

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for the Ewings as Vin is having kidney problems. Pray for Dylan, who is having a difficult time recovering from sinus surgery. Pray for Callie who had surgery on her jaw this past week. 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 Ewings.

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 fires in California.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 1/5/24: 47

Online views (through 1/7): 9

Giving

Online: (12/30/24-1/5/25): \$65

In-Person on 1/5/25: \$3925 for general, \$50 for missions

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 17:5

He was still speaking when, behold, a bright cloud overshadowed them, and a voice from the cloud said, "This is my beloved Son, with whom I am well pleased; listen to him."



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Welcome!

January 12th, 2025

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 special moment that 3 of Jesus' disciples witness, and what it means for us today.

Announcements

OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD: Our boxes were sent to Benin. Located in West Africa, Benin ranks high among the continent's cotton producers, but still remains one of the world's poorest countries. Samaritan's Purse began distributing OCC shoebox gifts here in 1999. Since 2010, many of Benin's children have also participated in The Greatest Journey discipleship course. Please continue to pray for the boy or girl who received your shoebox.

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.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY CONFERENCE: Registration is now open for our Regional Annual Women's Ministry Conference, The Well. Information is available at the welcome counter. Please direct questions to Tammi Fisher.

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

Week 48 - Matthew 17:1-13 - 1/12/25

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3. Forgetting about the _____ God has with you
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4. Not following the Lord's _____
Matt. 17:9, John 8:47, Prov. 2:1-5, John 10:27-28, Rev. 3:20
5. Caring too much about what others _____
Matt. 17:10-13, 5:10-12, Gal. 1:10, Prov. 29:25, Jer. 17:5, 1 Thess. 2:4, Acts 5:29
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Reflecting on God's Word

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- Take some time to read over Matthew 17-13 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?
- When you think about worship, what comes to mind?
- As we talked about this part of God's Word, and some mistakes to avoid regarding worship, what stood out to you?

Diving In

1. Read Matthew 17:1-4. Understandably, Peter wanted to stay up on the mountain. However, that wasn't God's plan. We too, can often have the tendency to want to stay in, and even idolise moments where we feel God's presence the most. Those moments are very important, but they're not forever. For the Disciples, Jesus had a plan, and it didn't end on that mountain. The same goes for us, and if we try to stay in the moment, or back to something, without it being God's will, we will surely miss out on the next thing that God has for us. How can you avoid the mistake of trying to stay in the moment, when God has something different for you?

- a. What moments do you idolise?
- b. What's the next thing that God has for you, and how can you be faithful to that?

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- a. If you have made this mistake, what was it? What can you learn from it?
- b. How can you make sure you don't make that mistake again?
- c. How can you help others to avoid this mistake?

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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