

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Katy and her injury to her wrists. Pray for Carolyn Dodd and what's going with her thyroid. Pray for Carolyn Neiswender, who was recently hospitalized due to severe dehydration. Pray for Jerry Jamrozy, who has bone cancer.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Miskins in Israel.

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 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 wildfires and destruction in Hawaii. Pray for the recent earthquakes in Turkey and for the war in Ukraine.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 8/20: 57

Online views through 8/23: 8

Giving

Online (8/14/23-8/20/23): \$595

In-Person on 8/20/23: \$403.45 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!



Give Online



Bible App

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THE LIFE OF ELISHA



Welcome to

Hillside

MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

August 27th, 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.



SERMON SERIES: Throughout this sermon series we are looking at parts of God's Word involving the Old Testament prophet, Elijah. We're talking about what God did through his life, and how God calls us to do similar things.

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 Fund

Announcements

PRAIRIE CAMP: Thank you to all of those who came out to Prairie Camp this year. It was a great time of fellowship and worship. Mark your calendars for next year's family camp: July 14th-20th.

PRAYER TEAM ADVOCATES: Would you be willing to be a prayer advocate for one of our ministry teams throughout the church? Pastor Josh is looking for people who would be specifically interested in praying for one of the ministry teams throughout the church. Please contact him for more information.

SMALL GROUPS: Small groups are looking different this year! If you're interested, please sign up at the welcome center. For more information, please see Pastor Josh or Tammi.

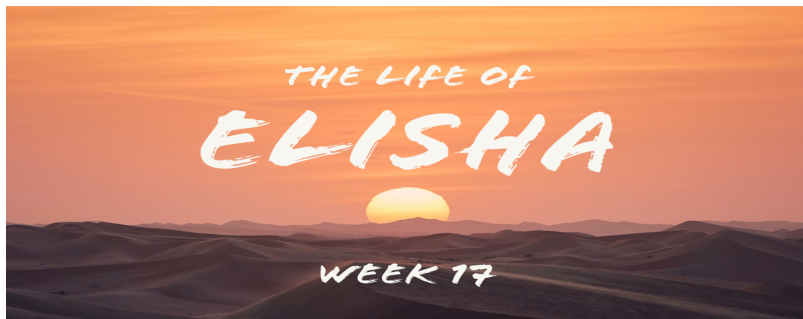
Opportunities to Help

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.



The Life of Elisha - Week 17

8/27/23 - 2 Kings 5:15-27 – Breaking the Sin Cycle

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2 Kings 5:20-24, Rom. 6:23, 1 John 3:4, James 1:2-4, 13-15, 4:17
2. The only way to break the sin cycle is to go to Jesus in faith and _____
2 Kings 5:25-26, 1 John 1:9, Eph. 2:8-9, Acts 2:38, Luke 13:3
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Reflection Questions

1. Have you ever heard this passage of Scripture or topic taught on before? What stood out to you?
2. Read 2 Kings 5:20-25. What kind of mindset and attitude led Gehazi to do what he did? Jot down some of your thoughts about what motivated Gehazi in verses 20-25. How do you think his sin early on in the passage caused him to sin further?
3. Looking at your answers from question #2, has there ever been a season of your life where you dealt with some or all of those same mindsets, attitudes, and motivations that Gehazi struggled with? How has God grown your faith, and helped you to replace these sinful mindsets, attitudes, and motivations with ones that honor Him?
4. Looking again at your answers from question #2, how often do you still deal with those mindsets, attitudes, and motivations in this season of your life? Are there any specific conditions that cause you to struggle with those (i.e. lack of prayer, lack of a Christian community around you, not resting well, ect)? If so, what are they?
5. Looking at your answers from question #4, how can you change these conditions in your life, in order to better honor the Lord with your mindset, attitude, and motivations?
6. Many times, the best way to practically get rid of sinful mindsets, attitudes, or motivations in our lives is not to simply try to get rid of them, but to replace them with ones that honor God. List some Godly mindsets, attitudes, and motivations that you would like to have more of in your life, and ultimately replace the sinful ones in your life.
7. Looking at your answers from question #6, what are some practical ways of replacing your sinful mindsets, attitudes, and motivations with more God-honoring ones (i.e. having more Christian community around you, reading Scripture more, being more prayerful throughout the day, ect.)?
8. Read 2 Kings 5:25. When Gehazi was confronted about his sin, he lied. And because of his decision to lie, he had to deal with the horrible consequence of leprosy, and the even worse consequence of being further separated from the Lord. Is there anything that you need to confess and repent of today? Don't make the same mistake Gehazi made. Read and hold onto the promise of 1 John 1:9.
9. Read 2 Kings 5:15-20. Naaman was a gentile, and even worse, he commanded an army to defeat Israel. Even so, God still pursued him, and wanted him to be saved. How does remembering Naaman's story give you hope for how God loves you, wants you to be saved, and genuinely wants to have a deep relationship with you, regardless of your past and current sin?
10. 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?

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