

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for the Ewings as Vin was hospitalized recently because of his kidneys being inflamed. 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 Dodds.

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 12/15/24: 50

Online views (through 12/10): 4

Giving

Online: (12/9/24-12/15/24): \$605

In-Person on 12/15/24: \$300 for general, \$100 for foster closet

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!



Give Online



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Matthew 15:30-31

And great crowds came to him, bringing with them the lame, the blind, the crippled, the mute, and many others, and they put them at his feet, and he healed them, so that the crowd wondered, when they saw the mute speaking, the crippled healthy, the lame walking, and the blind seeing. And they glorified the God of Israel.



Welcome!

December 22nd, 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 the mystery of Christ.

Announcements

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

CHURCH DIRECTORY: We use an app called the "Instant Church Directory." We invite everyone to download this app. If you would like access and/or to be added to the church directory, please email 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 45 - Matthew 15:29-39 - 12/22/24

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What comes to mind when you think about the word, “mystery?” Maybe a book, story, or movie does. But did you know that God’s Word says there is a “mystery of Christ?” In this passage of Scripture, it says that the crowd wondered. Today, we’re going to discuss what this means, and how it affects our lives today.

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1. God is full of _____
Matt. 15:32, 14:14, Luke 15:20, Ps. 103:13
2. God cares about our needs and _____
Matt. 15:32, 37, 21-28, 6:30, John 2:3-5, 1 Pet. 5:7, Ps. 8:4
3. God is all _____
Matt. 15:34-36, 19:26, Luke 1:37, Gen. 18:14, Job 42:2, John 1:3

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- Take some time to read over Matthew 15:29-39 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 the mystery of Christ, what stands out to you the most?

Diving In

1. Read Isaiah 55:8-9. Have you ever fallen into the temptation of thinking that you knew everything about God? Why do you think it's so difficult for us to admit that we don't have God all figured out? What would help you to be more ok with not knowing everything about God?
2. Read Matthew 15:32. Even though we don't know everything about God, we do know that He is full of compassion. How does remembering that help you in your relationship with Him? How can you better remember that He is full of compassion?
3. Read Matthew 15:32 again. Jesus cares about the physical needs of the crowd. How does remembering that help you in your relationship with Him? How can you better remember that He cares about your needs? Read John 2:3-5. How does that put into perspective the power of prayer?
4. Read Matthew 15:34-37. Again, even though we don't know everything about God, we do know that He is all powerful. What have you been asking from Him? How does remembering that He is all powerful help you in your relationship with Him?
5. Read Matthew 18:1-4. What would it look like for you to receive the Kingdom of God like a child? How can you better receive the Kingdom of God like a child? How would doing that affect your relationship with the Lord?

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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