

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Katy as she recovers from surgery. Pray for Randy Harmon's recovery from his clogged carotid artery. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Bellas in Turkey.

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 that God would use us to bring His Kingdom here. Pray for our children's ministry as it is getting built back up. Pray for Casa Del Alfarero, the Spanish-speaking Missionary Church 5 minutes from our building.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the recent earthquakes in Turkey. for the war in Ukraine.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 4/16/23: 46

Online views (through 4/19/23): 14

Giving

Online (4/10/23-4/16/23): \$520

In-Person on 4/16/23: \$2,065 general, \$300 foster closet, \$100 outreach

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1480

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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The steadfast love of the Lord
never ceases; his mercies
never come to an end; they
are new every morning; great
is your faithfulness.

-Lamentations 3:22-23



Welcome to
Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

April 23rd, 2023

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.



hmcworship.com/im-new

SERMON SERIES: Throughout this sermon series we are looking parts of God's Word that involve the church. We're talking about why we need the church, what the church is, what the purpose of church is, and common ways that the church gets off track.

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 Project Fund

Announcements

ONLINE DIRECTORY: We are now using an online directory. You can view this new directory by downloading the "instant church directory" app on your smartphone. If you would prefer a paper copy or would like to update your information, please email 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.

OFFICE HELP: Pastor Josh is looking for someone who can make and print bulletins and keep our website updated. If you are interested, please see Pastor Josh.

WORSHIP TEAM: Would you like to help out on the worship team? Please see Carolyn Dodd for details.

MAINTANANCE TEAM: Would you like to help out on the maintenance team? Please see Jeff Soule for details.

CLEANING: Do you have extra time in the week to help us keep our building clean? If so, we would love your help! Please see Pastor Josh for details.

Interested in helping out somewhere else? Please talk to Pastor Josh! There are a variety of needs around the church.

Dealing with Gray Areas

4/23/23 - 1 Corinthians 8:1-13

In this passage of God's Word we see the Apostle Paul instructing the church in Corinth about a specific issue that they are struggling with: is it ok to eat meat sacrificed to idols? Throughout Paul's letter to this church, he addresses many issues; some have very clear answers, and others not so much. This particular issue is complex and has many nuances. By taking a look at it though, we can realize how we are to interact with complex issues in our lives that don't necessarily have a clear right or wrong answer.

Questions to ask yourself (when dealing with others):

1. Is it a _____ to someone around me?
1 Cor. 8:7-13, Luke 17:1-2, Rom. 14:13
2. Am I _____ myself up, or building _____ up?
1 Cor. 8:1-2, 14:1-40, Rom. 14:1, 10-12, 1 Pet. 4:10
3. Am I _____ others because of their convictions?
Rom. 14:3-4, 13, Matt. 7:1-5

Questions to ask yourself (when dealing with yourself):

1. What is the _____ communicating to me?
Rom. 8:5, 14, Gal. 5:25, John 16:13-15, Ps. 143:10
2. What is the _____ behind what I'm doing?
1 Cor. 6:12, 10:23, 31, Rom. 12:2, Eph. 5:15-16
3. Am I being _____ by something?
1 Pet. 5:8, 2 Tim. 1:17, Eph. 5:18

Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever heard this passage of Scripture or topic taught on before? What stood out to you?
2. There are things that Scripture clearly tells us to do and there are things that Scripture clearly tells us not to do. However, there are also gray areas that each one of us have to prayerfully consider whether or not to partake of. Take some time and list out some gray areas. How you react to each one of these gray areas? How do most believers around you react to these gray areas?
3. As we talked about in the message, there are 2 errors in reacting to gray areas: going too far on the legalistic side or being a freedom crusader. Both of these reactions go too far and fail to address the issue with the complexity and nuances that are discussed in 1 Corinthians chapter 8 and Romans chapter 14. Think about the way that you react to gray areas. Which error are you more likely to make when interacting with others? Which error are you more likely to make when interacting with yourself? Are there any specific issues or circumstances that often causes you to error one of these 2 ways? Why do you think that is?
4. Of the 3 questions to ask yourself when dealing with others, which one do you have the most difficult time with? why?
5. Of the 3 questions to ask yourself when dealing with yourself, which one do you have the most difficult time with? why?
6. How can you help those around you to deal with gray issues in a more Biblical manner?
7. What is your biggest take away about how this passage affects your life? What do you need to work on? Who can you share this with and ask you to keep you accountable to accomplishing this?