

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Margie Gallay died a few weeks ago; please pray for the family. Patty Ewing's brother, Harley, also died a few weeks ago; please pray for the Ewings.

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 Sam Bely.

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 that God would use us to bring His Kingdom here. Pray for the various building projects. Pray for our children's ministry as it is getting built back up. Pray for our Christmas Candlelight service happening on Dec. 23rd.

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 students, teachers, administrators, and all other school staff as they head into another school year. Pray for Afghanistan, especially the church there. Pray for the recent destruction due to storms.

Numbers

Attendance for 11/28/21 Service

In-person: 49

Online views (through 11/2/21): 5

Giving

Online (11/22/21 to 11/28/21): \$290

In-Person (11/28/21): \$231 general, \$540 for foster baskets

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1480

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Welcome!

December 5th, 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/

SERMON SERIES: Our sermon series is going through the book of Luke and is entitled, "*Following Jesus.*" This Sunday's message is from chapter 16 and answers the question, "*How do I know I've lost my passion for Christ?*"

CONNECT: We'd love for you to connect with us online! Find a livestream of every week's service 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.

COVID-19 CHANGES: We are no longer asking people to wear a mask and social distance. However, if you would still like to do either, we completely respect that, and we are asking for everyone to respect that as well. No one will judge you for your decision, either way (see Romans 14).

Announcements

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING: Every year we have a meeting to discuss the inner workings of the church and ratify next year's budget. This year's meeting is this Sunday after service and should only last about 10-15 minutes. Everyone is encouraged to attend.

CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE: Mark your calendar! On Dec. 23rd we will be holding a Christmas Candlelight Service at 6pm. This will be a great event to invite friends to.

Opportunities to Help

OPEN SORTING HOUR AT THE FOSTER CLOSET: Want to help out at the foster closet but can't commit to helping regularly? That's ok! Every Friday from 12:30-1:30 is an open sorting hour. If you'd like to help during the open sorting hour, please text Tammi Fisher at (216) 526-9974.

KID'S CHURCH: If you'd like to volunteer to help out at Kids' Church we'd love your help! No outside prep is required. Please contact Bonnie Walter or Brittney Savill.

TECHNOLOGY: We are looking for 2-4 people to help out running the worship lyrics, as well as the sound board during the worship service on Sunday morning. Please contact pastor Josh if you're interested.



the gospel of
Luke
Following Jesus

12/5/21 - Week 48 – Luke 16:14-16

How Do I Know I've Lost Passion for My Faith?

In this passage of God's Word, we see a continuation of what Jesus' teachings to His disciples. Verses 1-3 (what we talked about the last 2 weeks) contained a parable teaching us that we should be passionate about our faith. Here, in verses 14-16, where Jesus interacts with the Pharisees, we get a look of what it looks like after we've lost our passion.

You may have lost your passion if:

1. You love your _____ more than God
Luke 16:14, Matt. 6:24, 33, 22:37, Ex. 20:1-3
2. You ridicule God's _____
Luke 16:14, Heb. 4:12, 12:11, Prov. 12:1, 15:32, 2 Tim. 3:16
3. You have to _____ your actions to others
Luke 16:15, 2 Cor. 10:12, Gal. 1:10, Phil. 2:3, 2 Tim. 2:15
4. You disregard God's _____
Luke 16:16-18, 2 Tim. 3:16-17, Heb. 4:12, Matt. 4:4

Reflection Questions

1. Do you show any of the signs of losing your passion for Christ that the Pharisees showed? Which ones?

2. Is your tendency to take away from God's Word or to add to it? Why? How can you prevent doing that in the future?

3. After hearing and learning about Luke chapter 16 for the past few weeks, rate your passion for your faith. Why did you rate it like that? What needs to improve? Who can keep you accountable to that?