

# Things to Pray for:

**CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:** Pray for Katy as she was in the hospital this week. Pray for Donna, who has cancer. Pray for Callie who is recovering from sinus surgery. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer. Pray for Tony who is recovering from an ankle surgery.

**MISSIONARIES:** This month pray for the Bellas.

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

**HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS:** Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our livestream and for the people joining us there. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

**CURRENT HAPPENINGS:** Pray for the war in Israel. Pray for the war in Ukraine. Pray for all of the damage from the recent hurricanes.

## Numbers

### Attendance

In-person on 10/20/24: 52

Online views (through 10/21): 7

### Giving

Online: (10/14/24-10/20/24): \$305 general

In-Person on 10/20/24: \$3586 general, \$63.88 foster closet, \$80 missions



Give Online

Rather view this information on your phone?  
Feel free to scan this Q.R. code to view this on the Bible app! For future reference, we always have the QR code posted at the main entrance that will take you to that week's event in the Bible app!



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### Matthew 13:16-17

But blessed are your eyes, for they see, and your ears, for they hear. For truly, I say to you, many prophets and righteous people longed to see what you see, and did not see it, and to hear what you hear, and did not hear it.



# Welcome!

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October 27th, 2024

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, which can be found by the QR code to the right.



**EMAIL LIST:** If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

**SERMON SERIES:** We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about a passage where Jesus teaches the crowd a parable, and then goes into more detail with His disciples.

## Announcements

**OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD:** It is time to start filling Samaritan Purse Operation Christmas Child boxes! Stop by the children's wing to pick up your box(es). Boxes need to be returned to the church no later than November 17<sup>th</sup>.

**CHURCH MEAL:** We are having lunch here at the church on Sunday, November 3<sup>rd</sup>, after service. The main dish will be provided, but please feel free to bring a side dish or a dessert. If you have any questions, please ask Patty Ewing. See you there!

**HURRICANE RELIEF FUND:** Our denomination, the Missionary Church, has set up a relief fund to help those affected by the recent hurricanes. To donate, follow the QR code to the right.



**HILLSIDE'S STORY:** We will have our 3<sup>rd</sup> volume of Hillside's story coming on Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>! If you would like to share how God has used Hillside in your life, please talk to Pastor Josh!

## Opportunities to Help

**TECH:** Our worship team is looking for someone who would like to run sound and/or slides. Please see Pastor Josh.

**WORSHIP TEAM:** Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

**PRAYER GUIDE:** Will you be in prayer for Hillside? Prayer guides are available at the welcome counter. Also, if you would like to be a prayer advocate, please see Pastor Josh.

**MAINTENANCE TEAM:** Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? We need help inside and outside the building. Please see Jeff Soule for details.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO 

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2. The one who believes, but turns away when times get \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 13:5, 6, 20, 21, James 1:2-4, Rom. 1:18-32, Gal. 6:9-10,
3. The one who believes, but becomes \_\_\_\_\_  
and \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 13:7, 22, 19:16-22, 1 John 2:15-17, Prov. 4:25-27, 1 Cor. 7:35, Luke 10:38-42, 21:34
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# Reflecting on God's Word

## Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 12:22-50 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- Have you ever wondered why Jesus spoke in parables so much? Have you ever considered that it was because of the people's hard hearts? Why or why not?
- How does understanding why Jesus spoke in parables help you to have a deeper understanding of God's goodness and mercy?

## Diving In

1. Read Matthew 13 verses 4 and 19 again. Have you ever fallen into this category before? Do you know anyone who would fall into this category, who has heard God's truth, but not believed? How can you help that person to believe?
2. Read Matthew 13 verses 5-6, and 20-21 again. Have you ever been tempted to fall away when things get tough? What are those situations in your life where you are tempted to fall away the most? What stops you from falling away? Is there anyone in your life who would fall into this category? How can you help that person to come back to the faith?
3. Read Matthew 13 verses 7 and 22 again. Have you ever had a season of your life where you can look back at that you were distracted and unfruitful? What are, as Jesus puts it, the "cares of the world and the deceitfulness of riches," that tempt you to walk away from Jesus the most? Do you have anyone in your life that you know who would fall into this category? How can you help that person to come back to the faith?
4. Read Matthew 13 verses 8 and 23 again. Obviously, this is the category that we should all fall into. Read Galatians 5:22-23. How can you bear more fruit in your life? Spend some time asking God to help you to bear more fruit. How can you also help others to bear more fruit?

## Applying the Scripture

What are your biggest takeaways from this passage of God's Word?

- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
- How would applying this affect your life and your relationship with the Lord?
- Who can you ask to keep you accountable to applying this to your life?

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