

# Things to Pray for:

**CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:** Pray for Barb who is having nerve pain. Pray for Donna's family, as she recently passed away. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

**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 the Balints.

**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 11/24/24: 57

Online views (through 11/24): 1

### Giving

Online: (11/18/24-11/24/24): \$ \$770 for general, \$60 for missions, \$505 for Memorial

In-Person on 11/24/24: \$65 for general



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 14:32-33

And when they got into the boat, the wind ceased. And those in the boat worshiped him, saying, "Truly you are the Son of God."



# Welcome!

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December 1st, 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 miracle that Jesus did, and how that affects our lives today.

## Announcements

**CHRISTMAS CANDLELIGHT SERVICE:** We are having a Christmas Candlelight service on Sunday, Dec. 22nd, at 6:30pm. This will be a family-oriented service, lasting around 30 minutes. We hope to see everyone there!

**CHURCH FAMILY MEETING AND LUNCH:** We are having lunch here at the church after service again on Dec. 8th! After lunch, we will also discuss finances, and all the in's and out's of the church, as we do every year. Everyone is welcome!

**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.



**PAJAMA DRIVE:** Our foster closet team is doing a drive to collect warm pajamas for the winter. The greatest need is 12 months through child size 10/12, for both boys and girls. Donations can be dropped off by the welcome counter.

## 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.

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**Matthew**  
FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

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**What to do When You're Freaking Out**

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4. Be willing to \_\_\_\_\_ out in faith  
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# Reflecting on God's Word

## Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 14:22-33 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?
- As we talked about this part of God's Word, and what Jesus teaches His disciples when they are freaking out, what stood out to you the most?
- When are you most likely to find yourself freaking out? Why is that?

## Diving In

1. Read Matthew 14:22-26. These were familiar waters to the disciples, and they would have been very used to storms popping up. So, for them to be afraid, must have meant that this storm was pretty bad. Even so, they assume that when they see someone walking on water, it is a ghost, and not Jesus. So many times we can become so focused on what is causing us to freak out, that we forget to look for where God is moving, and what He's trying to teach us. How can you be more observant of what God is doing in and around you, even in the midst of terrible circumstances?
2. Read Matthew 14:27. Jesus, knowing the disciples' hearts, comforts them by reminding them that it is Him, and not a ghost, so they shouldn't be afraid. How can you better remind yourself that God is always with you?
3. Read Matthew 14:28. Peter is very honest with Jesus. Many times, when we're in freak out mode, we like to mask our emotions, instead of just going to God, and being honest with Him. How likely are you to fall into that mistake? Why is that? What can you do to be more open and honest with the Lord?
4. Read Matthew 14:29. Instead of chastising Peter for testing Him, Jesus simply tells Peter to come on out onto the water. This really shows us Jesus' kindness and patience towards Peter. It also shows us the need to be willing to step out in faith when God calls us to do something. What's the largest step of faith that you feel like God has called you to do? How did it go? How can you be willing to take a step of faith the next time God calls you to something?
5. Read Matthew 14:30-31. Peter looks away from Jesus, and onto the storm and becomes afraid. He doubts Jesus. Have you ever gone through a season of doubt? What happened? How can you keep your focus on Jesus?
6. Read Matthew 14:32. After seeing what Jesus did, the disciples worship Jesus. What has God done in your life, and how could remembering that help you to continually worship 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?
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