# **Things to Pray for:**

**CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS:** Pray for the Ewing family; Jason unexpectedly passed away last week. 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 Walters.

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.

## <u>Numbers</u>

#### **Attendance**

In-person on 2/11: 55 Online views (through 2/15): 11

#### **Giving**

Online (2/5/24-2/11/24): \$470 for general In-Person on 2/11/24: \$665 for general, \$20 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!



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# Welcome!

February 18th, 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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- **2.** It give us background and shows us God's \_\_\_\_\_\_ Rom. 4:15, 7:7, 1 Cor. 10:11-12, Rom. 15:4, Gen. 3:7, 10-11, 21
- **3.** It proves we can't earn \_\_\_\_\_\_ James 2:10, Gal. 3:24, Rom. 3:20, Eph. 2:8-10

#### What Jesus teaches us about His Word:

- **1.** He is the \_\_\_\_\_\_ of the law Matt. 5:17, 7:12, Mark 7:14-22, John 1:17, Rom. 6:14, 8:1, 10:4, Gal. 2:16, 5:4
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- As you think about God's Word, what misconceptions have you had about it in the past?
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#### **Diving In**

Many times the Old Testament, and specifically God in the Old Testament, gets a bad reputation. Have you ever struggled with reconciling what you know about God from the New Testament with the Old Testament? How so, and why is that? Do you still struggle with that?

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- Have you ever thought about obeying the Bible's commandments as gaining you freedom before?
- What do you need to be set free from?
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