

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 Jane Johnston in Russia.

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

HILLSIDE HAPPENINGS: Pray that the church would continue to stay unified under Christ. Pray for our online service, 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 wildfires that are on burning in the west, and for the hurricanes in the south. Pray for the unrest and divisions in our country. Pray for our leaders and for the election.

Numbers

Attendance for 10/25/20 Service

In-person: 30

Online Views (through 10/27): 50

Giving

Online (10/18-10/24): \$260 for general fund

In-Person on 10/25: \$597 for general

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

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Welcome to

Hillside

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

November 1st, 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."* This Sunday's message is from chapter 3 and answers the question, *"What is the outcome of bitterness?"*

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. 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.

KID'S MINISTRY: We're trying to start a kid's program for kids aged 2-6, for during the sermon part of our service. We are in need of 8 volunteers that would be willing to help out once a month, just during the sermon portion of the service. No outside prep is required.

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.

ESTHER

FOR SUCH A TIME AS THIS

10/25/20 - Week 3 – Esther 3

The Outcome of Bitterness

In this passage of God's Word we are introduced to a new character who has some major issues with bitterness. By taking a look at his story in Esther chapter 3 we can see that bitterness:

1. is long _____ and will not go away on its own
Esth. 3:1-6
2. will cause you to do increasingly _____ things
Esth. 3:7-13
3. will give you a false sense of _____
Esth. 3:15

Hebrews 12:15

See to it that no one fails to obtain the grace of God; that no "root of bitterness" springs up and causes trouble, and by it many become defiled;

Reflection Questions

1. After taking a look at this third 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. If you were Mordecai, do you think you would have given into the peer pressure of bowing to Haman? Why or why not?
3. As we took a look at Haman and the bitterness that he harbored, did the Lord bring to mind any bitterness that you are harboring?
4. If you are harboring bitterness, what practical step(s) can you take to focus more fully on God's sovereignty and grace? Who will keep you accountable to accomplishing that?