



March - April 2019

## Spring Preaching Conference



*The Hope of Glory*

April 15 – 16

First Baptist Church of Laurel, Montana

Call (406) 628-4366 for more information

### SCHEDULE

#### MONDAY – April 15

3:00 p.m. – Executive Committee

6:00 p.m. - Registration

7:00 p.m. - Preaching

#### TUESDAY – April 16

9:00 a.m. - Preaching

Coffee Fellowship

Pastor Reports

Preaching

LUNCH - On your own

Castle Rock Camp Presentation

New DVD and Camp Brochures

Church Planting Reports

5:30 p.m. - Supper (Provided by Host Church)

7:00 p.m. - Preaching

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### CAMP EMPHASIS SUNDAY

May 5, 2019

One way to encourage campers to attend camp this summer is to have a camp emphasis Sunday. We are encouraging pastor's and churches to set aside the first Sunday of May for this emphasis. We will be providing a new Castle Rock Baptist Camp DVD as well as new Brochures. These will be made available to those who attend the Spring Preaching Conference and can be used for the camp emphasis Sunday. Don't forget that God uses the activities, music, and Bible Preaching at camp to change the lives of young people as well as adults.

## CAMP NEWS

### BIG NEWS!!!! CASTLE ROCK BAPTIST CAMP "UPLOOK CAMPAIGN"

Pastor Gordon Phillips of the Golden Hills Baptist Church of Lead, South Dakota has sent news that they as a church would like to sponsor the remodel of one of the cabins at Castle Rock Baptist Camp. They have sent a check for \$3500.00 to be put toward this project. This is a great encouragement to all of those who love the ministry of Castle Rock Baptist Camp. This should be a challenge to other churches to sponsor a cabin.

Please pray and let us know if your church would like to be part of bringing new life to one of the cabins.

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## NEWS FROM THE CHURCHES

### FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH – Laurel, MT

We are finishing our 2nd Coldest February on record--the other in 1936.

February 8th was the Valentine Banquet, which our youth group sponsored as a fund raiser for the Beartooth Youth Conference and other activities. John Watts and his wife Katie prepared the meal with others helping serve. This year, as usual they put on a fine program. We were blessed by special speaker, Pastor Mike Fisher of First Baptist Church of Cody, WY.

February 27<sup>th</sup> Pastor Widdis and his Assistant, John Watts, left on this year's trip to Burma. This was a very special trip. Pastor Widdis, Bob McQueary and others have traveled several years to Burma to teach courses in the graduate and seminary program and this year they had their 1st graduation class. Seven men graduated from the seminary.

### GOLDEN HILLS BAPTIST CHURCH – Lead, SD

Praise God, after a week of personal challenges and discouragement...starting last Wednesday with a snowstorm dropping 2 feet of snow, the challenges of digging out in time for our Thursday evening Bible Study, Cassia and Tabitha hitting their heads hard on yet to be finished decking, Linda slipping and falling on ice nearly breaking her tailbone, Gordon suffering with a broken tooth, and Sena burning her hand on the stove....

Tonight we saw God answer prayer. We and many of you have prayed for Melody for 6 years. After the study tonight on "the source of spiritual life" she wanted to know what about her loved ones that have died and did not have spiritual life-where are they? Gordon brought the conversation to what about her? Had she ever asked Jesus to save her? Her answer was no, but she would like to. Praise God there is another sinner saved. We are so excited. Thank you for your continued prayers for Melody and the work of the ministry here.

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## FIELD REPRESENTATIVE'S REPORT

Pastor Paul D. Hoover - {pauldhoover@icloud.com}

Please make plans to attend the Spring Preaching Conference at FBC- Laurel. Dr. and Mrs. Widdis and the church family are making preparations for your visit. I know you will be blessed and encouraged by the preaching, pastor and church reports, as well as the food and fellowship. Please bring a group from your church so they can also enjoy what the Lord is doing in the churches. Cindy and I are looking forward to seeing you!



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