

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Sam who fell and broke his hip, and had to have a partial replacement, and is now in recovery. Please continue to 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 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. Pray for all of the damage and those affected from the recent storms.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 4/20/25: 74

Online views (through 4/22): 19

Giving

Online: (4/14/25-4/20/25): \$120 for general

In-Person on 4/20/25: \$2315 for general, \$50 for missions



Give Online

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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Matthew 21:13

He said to them, "It is written, 'My house shall be called a house of prayer,' but you make it a den of robbers."



Welcome!

April 27th, 2025

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.



EMAIL LIST: If you would like to receive prayer requests, announcements, and our weekly email, feel free to scan the QR code above. It will take you to the "I'm New" page on our website, where you can fill out your name, phone number, and email.

SERMON SERIES: We are currently going through a sermon series in the Gospel of Matthew. Today, we're talking about how to avoid the mistakes that the Israelites fell into when it comes to worshipping God together.

Announcements

TESTIMONIES: We would love to hear what God has done and is doing in your life! If you would like to share, we are making short videos (3-5 minutes) to be shown during service on Sunday. If you are interested in participating, please talk to Pastor Josh.

MOVIE NIGHT: We will be watching *War Room*, a movie about prayer, here at the church on Sunday, April 27th, at 6:30pm. Join us for the evening! Please note the date change from earlier!

BAPTISM: Are you interested in getting baptized? We would love to celebrate with you! Please talk to Pastor Josh for more details.

PRAIRIE CAMP: Information about our denominational camp can be found at the welcome counter! There are camps for kids throughout the summer, and family camp is happening on July 13th-19th. We hope to see you there!

NATIONAL DAY OF PRAYER: We encourage you to attend and participate in this year's National Day of Prayer event happening at the Battell Center in Mishawaka on Thursday May 1st.

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.

THE GOSPEL ACCORDING TO

Matthew

FROM TAX COLLECTOR TO APOSTLE

7 Crucial Mistakes of the Church

Matthew 21:12-17

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2. Over prioritizing _____

Matt. 21:12, Rom. 12:6-8, Col. 3:23-24, 2 Cor. 12:9-10, James 1:2-4

3. Just going through the _____

Matt. 21:12, 6:1-7, Hosea 6:6, Is. 1:11-12, 1 John 1:7

4. Neglecting to reach the _____

Matt. 21:12, 9:13, 28:19-20, Luke 15:1-32, 19:10, 2 Pet. 3:9

5. Forgetting about _____

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6. Overlooking _____

Matt. 21:14-16, 7:24-27, Luke 11:28, 1 John 2:3, John 14:15

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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 21:12-17 and pray.
- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- What surprised you as we talked about it?
- The church isn't a building. It's not a set of paperwork in an office. It's not just the pastor. The church is made up of believers. Have you ever struggled with falling into one of these mistakes? What led to that?

Diving In

1. Have you ever experienced a church that was in the midst of making a "money grab?" What happened? How can we prevent that from happening in the future?
2. The people in Jesus' time wanted things to be easy. We're no different today. How can you best remember that church isn't about what's easy, but what God is calling us to do? How does that change the way you view church?
3. The people of Jesus' time were used to their routine and going through the motions. How can you avoid just going through the motions? How would that improve your relationship with Christ?
4. What the people were doing in the temple would have prevented people of non-Jewish descent from entering the temple. Many times today, we can make the same mistake, by making church difficult for those without a church background. How can you ensure that you're doing everything that you can to make sure that church is a friendly place for outsiders to be, while still being able to share God's truth with them?
5. Jesus makes it clear that His house should be called a house of prayer. Read 1 Corinthians 6:19. How can you make prayer more of a priority in your own life?
6. Jesus quotes Scripture to the people in the temple, something that the people should have been familiar with, yet they overlooked. How can you be sure to not overlook God's Word, and uphold everything it says in your own life?
7. Jesus heals those who need healing in the temple. By doing so, He shows the people what should be happening in the temple, yet the religious leaders become angry at Him. How can you avoid this same mistake?

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?
- Who can you ask to keep you accountable to applying this to your life?

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