

Things to Pray for:

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

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for Janyne Johnston.

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

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 3/3/24: 48

Online views (through 3/6): 9

Giving

Online: (2/19/24-2/25/24): \$582 (2/26/24-3/3/24): \$55

In-Person on 3/3/24: \$1058 for general, \$500 for foster closet, \$200 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!

March 10th, 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

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.

EGG HUNT: Parents, mark your calendars! Our kids' ministry is putting on their annual glow-in-the-dark egg hunt on March 22nd. Check in with one of our kids ministry team leaders for more details.

BAPTISM: We will be having a baptismal service soon. Have you accepted Jesus as your personal Lord and Savior, yet haven't gotten baptized? We believe baptism is an outward expression of what God has done in your heart. For more information, please talk to Pastor Josh.

PROJECTS: We are currently working on replacing our road sign, and saving up for a new roof. We are also trying to put a small group meeting area together. Would you prayerfully consider partnering with us financially to make these things happen? For more information, please talk to Pastor Josh.

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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Matt. 5:31-32, 19:3-9, Gen. 1:27-28, Prov. 6:32, Heb. 13:4, 1 Pet. 3:7, Eph. 5:21-33
2. There's nothing wrong with being _____
1 Cor. 7:1, 6-8, 39-40, 32-35, Mark 12:25, Prov. 21:19, 25:24
3. God's heart is never for _____
Mal. 2:16, Matt. 19:3-9, Deut. 24:1-4
4. Biblically, there are two situations, in which divorce and remarriage is allowed (but never commanded):
 - A. In the case of _____ immorality
Matt. 5:31-32
 - B. In the case of _____ by an unbeliever
1 Cor. 7:15
5. If contemplating divorce, seek pastoral _____
Prov. 12:15, 15:22
6. In some circumstances, separation is _____, but in such cases, dating and remarriage is not allowed
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 5:31-32 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What do you think Christians most commonly get wrong about divorce and remarriage?
- What's your story regarding singleness, marriage, divorce, and remarriage? Take some time to think through, or talk about, your own story regarding this topic. What baggage do you have when it comes to these topics?

Diving In

Take some time to read these passages of God's Word: Matthew 19:3-9, Genesis 1:27-28, Proverbs 6:32, Hebrews 13:4, 1 Peter 3:7, and Ephesians 5:21-33. After reading about what Scripture has to say about marriage, did you realize how high of a regard God had for marriage?

- What are some ways that a marriage can turn away from God's heart for it?
- How does your understanding of marriage change when you read these Scripture passages?
- Why do you think God has such a high regard for marriage?

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- Were you aware of these two Biblically allowed circumstances for divorce and remarriage?
- Why do you think these are the only two circumstances in which Scripture allows for divorce and remarriage?
- How can you help fellow believers to have a better understanding about what Scripture says about marriage, divorce, and remarriage?

Take some time to read 1 Corinthians 7:12-14, 16-24 and Ephesians 5:22-33. Life is messy. Many of us have gotten into relational situations that weren't ideal. However, Scripture is clear that moving forward, in whatever relational situation we find ourselves in, we are to do our best to honor God with it. What does your situation look like right now, and what led up to that?

- What do you need to change in order to honor God better with your current relational situation?
- If you are married, are there any conversations that you need to have with your spouse?
- What practical step(s) can you take, in order to implement what God has put on your heart about your current relational situation?

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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