

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Pray for Eliza, Katy Gottwald's daughter. She is pregnant and due in November, but is looking like she will deliver early, next week.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for Larry and Ou Yarger.

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

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. Pray for our children's ministry as it is getting built back up.

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 students, teachers, administrators, and all other school staff as they head into another school year. Pray for Afghanistan, especially the church there. Pray for the recent destruction due to the hurricanes.

Numbers

Attendance for 9/19/21 Service

In-person: 46

Online Views (9/19/21 to 9/22/21): 6

Giving

Online (9/13/21 to 9/19/21): \$135

In-Person (9/19/21): \$377 for general, \$140 for missions

Total general needed weekly to meet budget: \$1480

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Welcome to
Hillside
MISSIONARY CHURCH

Welcome!

September 26th, 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 12 and answers the question, "*Why do bad things happen to good people?*"

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: 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

GROUPS: We believe that our faith grows best when we surround ourselves with other believers. That's why we encourage everyone to be a part of one of our groups, where we can intentionally share our lives with one another. There will be a Sunday School group meeting on Sunday mornings before Service at 9:30 starting next Sunday. Our small groups are also in the process of starting for the fall. If you would like to be a part of one, please reach out to Pastor Josh.

FALL FAMILY FUN NIGHT: On Friday, Oct. 22nd, we are having a fall fun event for the whole family. This will give everyone an opportunity to fellowship together and there will be fun, fall things for the kids to do. We are also looking for people who are interested in decorating their car trunks and handing out candy.

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 we'd love your help! No outside prep is required. Please contact Bonnie Walter or Brittney Savill.

TECHNOLOGY: We are looking for 2-4 people to help out running the worship lyrics, as well as the sound board during the worship service on Sunday morning. Please contact pastor Josh if you're interested.



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9/26/21 - Week 39 – Luke 13:1-9

Why do bad things happen to good people?

In this passage of God's Word, we see some people bringing up a tragedy to Jesus. Jesus uses this as a teaching moment for these people. By taking a close look at what Jesus is teaching them, we too can learn what Jesus is teaching. Specifically, we see Jesus teaching that we should...

Realize:

1. Our life _____ are not equal to our standing with God

Luke 3:1-5, Matt. 5:45, John 9:1-3

2. We are saved by _____ through faith

Luke 13:3, 5, Eph. 2:8-9, Acts 2:38, Titus 3:5

3. God is merciful, yet _____

Luke 13:6-9, Rom. 2:4, Ps. 89:14, Is. 30:18

Reflection Questions

1. The common mindset of Israelites, during the time of Jesus' ministry, was that bad things happened to people because they sinned, and good things happened to people because of their righteousness. Jesus corrects this mindset in this passage of Scripture. Do you ever struggle with having that mindset? If so, are there any specific sins or behaviors that especially stick out to you?

2. At the beginning of this passage of Scripture, some people tell Jesus of a heinous crime that Pilate committed against some Galilean Jews; but instead of getting riled up, blaming people, and stirring up contentiousness against Rome, Jesus uses this moment to lead people towards God. How could you learn from Jesus' example here? Are there issues that normally get you riled up, that you could instead point people towards Jesus? Be specific. Who can keep you accountable to this?

3. In Luke 13:6-9 Jesus tells a parable teaching that God is merciful, yet just. In what aspect of your life are you most grateful for God's mercy? How could you communicate that to the people God has put in your life?