

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Katy, as she recovers from her wrist surgery. Pray for Carolyn Dodd and what's going with her thyroid. Pray for Carolyn Neiswender's family, as they grieve her death. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer. Pray for the Walter family, as Bill recently had surgery for skin cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for Janyne Johnston.

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

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 the war in Israel. Pray for the wildfires and destruction in Hawaii. Pray for the war in Ukraine.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 11/26: 43

Online views through 12/1: 18

Giving

Online (11/20/23-11/26/23): \$40

In-Person on 11/26/23: \$960 for general, \$80 for missions

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1480

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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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO
Matthew
FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

Welcome to
Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

December 3rd, 2023

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.



SERMON SERIES: Today we are starting a brand new sermon series going through the Gospel of Matthew.

HELP UKRAINE: Our denomination, the Missionary Church, has set a prayer guide, as well as a relief project fund for us to be able to help Ukraine during their time of need. Check out the links below by pointing your phone camera to the Q.R. codes:



Prayer Guide



Relief Fund

Announcements

HILLSIDE'S STORY: Thank you to all who shared in this year's volume of Hillside's Story. If you would like to share in next year's video, please see Pastor Josh. To watch this year's volume of Hillside's Story, you can go to our website, YouTube, or Facebook.

CHURCH FAMILY MEETING: We are having our annual congregational meeting, with a potluck, today, after service. Whether you're new to Hillside, or you're a long-term member, we would love to invite you to stay for this meeting and hear about how the various ministries around the church are doing. Handouts for this meeting are available next Sunday at the welcome counter.

PAJAMA DRIVE: Our foster closet is holding a pajama drive to bless their foster families with new, warm winter pajamas, sizes 3T to adult. Contact our foster closet team-leader, April with any questions.

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.

Prayer Guide for Israel

Pray for the families who have lost loved ones
Pray for a swift end to the conflict, and for stable peace
Pray for wisdom for the leaders of Israel
Pray for wisdom for world leaders
Pray for those being held hostage
Pray for the Christian leaders and churches in Israel
Pray for the salvation of the lost

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1. We are reminded of God's _____
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2. We are reminded that Jesus is _____
Matt. 1:1, 6, Rev. 17:14, 19:16, Acts 17:7, John 14:6, 1 Tim. 2:5
3. We are reminded that Jesus the fulfillment of _____
Matt. 1:17, 5:17-18, Luke 24:4, Is. 7:14, 9:6-7, 53:1-12
4. We are reminded that God uses people of all _____
Matt. 1:3-6, 2 Pet. 3:9, 1 Tim. 2:4, 4:10, Titus 2:11

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- Have you ever come across a genealogy before in Scripture? What was your attitude towards it? Did you read through it, or did you skip past it?
- Did you have any idea that genealogies could hold such important information?
- Read 2 Timothy 3:16 and Hebrews 4:12. In the future, how can you have a better attitude towards genealogies that are found in God's Word?

Diving In

Read Matthew 1:1-2. Abraham was the beginning of the nation of Israel, and Matthew, led by the Holy Spirit to do so, makes it well known that Jesus comes from the lineage of Abraham. Why do you think that is so important?

- By showing us that Jesus comes from Abraham's lineage, Matthew reminds us of God's promise to Abraham. Read Genesis 12:3, 18:18, 22:18, 26:4, and 28:14. How does remembering that help you in your faith? Which of God's promises do you need to remember better?

Read Matthew 1:1 and 1:6. Similarly to pointing out how Jesus is in the lineage of Abraham, Matthew shows us that Jesus is also in the lineage of King David. Why do you think that is so important?

- By showing us that Jesus comes from David's lineage, Matthew reminds us that Jesus is King. How would remembering that help you to glorify God better in your life?

Read Matthew 1:17. Matthew points to the fact that Jesus is a fulfillment of Old Testament prophecy. Why would that have been important to his original audience?

- How does realizing that Jesus is the fulfillment of prophecy change the way you read the Old Testament?
- While reading the bible, have you ever realized when the Old Testament is foreshadowing Jesus?

Read Matthew 1:3-6. Almost all of the people that Matthew lists in the genealogy of Jesus are men. However, in addition to Jesus' earthly mother, there are 4 women mentioned. Why do you think they were mentioned?

- If you don't know much about these 4 women that are mentioned in Jesus' genealogy, take some time and read about them in Genesis 38, Joshua 2, Ruth 1-2, and 2 Samuel 11-12.
- What are some common characteristics of these 4 women?
- Why do you think Matthew was led by the Holy Spirit to include these 4 specific women in Jesus' genealogy?

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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