

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Sam who was in the hospital yesterday. He also 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 Norma and Jim.

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 4/27/25: 59

Online views (through 5/2): 9

Giving

Online: (4/21/25-4/27/25): \$330 for general

In-Person on 4/27/25: \$669 for general, \$60 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 21:21-22

And Jesus answered them, "Truly, I say to you, if you have faith and do not doubt, you will not only do what has been done to the fig tree, but even if you say to this mountain, 'Be taken up and thrown into the sea,' it will happen. And whatever you ask in prayer, you will receive, if you have faith."



Welcome!

May 4th, 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 some common mistakes that Christians can easily fall into.

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.

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!

LADY'S NIGHT: Friday, May 16th will be a Ladies Night at 6 pm in the gym. Kayla will lead us in a Bible Journaling workshop while we enjoy snacks and conversation! Please bring a dessert or appetizer to share and a notebook you would like to use to start your Bible journal. Kayla will have pre-organized journals to purchase for \$5 if you're interested. If you have any questions, please see Kayla, Katy, or Tammi!

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.



How to Avoid Becoming a Fake Christian Matthew 21:18-22 - 5/4/25

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2. Realize that it's not just about _____
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3. Remember, fruitfulness leads to _____,
and fruitlessness leads to fruitlessness
Matt. 21:19, Matt. 25:28-30, John 15:2, Luke 8:18, 16:9-12, Mark 4:25,
4. Be ready for God's _____ at any time
Matt. 21:18, 24:42-44, 25:13, Jer. 17:10, 1 John 2:28
5. Realize what God is _____ of
Matt. 21:20, 19:26, 2 Tim. 1:7, Chron. 29:10-11, Eph. 6:10, 3:20
6. Realize the power of _____
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Reflecting on God's Word

Getting Started

- Take some time to read over Matthew 21:18-22 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?
- Do you feel like you've ever had a season of life, where you looked outwardly like a Christian, but you really weren't following Jesus? What happened?
- Why do you think it's so easy to look outwardly like a Christian, but not really be following Jesus?

Diving In

1. How would remembering that God is eager for you to bear fruit, help you to bear more fruit?
2. How often do you struggle with focusing on what others think of you when it comes to your faith? How would focusing less on that, and more on your personal relationship with the Lord help you to follow Jesus better?
3. If you were to bear more fruit, what fruit would come out of that, and how could that lead to bearing even more fruit in your life? Take some time to really think through all of the fruit that you could bear over the course of your entire lifetime. After you've written that down, think through how what you've written down could encourage you in your faith.
4. Jesus makes it clear that He could return at any moment. On a scale from 1-10, how prepared are you for His return at any given moment? How could you stay more prepared?
5. Jesus' disciples marvel at what Jesus does to the fig tree. How does remembering what God is capable of help you in your faith?
6. Jesus teaches His disciples about the power of faith and prayer combined. When you pray, do you pray with faith? How could remembering what James 1:6-8 says help you in that regard?
7. How's your prayer life? How could you spend more time in prayer?

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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