

Things to Pray for:

CHURCH FAMILY NEEDS: Please continue to pray for our pastoral transition and the leadership team as they help lead during this time.

MISSIONARIES: This month pray for the Bellas.

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

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 Ukraine and Iran.

Numbers

Attendance

In-person on 5/10/26: 48

Online views: 10 (through 5/4/26)

Giving

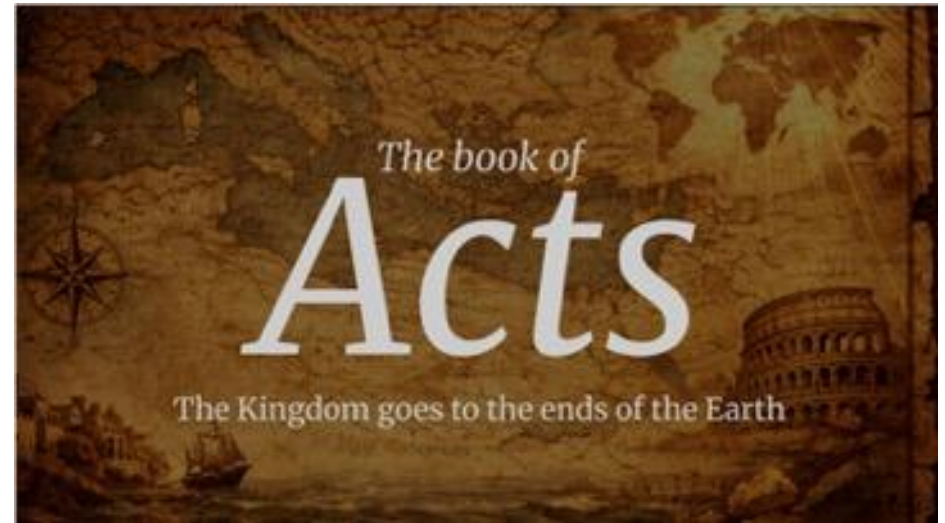
Online: 5/3/26 - 5/9/26: \$25 for general

In-person on 5/10/26: \$2652 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!



Acts 8:13

Even Simon himself believed, and after being baptized he continued with Philip. And seeing signs and great miracles performed, he was amazed.



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Welcome!

May 17th, 2026

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're currently in a sermon series through the book of Acts. Today we'll read Stephen's story.

Announcements

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

PASTORAL TRANSITION: Pastor Josh's last Sunday with us will be June 14th. Please pray for the Fishers, our next pastor, and our leadership team! If you have any questions or would just like to chat about this transition, please feel free to reach out to our leadership team members: Bill Walter: (574) 274-0909, Matt Dodd: (574) 344-8692, and Sam Bely (574) 309-6389.

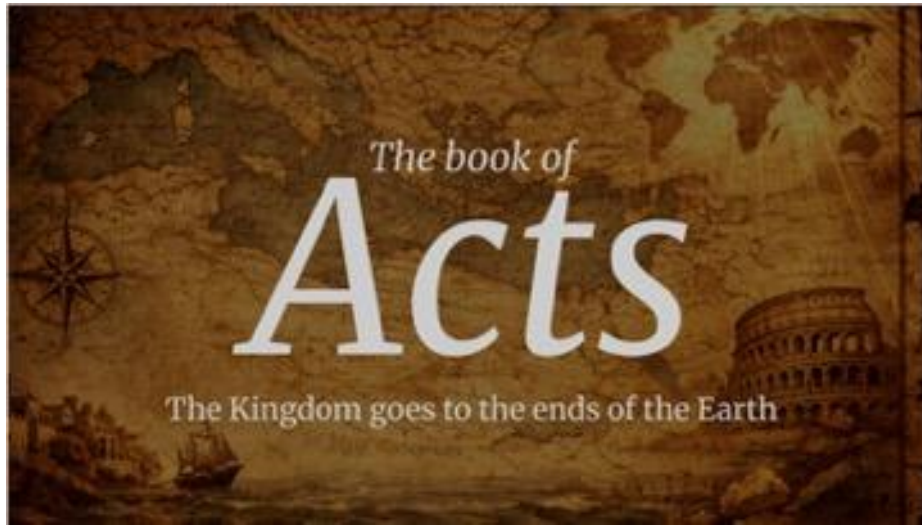
Opportunities to Help

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 Sam for details.



The Book of Acts - Week 16 - Acts 8:1-25 - 5/17/26

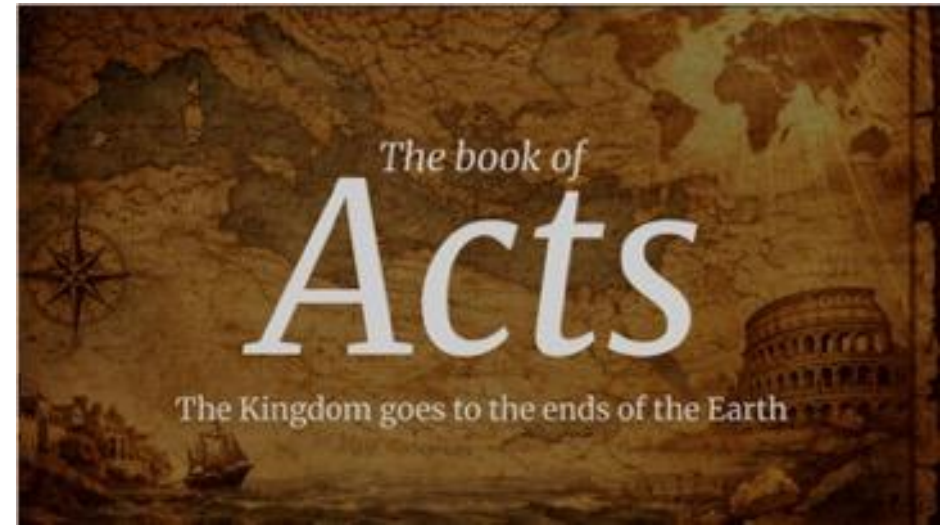
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2. Checking our _____ before God
Acts 8:20-21, Prov. 4:23, 17:3, 1 Sam. 16:7, Jer. 17:9-10, Ps. 51:10
3. Monitoring our _____
Acts 8:22, Ps. 19:14, Prov. 16:2, 21:2, 1 Chron. 28:9, Heb. 4:12, 1 Cor. 4:5
4. Looking out for _____
Acts 8:23, Eph. 4:31, Heb. 12:15, James 3:14

And when we fall back into temptation:

1. _____
Acts 8:22, 2:28, 3:19, 1 John 1:9, Luke 13:3, 2 Pet. 3:9
2. Seeking out _____
Acts 8:24, James 5:16, Eph. 6:18, Col. 1:9, Ecc. 4:9-12, 1 Thess. 5:25
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Reflecting on God's Word

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- Have you ever read or heard about this before? What stood out to you as we were talking about it?
- As you think about this sermon series through the book of Acts, what observation do you have?
- As you think about Simon's story, and what he did, what comes to mind? What observations do you have?

Diving In

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2. Read Acts 8:21. When Peter calls out Simon, he makes it clear that Simon's heart is not right before God. What can you build into your life to make sure your heart stays right before God?
3. Read Acts 8:23. Peter very explicitly calls out Simon for being bitter. How much does bitterness affect your life? How could you deal with it more effectively when it sneaks into your life?
4. Read 1 John 1:9. Peter calls out Simon to repent of his sin. Is there any sin that you need to take before the Lord and repent of right now? Spend some time in prayer, asking God to examine your heart.

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- What practical step(s) do you need to implement in your life to apply what God has taught you in this passage of Scripture?
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