

# 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 Erdels.

**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 12/29/24: 44

Online views (through 1/2): 27

### Giving

Online: (12/23/24-12/29/24): \$365

In-Person on 12/29/24: \$496 for general, \$60 for missions



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 16:24

Then Jesus told his disciples, "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself and take up his cross and follow me."



# Welcome!

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January 5th, 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 who Jesus is, what He has done, and why it matters.

## 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

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**Who Jesus is, What He's Done, and Why it Matters**

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2. Jesus has made a way of \_\_\_\_\_ possible  
Matt. 16:21, John 14:6, 1 Pet. 2:24, 1 John 2:2
3. We can only either \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ Jesus  
Matt. 16:18, 10:32-33, Rom. 1:19-20, 2 Tim. 2:11-13
4. We are to play a role in His \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 16:18-19, 5:13-16, Heb. 12:28, 1 Cor. 12:4-7, 2 Cor. 5:20
5. We won't fully \_\_\_\_\_ everything  
Matt. 16:22-23, 28, Rev. 4:6-8, Prov. 3:5, Ps. 37:4-6
6. We are to go all-in for God's \_\_\_\_\_  
Matt. 16:24-27, 22:37-40, Titus 2:7, Heb. 13:15, Col. 3:23-24
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# Reflecting on God's Word

## Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 16:13-28 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, why does knowing who Jesus is and what He's done matter so much?

## Diving In

1. Read Matthew 16:13-17. Jesus makes it clear that Peter is correct when he says that Jesus is the Messiah and also God Himself. Have you ever been confused about this before? What are some common misconceptions that those around you might struggle with about who Jesus is and what He's done? How can you help them to understand who Jesus is?
2. Read Matthew 16:21. Jesus makes it clear to His disciples that He will be killed, and on the third day be raised again. This makes a way of salvation possible for each of us. How would remembering that truth change your daily life? How can you better keep that truth at the forefront of your mind?
3. Read Matthew 10:32-33. Each one of us will either accept or deny Jesus as our Lord and Savior. What are some common misconceptions that people have about that, and how can you help those around you to understand what Jesus taught us about salvation?
4. Read Matthew 16:18-19. Jesus gives a role for Peter to play in His Kingdom, and after we've accepted Jesus as our Lord and Savior, He does the same for each one of us. What is the role that God has given to you? Are you being faithful in this season of your life to fulfill that role?
5. Read Matthew 16:22-23. Peter couldn't quite wrap his head around Jesus having to die. What are some things about God that you can't quite wrap your head around, and how do you deal with it?
6. Read Matthew 16:24-27. Take some time to think about if there is anything you're holding back from God. If there is, think through how you can better honor the Lord with it.
7. Read Matthew 16:20. It wasn't quite time for the disciples to go and share the good news about Jesus yet, though it will be soon. This teaches us the importance of being led by God. How can you stay open to His leading during this season of your life?

## 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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