- Wess Stafford, Dr. David Ireland, Dr. Tm Keller, Harvey Carey, Dave Gibbons, and Andrew Rugasira**

Corner

The Pastor's



Senior Pastor
John Spear

As graduation approached this year, an article in the Casper Journal caught my attention. Simply titled "Words of Advice," it was advice and guidance for a lad on the occasion of his 18th birthday, as he journeyed into manhood.

It was a good article. In fact, on close examination

and clear thought, I found that I agreed with everything he wrote. It was not what he wrote that was concerning, it was what he did not write that alarmed me.

There were 12 admonitions for the young lad. What would you write down for an 18-year old graduate from high school to focus on as he stepped into the future? What "do not miss this," would you have included?

First of all, the advice-giving sage left out any mention of our Creator. There was nothing about the 10 Commandments, nothing about the Great Commandment, nor the Great Commission. The closest he came to anything spiritual was his wisdom point, number 10, "Avoid religious zealots." I gathered he had been offended at some time in the past by someone who was a little too strong in their faith, whatever their faith may have been. And,

there was nothing about having a servant's heart, although he did write, "serve your country."

With the great majority of his life behind him, you would think the writer would have had a number of life-changing faith experiences. If there were any, they were not mentioned. At the end of our lives only one thing will be asked of us. "What have you done with what I have given you?" If God is not acknowledged in our top 12 points of wisdom for those who follow, just how quickly will He be to welcome us into His home when that day arrives?

Last weekend was Memorial Day. Did you pause to remember those who made it all possible for you to live in peace and freedom? Most importantly, did you remember the One who truly stands behind everything in life? Is He Number One, or does He come somewhere after point twelve? Where He comes on your list will determine where you come on His.

Yours for Remembering,

Pastor John Spear



Highland Park Community Church
Strives to be a **Great Commission** congregation
Ministering in light of the **Great Commandment**
In fulfilling the **5 Biblical Purposes** of
Evangelism, Discipleship, Worship,
Fellowship, and Service.

Getting Connected in Relationships....

submitted by Julie Fox

Yeah! It's springtime in Casper. I love this time of year—signs of new life all around. There are babies everywhere—antelope and deer and birds...It's all about relationships! (Get it? Moms, and babies, and Dads...Okay, perhaps I'm getting a bit dramatic.) In my last article, I was rambling about trying to connect with our children and not zoning in own technological spaces-or leaving them in theirs. I suspect that part of the problem, for many of us, is that it's WORK to pursue relationship. "Relating" is a verb that can make people squirm at times! Even if your nature is more introverted than extroverted, this is not an excuse for not developing and cultivating relationships with our kids and people around us.

Jesus himself is the ultimate role model. He was all about talking with and listening to others. His command for us to love one another (John 15:12) requires us to be in relationship. Love is another action word I might point out.

May I suggest a starting place? Make an effort in all of your interactions with your children, spouse, co-workers, and friends to ask a few questions and then really listen to the response and even comment on it. Listening is a major component of connect- edness. Our goal as Christians is to be in genuine, authentic relationships so we can truly practice loving others even as He loved us!

(Julie Fox is the Director of The Healing Place, a Christian-based counseling ministry of Highland Park Community Church. All of the counselors at The Healing Place are licensed therapists. Call 265.3977 for more information.)



"We Are Not Grasshoppers"

Submitted by
Pastor Marc Sundstrom

In Numbers 13:33, we hear the report of 10 of the 12 spies sent to spy out the Promised Land by Moses as they describe the "Giants" they saw, "We seemed like grasshoppers in our own eyes, and we looked the same to them" (NIV). It is interesting to consider that they first reported that they seemed like grasshoppers in their own eyes first, representing the battle within the heart of a believer. Then they relay that they looked like grasshoppers to the residents of the Promised Land, representing the external battles.

Only Caleb and Joshua stood faithful before the congregation that day and proclaimed, "We should go up and take possession of the land, for we can certainly do it" (Num 13:30) Over 40 years later, as Joshua is addressing the people of Israel in the Promised Land after their conquest, he reminds them, "The LORD has driven out before you great and powerful nations...the LORD your God fights for you, just as he promised" (Jos. 23:9-10).

Consider the contrast now with over 94% of our congregation voting to move forward with the relocation this past January. What an amazing blessing it is to be part of a congregation of believers that is so filled with faith! In less than two months, construction will likely be in full swing at our new location—due in large part to the faith and fervor of this great congregation of believers. Because of the courage that runs so deep in our congregation, we are not "wandering in the wilderness" today.

It has also been amazing to watch the LORD our God fight for us in many ways, both large and small. From the ability to move to a different site, to the formal offer to purchase our current facility, God continues to lead us in this project. Now more than ever, it is clear that the people of Highland Park Community church are not grasshoppers! Thank you for being a part of this journey and a part of this great church!

**God is moving our congregation Forward In Faith.
Now is the Time. This is the Place.
We are His People.**

Summer Camp Opportunities Lone Tree Bible Ranch

Sessions for children entering the
4th-6th grades are:
June 22-26
July 20-24
August 3-7

One session for teens
July 6-10
High School at the Ranch
and Middle School at the Fort.

All camps are staffed with trained adults, 1:4 ratio, for excellent safety and counseling. Activities include horse-back riding, rappelling, archery, rifles, bikes, and lake day. Register at the table in the Lobby, log onto www.ackcasper.org or call 577.5267.

Lending Library

If you are looking for a book, DVD, or Audio CD on Marriage, Family, Parenting, Communication, and many other topics, get them FREE! Borrowing resources from the WHMI Lending Library is Free & Easy... Log on to www.WYOFAMS.org or call 1.866.WYO-FAMS to review the list of more than 200 books, DVDs, and CDs available for you to borrow.

Community Care Project: Many people come to the Church Office for assistance. The Support Staff does a wonderful job of making referrals to our community Faith Promise Partners, offering prayer and other helping ministries within the church. We are now giving a Care Bag to our guests to extend the compassion of Christ. The Care Bag includes granola bars, lotion, pen, shampoo, etc. along with an envelope with a scripture booklet, a tract of hope through Christ, a bookmark, and information about the ministries of HPCC. We are inviting the church family to help during these difficult times by picking up items for the bag when you are shopping. Pick up a complete list of items at the displays at the front and back doors!



For those of you who are giving your **offerings online** by electronic payment, please make sure that you put in the memo what account you are donating to. You must indicate on the memo line if you are giving to GF (General Fund), BF (Building Fund) or FP (Faith Promise). Thank you!

June Events

Weekly Schedule

Saturday	
5:00PM	Worship Service Kids Programming
Sunday	
8:45AM	Worship Service Kids Programming
10:30AM	Worship Service Kids Programming
Monday	
6:30PM	Third Option, Commons
Tuesday	
6:30AM	Women's Breakfast, At Perkins (1 & 3 Tuesdays)
Wednesday	
6:30PM	Divorce Care/Divorce Care for Kids
6:30PM	Youth Programming
Friday	
5:30PM	Celebrate Recovery



You Won't Want to Miss:

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Senior Adult Ministry Day Trip South Pass & Gold Mine

Thursday, June 18

Featured Events



Vacation Bible School

Monday-Friday
June 15-19
9AM-Noon
Register online at
hpcc.cc, Kids VBS page.
<http://www.groupvbs.com/webtoybox/myvbs/casper>

Women's Bible Study

Our two major women's Bible study opportunities, *Women in the Word* and *Evening in the Word* are taking a break for the summer. Be watching for start up dates in the fall!

Groundbreaking Ceremony

at the New Site
East Second Street
Just south of the Elkhorn
Rehabilitation Hospital

Sunday, May 31,
3PM

Adult Sunday School Classes

Bridges	10AM
D111	Dr. Brubaker
Proverbs	10:30AM
A111	Carl Wolosin

Getting Healthy in a Not so Healthy World

The Smart Step-Family Men for Sexual Integrity Early Years of Marriage DivorceCare/Divorce Care for Kids Grief & Respect Love & Respect Post-Abortion

Call The Healing Place (265.3977) for information on any of the above groups.

Worship Arts Rehearsal Schedule

June 3	Praise Team A
June 10	Praise Team B
June 17	Men's Choir
June 24	Praise Team C
June 31	Praise Team A

Musicians rehearse at 6PM
Praise Teams at 7PM

Celebrate Recovery

Friday Night "Gathering"

CR Meal	DCenter 5:30PM
Worship/Teaching	6:15PM
Open Share Groups	7:30PM
Coffee & Dessert	8:30PM

Open Share Groups:

First Time Visitors
Celebrate Recovery 101

Men's Groups
Anger Management
A-Z

Sexual Integrity
Substance Abuse (Chemical/Alcohol)

Women's Groups
A-Z

Codependency
Eating Disorders
Substance Abuse (Chemical/Alcohol)
Post-Abortion Recovery

Current Step Studies:

Women's	Saturdays, 10AM, D205 Thursdays, 7PM @ Sweetwater Facility by CWRM
Men's	Wednesdays, 6:30PM, Casper Community Church

Not sure how to promote Celebrate Recovery in the community? Pick up some "pocket size" promo materials. It's a painless way to invite others who may benefit from attending our gatherings.

Just a Reminder!

Celebrate Recovery is needing groups of people to help cook each Friday evening. We have a lead cook who can facilitate your group. It would be especially helpful if you could provide and cook the main course to take the financial burden off the ministry. Contact Janette at the church office at 265.4073 or Sadella at 237.1918.

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We welcome your questions, comments, etc! We are here to serve you!