

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for the Ewing family; Jason unexpectedly passed away Tuesday evening. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Mishkins.

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

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 war in Ukraine.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 2/4: 54

Online views (through 2/7):23

Giving

Online (1/29/24-2/4/24): \$80 for general

In-Person on 2/4/24: \$1035 for general, \$170 for missions

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1623

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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THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

Welcome to

Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

February 11th, 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.



SERMON SERIES: Today we are continuing our 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

WOMEN'S RETREAT: Ladies, mark your calendars for the regional denominational retreat! This year, it is happening on Saturday, March 2nd, at St. Mark Missionary Church. Please see Tammi for more details.

SMALL GROUPS: This is a great time to join a small group! Joining a small group is a great way to grow in your faith. There is a small group that meets on Sunday mornings, at 9:30am, and men's and women's groups that meet every other Tuesday evening. For more information, please see Pastor Josh.

FOSTER CLOSET BOOK DRIVE: The foster closet is running a book drive and would love to have your help! For more information, see the insert in the bulletin, or see April Rollf.

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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Week 9 - Matthew 5:13-16 - 2/11/24

What being salt and light looks like

3 Observations about salt and light:

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John 17:14-15, Matt. 28:19-20, John 8:12
2. Salt and light are _____
John 10:10, John 3:16-17, Matt. 28:20, Ps. 119:105
3. Salt and light need to be used _____
1 Pet. 3:15, Col. 4:6, 2 Tim. 2:24-26, 4:2

Practical Steps to take to be salt and light:

1. Allow yourself to be _____ by God
Matt. 5:16, 13, Heb. 6:1, John 15:8, Matt. 7:19, Luke 3:8, Gal. 5:22-23
2. Be _____ led by the Holy Spirit
Phil. 4:4-9, Rom. 8:14, Gal. 5:18, Ps. 143:10
3. Be _____ with people
Matt. 5:15-16, Luke 21:14-15, Rom. 12:9, 1 Tim. 1:5
4. Point people to God's _____
Heb. 4:12, Is. 55:11, Eph. 4:32
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 5:13-16 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this story before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- As you think about what salt and light does, and how that applies to Christians being the salt and light of the world, what comes to mind?
- Where have you heard Christians use the phrase salt and light before?
- What bad examples have you witnessed (or done yourself) of Christians trying to be salt and light? What mistakes were made?
- If you're going through these questions in a small group, share about any times in your life (good or bad examples) where you've tried to be salt and light to people around you?

Diving In

A good way to make us ineffective at being the salt and light of the world is to be hypocritical in our faith. Why do you think it is so imperative, if we are going to be salt and light, that we are taking our faith seriously, allowing God to transform us, and bearing fruit?

- How can you allow God to transform you and bear fruit better?
- How would your life change if you allowed God to transform you and bear better fruit?
- How would it affect your witness if you allowed God to transform you and bear better fruit?

In today's society, it is getting increasingly difficult to have real life, face-to-face conversations with people. How do you think it would help your witness to have more of these types of conversations?

- How comfortable are you with having real life, face-to-face conversations with people? Why?
- Do you have any hobbies or interests that you could leverage to have more real life, face-to-face conversations with people?
- How can you practice having real life, face-to-face conversations with people?

Many people, regardless of their faith background, are happy to be prayed for in the moment. Have you ever prayed for someone in the moment? How did it go? What effect did it have on your relationship with that person?

- What hesitations do you have about praying for someone in the moment? Why?
- If you were open to praying for someone (even a stranger) in the moment, how do you think it would affect *your* faith? Why?
- If you've never prayed for someone in the moment, take some time in prayer right now, and ask that God would lead you, and give you the opportunity to do so sometime in the next week.

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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