

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Sam Bely who broke his left index finger and had to have surgery on it. Pray for Brittney Savill who broke her toe. Also pray for Patty Ewing as she recovers from her knee surgery. Pray for Luis Caban who has been infected with T.B.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Mishkins in Israel.

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

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 the various building projects and workdays that are going on right now. Pray for our transition back into the sanctuary.

CURRENT HAPPENINGS: Pray for the current health pandemic in our world and in our country. Pray for medical staff and for our leaders as they navigate how to best help. Pray for the unrest and divisions in our country. Pray for our leaders, current and future. Pray for the drought and heat in the west.

Numbers

Attendance for 6/27/21 Service

In-person: 44

Online Views (through 6/30/21): 12

Giving

Online (6/14/21 to 6/20/21): \$135 for general

In-Person (6/20/21): \$310

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1480

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Welcome to
Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

July 4th, 2021

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, hmcworship.com/im-new/

SERMON SERIES: Our sermon series is going through the book of Luke and is entitled, "*Following Jesus.*" This Sunday's message is from chapter 9 and answers the question, "*How does the Kingdom of God work?*"

CONNECT: We'd love for you to connect with us online! Find a livestream of every week's service on our website, hmcworship.com. In addition to that, we encourage you to continue to reach out to your church family through letters, texts, phone calls, and on social media.

COVID-19 CHANGES: Please remember, no offering plates will be passed; instead, we ask you to give online or via the giving box near the entrance. Tables are set up in the back row for families with young children. Because of CDC updated its guidelines, we are no longer asking people to wear a mask and social distance. However, if you would still like to do either, we completely respect that, and we are asking for everyone to respect that as well. No one will judge you for your decision, either way (see Romans 14).

Announcements

WORKDAY: Thank you to everyone who came out to help at the workdays so far. We truly appreciate your help. We will be having another workday this Saturday, July 10th from 9am-12pm. Any and all help is appreciated! Also, if you have any time throughout the week that you would like to help out with the ongoing projects, please let Pastor Josh know. We would love to have your help! We are hoping to be done with all of the renovations and meeting back in the sanctuary by mid-August.

Opportunities to Help

OPEN SORTING HOUR AT THE FOSTER CLOSET: Want to help out at the foster closet but can't commit to helping regularly? That's ok! Every Friday from 12:30-1:30 is an open sorting hour. If you'd like to help during the open sorting hour, please text Tammi Fisher at (216) 526-9974.

KID'S CHURCH: If you'd like to volunteer to help out at Kids' Church once a month, just during the sermon portion of the service, we'd love your help! No outside prep is required. Please contact Pastor Josh.

TECHNOLOGY: Do you love technology? Do you have a working finger? We're looking for someone to help us out with putting together and running the worship lyrics on Sunday morning. Please contact Pastor Josh.

the gospel of
Luke
Following Jesus

7/4/21 - Week 29 – Luke 9:43-62
How does the Kingdom of God work?

In this passage of God's Word we see several instances where Jesus is teaching His disciples about how the Kingdom of God works. By taking a look at these encounters we too can get a clear picture of how the kingdom of God operates:

1. It may not always seem to be _____
Luke 9:43-45, James 1:12, Gal. 6:9, Rom. 8:28
2. Being great in God's Kingdom, means
being _____ on earth
Luke 9:46-48, Matt. 20:16, Prov. 16:18-19
3. Christ-centered _____ is important
Luke 9:49-50, 11:23, John 17:20-21, Phil. 1:15-18
4. It's not our job to _____
Luke 9:51-56, Mark 3:17, John 8:1-11
5. Being a part of God's Kingdom, means
following Jesus _____
Luke 9:57-62, Matt. 6:24, Ps. 119:1-2

Reflection Questions

1. As we talked about what the Kingdom of God is and how it works, did anything surprise you? Why or Why not?
2. In Luke 9:34, the disciples probably felt like they were undefeatable. However, Jesus reminds them that He will still have to be delivered up to die, and even though it won't feel like it in the moment, this is what is supposed to happen. Do you ever feel like following God's plan in your life just hasn't worked out the way you thought it would or should? Why?
3. In Luke 9:49-50, John spoke to Jesus about stopping someone else who was casting out demons in Jesus' name. Jesus rebukes John for doing this. Through Jesus' rebuke we learn that having a mindset of Christ-centered unity is extremely important. Unfortunately, the church seems to continually be divided. In what ways have you seen the church be divided? How do you think the church as a whole could be more united under Christ? How could God use you to unite His church?
4. In Luke 9:51-56, James and John suggest bringing fire down from heaven to consume the village that just rejected Jesus. Jesus rebukes them for suggesting such an idea. Are you ever tempted to condemn people for their choices? If so, what type of people are you tempted to condemn and why? How can you have a more godly mindset towards those people?
5. In Luke 9:57-62, we see 3 encounters that teach us that being a part of God's Kingdom and following Jesus, means doing so wholeheartedly. On a scale from 1-10, rate yourself on how well you are following Jesus wholeheartedly. In what are(s) of your life could you improve?