

# Prayer Guide

**CHURCH FAMILY HEALTH NEEDS:** Continue to pray for Katy and her heart pump. Pray for Randy, Ramsey, and Connie as they face uncertainty with their job situations. Pray for Bonnie Jamrozy, who was recently hospitalized because of a blood infection.

**MISSIONARIES:** This month pray for Larry and Ou Yarger

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

**HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS:** Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our new service that happens online, 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 get started in Goshen and are currently in need of more volunteers.

**CURRENT HAPPENINGS:** Please pray for the current health pandemic in our world and in our country. Pray for the President, who test positive for Covid-19. 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 wildfires that are on burning in the west, and for the hurricanes in the south. Pray for the unrest and racial divide in our nation.

## Numbers

### Attendance for 10/11/20 Service

In-person: 26

Online Views (through 10/15): 50

### Giving

Online (10/4-10/10): \$422 for the general fund

In-Person on 10/11: will be included in next week's numbers

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

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# ESTHER

## FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS



*Welcome to*

# Hillside

MISSIONARY CHURCH

# Welcome!

October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2020

Whether you're a guest or a long-time attendee we're glad you're here with us. Hillside is 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 feel comfortable doing so, feel free to text pastor Josh at 574.903.7578 and let him know you are participating with us. We'd love to get you connected with us and let you know more about who we are!

**SERMON SERIES:** Our sermon series is going through the book of Esther and is entitled, "*For Such a Time as This.*" It answers the question, "*how to recognize evil.*"

**CONNECT:** We'd love for you to connect with us online! During this time of social distancing we have added an online version of every week's service. You can find them 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.

## Announcements

**IN-PERSON SERVICE UPDATE:** We are now meeting in our gym instead of our sanctuary to provide enough space for social distancing. In accordance with the guidance from our local officials, when you are not seated 6 or more feet away from those outside your household, we ask that those 8 years old and older wear a mask. While you are seated at least 6 feet away from those outside your household, you are welcome to remove your mask. No offering plates will be passed; instead we ask you to give online or via the giving box near the gym entrance. Tables are set up in the back row of the gym, so that families with young children can enjoy our kids' bulletins and activities that correspond with today's message. 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 your continual faithfulness and flexibility during these times.

**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! Contact Pastor Josh.

## Opportunities to Help

**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.

**CLEANING:** Does cleaning things give you a sense of accomplishment? We're looking for someone to who can help us out for about an hour a week to do some vacuuming as well as empty trash cans.

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

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### 10/18/20 - Week 1 – Esther 1

#### *How to Recognize Evil*

In this passage of God's Word, we enter into a story with an evil setting, where God seems to be absent. By taking a look at this part of God's Word, we can begin to understand how to recognize evil in society as well as in our own lives.

Understand \_\_\_\_\_ does not  
equal God's blessings

Esth. 1:1-9, Matt. 5:44-45, Ecc. 5:10

#### Signs of Evil:

1. Glorifying one's \_\_\_\_\_ above God

Esth. 1:1-9, Prov. 16:18, Ex. 20:3, Col. 3:17

2. The \_\_\_\_\_ of people

Esth. 1:10-12, Is. 61:8, 2 Pet. 2:1-3, Prov. 22:16

3. Selfish, \_\_\_\_\_ behavior

Esth. 1:13-22, Matt. 22:36-40, 2 Cor. 5:17

## Reflection Questions

1. After taking a look at this first chapter in Esther, 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. As we talked about the different signs of evil, did the Holy Spirit bring to mind any sin in your own life? If so, how can you allow God to transform that aspect of your life?
3. What practical step(s) can you take to continue to grow your faith and deepen your relationship with God? Who will keep you accountable to accomplishing that?