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 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 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 4/23/23: 47

Online views (through 4/27/23): 11

Giving

Online (4/17/23-4/23/23): \$155

In-Person on 4/23/23: \$1910 for general, \$60 for missions

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!

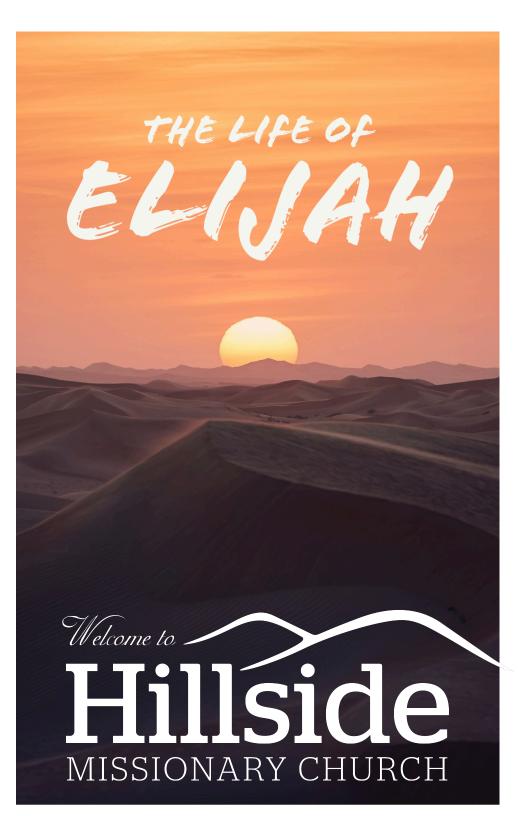


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Welcome!

April 30th, 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.

PRAIRIE CAMP: More information is available at the welcome counter about our denomination's closest camp, Prairie Camp. Kids camps are going on throughout the summer. Family camp is happening July 16th-22nd.

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.



The Life of Elijah – Week 1

4/30/23 - 1 Kings 17:1-7 - What Faithfulness Actually Looks Like

In this passage of God's Word a new prophet comes on the scene: Elijah. Elijah was an important prophet during an important time. Israel had been fading away from God and were worshiping idols. Elijah is faithful to what God called him to do. However, his circumstances afterwards weren't necessarily enjoyable. By taking a close look at this part of Elijah's life, we can learn what the outcome faithfulness often looks like.

We need to realize that the outcome of faithfulness is often not _____. God will often:

- 1. Put you in _____ situations, so that your faith is deepened

 1 Kings 17:2-3, Gen. 39:19-21, Acts 16:16-24, Jam. 1:2, Ps. 23:4
- 2. Provide in way that's ______, so that you trust in him over the provision 1 Kings 17:4-6, Matt 6:24-34, 7:7, Phil. 4:19, 2 Pet. 1:3, Ps. 145:15-16
- 3. Point to only the _____ step, so that you continually lean on Him
 1 Kings 17:7-9, Prov. 3:4-6, 37:23, Phil. 1:6, Rom. 8:28

Reflection Questions

- 1. Have you ever heard this passage of Scripture or topic taught on before? What stood out to you?
- 2. Have you ever read Elijah's story? What comes to mind when you think about Elijah?
- 3. For Elijah, the outcome of faithfulness wasn't pleasant. Was there ever a time in your life where you were faithful to what God wanted you to do, but the outcome of that decision was not pleasant?
- 4. As we talked about in the message, often times the outcome of faithfulness isn't prestigious, and isn't what we thought it would be. Think about this season of your life. Is it what you thought it would be like? Why or why not? What has led up to this season looking like it does now?
- 5. What difficult situations have you found yourself in, in the past? How has God used those situations to grow your faith?
- 6. How can you help those around you to deal with difficult situations better?
- 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?