

## Things to Pray for:

**CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:** Pray for Randy and Connie as they face uncertainty with their job situations. Pray for Sam who has a mass in one of his lungs. Pray for Carolyn Nieswender who fell and broke her wrist last Sunday. Pray for Nick who was hospitalized this week.

**MISSIONARIES:** This month pray for the Mishkins in Israel.

**FAMILY OF THE WEEK:** Each week we'll pray for a different family in our church. This week pray for Albert Ewing.

**HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS:** Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our online services and for the people joining us there. Pray that God would use us to bring His Kingdom here. Pray for the foster closet, as they are helping a new foster closet as they are currently in need of more volunteers.

**CURRENT HAPPENINGS:** Pray for the current health pandemic in our world and in our country. Pray for medical staff and for our leaders as they navigate how to best help. Pray for our teachers and school administrators. Pray for the unrest and divisions in our country. Pray for our leaders, current and future. Pray for the political unrest.

## Numbers

### Attendance for 1/3/21 Service

In-person: 20

Online Views (through 1/6/21): 41

### Giving

Online (12/28/20 to 1/3/21): \$295

In-Person (1/3/21): \$0

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1,575

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**Luke**  
Following Jesus

*Welcome to*  
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MISSIONARY CHURCH

# Welcome!

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January 10<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. We're a friendly and caring group of Christians who are here to help people be CONNECTED with Jesus, CHANGED by Jesus, and COMMITTED to the mission of Jesus.

**GUESTS:** Thanks for joining us today! We truly believe that you're not here by accident and that God has some amazing plans for your life. If you'd like some information about who we are and how to get plugged in here at Hillside, please fill out the "I'm New" page on our website, [hmcworship.com/im-new/](http://hmcworship.com/im-new/)

**SERMON SERIES:** Our sermon series is going through the book of Luke and is entitled, "*Following Jesus.*" This Sunday's message is from chapter 3 and answers the question, "*Is it ok to be a nominal Christian?*"

**CONNECT:** We'd love for you to connect with us online! Find an online version of every week's service on Facebook, Instagram, YouTube, and on our website, [hmcworship.com](http://hmcworship.com). In addition to that, we encourage you to continue to reach out to your church family through letters, texts, phone calls, and on social media.

**COVID-19 CHANGES:** Please remember, no offering plates will be passed; instead, we ask you to give online or via the giving box near the entrance. Tables are set up in the back row for families with young children. We also kindly ask you to use the restroom before you come to ensure that our restrooms are as clean as possible for those who need to use them. Thank you for wearing your mask when not seated 6+ feet away from those outside of your household.

# Announcements

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**ONLINE SERVICES:** During this time of the pandemic, we are putting together pre-recorded online versions of our in-person services. These online services, which are specifically designed to be participated in from home, can be found on our website, Youtube, Facebook, and Instagram. If you don't have time to watch, you can always catch up on the go by listening to these services on all major podcasting apps.

**SMALL GROUP:** If you're looking to go deeper with what Pastor Josh preaches on Sunday mornings or just looking for some extra fellowship time with your church family, then please consider joining a small group! Please contact Pastor Josh.

# Opportunities to Help

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**FOSTER CLOSET:** Our foster closet helps foster children and families to get the clothing and things that they need. They are in need of people to help them sort through donations on a regular basis. If you would like to get involved or would like more information please contact April Rollf.

**KID'S MINISTRY:** We've started a kids' church program for during the sermon part of our service. If you'd like to volunteer once a month, just during the sermon portion of the service, we'd love your help! No outside prep is required. Please contact Pastor Josh.

**TECHNOLOGY:** Do you love technology? Do you have a working finger? We're looking for someone to help us out with putting together and running the worship lyrics on Sunday morning. Please contact Pastor Josh.



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**1/10/21 - Week 5 – Luke 3:1-22**

***A Warning Against Nominal Christianity***

In this passage of God's Word we see John the Baptist insulting the people who came to be baptized by him. He doesn't do that out a mean-spirited attitude though; he does so to jolt his listeners out of a nominal faith and into having faith the way that God designed it to be. By taking a closer look at what John tells them, we too can see what our faith is actually supposed to look like. John reminds his listeners that:

1. Lineage is \_\_\_\_\_ to get you into Heaven

Luke 3:7-8, Matt. 7:13-14, 2 Pet. 3:9, John 3:16

2. The true evidence of a believer is \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 3:9, Matt. 7:17-23, Mark 11:12-14, 20-25, Gal. 5:22-23

3. Faith always affects the way that we \_\_\_\_\_

Luke 3:10-14, James 1:22-25, 2:14-26

## Reflection Questions

1. After taking a look at John the Baptist's story here in chapter 3 of the Gospel of Luke, what stands out to you the most? If you're familiar with the story, did you notice anything that you haven't noticed before?
2. John's listeners undoubtedly would have felt very pressed to look at their own life and faith after hearing what John had said to them. If you traveled to go be baptized by John, and then heard him insult you and say what he said, how do you think you would have responded. Why? Has anyone ever harshly called you out for something before? How did you respond? How did that encounter impact your relationship with that other person? How did you respond? How did that encounter impact your faith?
3. John makes it very evident to his listeners that real faith in the one, true God must affect the way that our lives look. In other words, having faith demands that we bear fruit. What is the fruit in your life during this season? Take some time to make a list. Are you happy with that list? What are some practical steps that you could take to improve that list? Write down some action oriented, trackable goals for yourself to take. Then come back to them every week and evaluate yourself. Who will keep you accountable to accomplishing this? If you don't have anyone who can keep you accountable to accomplishing these things, who can you put in your life that will keep you accountable?