

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 Belys.

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 12/1/24: 42

Online views (through 12/2): 9

Giving

Online: (11/25/24-12/1/24): \$65

In-Person on 12/1/24: \$755 for general, \$100 for memorial



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 15:10-11

And he called the people to him and said to them, "Hear and understand: it is not what goes into the mouth that defiles a person, but what comes out of the mouth; this defiles a person."


Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

December 8th, 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 today! 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.



Week 43 - Matthew 14:34-15:20 - 12/8/24

How to Build a Faith that Lasts

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2. If you feel offended, ask yourself _____
Matt. 14:34-15:2, 18:15-17, Col. 3:13-14, Prov. 19:11, Ecc. 7:21-22, 1 Cor. 13:5
3. Make sure to distinguish between _____ and _____
Matt. 15:4-6, Deut. 4:2, 12:32, Rev. 22:18, Mal. 3:6, 1 John 4:1
4. Check your heart by monitoring your ____
Matt. 15:7-11, 15-20, 12:34-37, Luke 6:45, Prov. 4:23, Eph. 4:29
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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 about building a faith that will last, what stood out to you the most?

Diving In

1. Read Matthew 7:24. How can you be more rooted in God's Word? How would this help you to avoid the mistakes that the Pharisees made in Matthew 15?
2. Read Matt. 15:12. The Pharisees became offended by Jesus and His teaching. What are some things that easily offend you? Why is that? Based on God's Word, is it good that you are offended by those things, or not?
3. Read Matthew 15:3-9. The Pharisees elevated their own traditions above God's commands. Jesus doesn't say that their traditions are bad, but rather that they should be held lower than His Word. How can you avoid the Pharisees' mistake, and always be sure to hold God's Word above all else?
4. Read Matthew 15:10-11, 15-20. Jesus makes it clear that food doesn't defile us, but rather what happens in our hearts. He also tells us that we can see what is in our hearts, by looking at our words. If you had to take an inventory of your conversations from the past couple of weeks, what does it tell you about your heart? How can you better focus your heart on the Lord?
5. Read Matthew 15:11-14. Sadly, not everyone who claims to be a Christian actually has a saving relationship with Jesus. Read Matthew 7:13-14. How can you be sure that you are on the narrow path? Is there anything that you need to cut out of your life? What is God calling you to do?

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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