

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Donna, who has cancer. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer. Pray for Tony who is recovering from an ankle surgery.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Hubleys.

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

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 our politicians. 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 10/27/24: 44

Online views (through 10/31): 6

Giving

Online: (10/21/24-10/27/24): \$265 general

In-Person on 10/27/24: \$1190 general, \$120 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 13:44

“The kingdom of heaven is like treasure hidden in a field, which a man found and covered up. Then in his joy he goes and sells all that he has and buys that field.”



Welcome!

November 3rd, 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 many parables about the Kingdom of God.

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 17th.

CHURCH MEAL: We are having lunch here at the church after service today! If you didn't bring anything to share, that's totally ok! There is always plenty of food. 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 3rd volume of Hillside's story coming on Dec. 1st! 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

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

Week 38 - Matthew 13:24-58 - 11/3/24

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2. The enemy is actively acting _____ God's Kingdom
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3. God's heart is for _____
Matt. 13:28-29, 34-37, 44-47, 51-58, 2 Pet. 3:9, 1 Tim. 2:4, Rom. 2:4, Ps. 86:15, Is. 30:18
4. God is _____
Matt. 13:30, 40-43, 48-50, Ps. 33:5, Rev. 21:4-8, Matt. 8:12, Prov. 21:15

Knowing this, we now need to be _____, making sure that we are truly apart of God's Kingdom, by making sure that we:

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- Take some time to read over Matthew 13:24-58 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?
- How does understanding God's Kingdom better help you to have a deeper understanding of God's goodness and mercy?

Diving In

1. Oftentimes the imperfections of the church can be deeply unsettling. Read Matthew 13 verses 24-26 and 31-33 and 47-50. Here, during these 4 parables, Jesus makes it very clear that God's Kingdom is here, however, it's not fully here quite yet. How do those 4 parables help you to think through, deal with, and interact with the church today?
2. Read Matthew 13 verses 27, 38 and 39. Here, Jesus makes it clear that the enemy is actively acting against God's Kingdom. In what ways do you see the enemy doing that today? Read Eph. 4:27 and 6:11. How can you best be on guard against the schemes of the enemy?
3. God has a radical amount of patience and kindness towards us. Read Matthew 13 verses 28-29, 34-37, 44-47, and 51-58. How do these parables help you to better understand God's heart for salvation? How does understanding that deepen your relationship with God?
4. Read Matthew 13 verses 30, 40-43, and 48-50. Here, Jesus also makes it clear that God is just. How do these parables help you to better understand God's heart for justice? How does understanding that deepen your relationship with God?

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?
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