



MAKING THE KINGDOM OF GOD REAL AND VISIBLE

### Ways of Discipleship: Praying Together

One of the things that can get many of us nervous is when we are in a group of Christians and it comes to prayer time. We might be scared about having to pray out loud ourselves or about what we're supposed to be doing while someone else is praying. Praying together is a really good thing for us to do and this morning we'll think about how we can pray together well.

Text: Acts 1:14  
Message by Pastor Ron Kool  
Offering Today: General Fund

sermon notes

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### WEEKLY CALENDAR

#### Sunday, January 12

9:30 & 11:00 am Stepping Stones  
11:00 am Kids ROCK  
4:00 pm Scripture Reading  
5:30 pm Fusion

#### Monday, January 13

7:00 pm Shepherd / Service Leaders

#### Tuesday, January 14

6:30 am Men's Bible Study group  
9:30 am Women in the Word  
6:15 pm Skeptics Welcome  
7:00 pm Women in the Word

#### Wednesday, January 15

6:30 am Open Prayer Time  
9:00 am Open Prayer Time  
6:30 pm GEMS / Cadets

#### Thursday, January 16

9:30 am Moms Connect  
7:00 pm Zumba

#### Friday, January 17

#### Saturday, January 18

## WELCOME!

January 12, 2020

We are so glad to have you as our guest today and would love to be able to serve you. If you have questions or would like more information, please visit our Welcome Center in the lobby.

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Hillside will increasingly become a community where the kingdom of God is real and visible in every aspect of our lives. Living out the reality of the values and priorities of the Kingdom of God means at least that.

## Community Reminders

**Baptism:** Next Sunday, January 19, at our 11:00 service, we will celebrate the baptism of two infants: Jacob Tyler, son of Tyler & Carissa Alexander and Nolan James, son of Jeff & Courtney Douma.

**2020 Giving Envelopes** are in your church mailbox today. If you do not have envelopes and would like some, please sign up at the sign up table or contact the church office.

**Announcements** for the Inside Hillside should be emailed to [mdevries@hillsidegr.org](mailto:mdevries@hillsidegr.org) by Monday, January 20.

**Email change:** Please be aware that all Hillside staff emails have changed. Instead of [hillsidech.org](http://hillsidech.org) it is now [hillsidegr.org](http://hillsidegr.org).

**Communal Reading of Scripture** will meet today at 4:00 in the church library. All are welcome to come explore God's Word.

**Men's Group** began a new video series this past Tuesday morning: *Evidence That Demands a Verdict*, by Josh and Sean McDowell. This series focuses on what we believe and why, to better equip us in a skeptical world. Join about 15 guys of various ages weekly on Tuesday mornings from 6:30—7:40 am (note day change). Come when you can for coffee and enrichment and sharing. No preparation necessary. Questions? Contact Scott Wagner at [scwag1@yahoo.com](mailto:scwag1@yahoo.com).

**Women in the Word** began meeting on Tuesday, January 7 but it's not too late to join us! The morning session meets from 9:30-11:00AM (childcare provided) with your choice of *God of Covenant* by Jen Wilkin or *Just Show Up: Hosea*. The evening group meets from 7:00-8:30pm and will offer a continuation on *The Gospel of Matthew* or *God of Covenant*. If you've been attending in the fall, there is no need to sign up again. If

you are new to the group, please contact Kristin ([khileman@hillsidegr.org](mailto:khileman@hillsidegr.org)) for more information.

**Skeptics Welcome!** Invite a friend to explore questions about faith on Tuesday nights, 6:15—8:00 pm in the library. RSVP for a free dinner to Pastor Daniel, (616)882-3372.

**January Discipleship Class:** Join us on January 19 at 11:00 am in the lounge for a talk on Boundaries and Finances. View a conversation between Dave Ramsey & Henry Cloud and learn why it is unkind to be unclear.

**Take Heart** will now be meeting on Thursdays at 3 pm on the 2nd and 4th weeks of the month in the lounge. (January 9 and 23)

**Exploring Hillside Class—Date Change.** Are you wondering if it's time to join Hillside or you just want to have some of your questions answered? Are you starting to walk to "your seats" each week or refer to Hillside as "my church"? Exploring Hillside may be right for you! Join us on Wednesday, **February 19** from 7-9 pm for our next class. This is the first step in the membership process but in no way obligates you to join. Meet some new people and learn a little more about Hillside. If interested, call the church office at 698-0122. Looking forward to seeing you there!

**Needed for Cuba:** Suitcases, crochet cotton and snacks for the students. Please put suitcases under the coat rack by the office and other things in the bins under the mailboxes.

**Heads Up Hillside:** For the next several months, the box to the right of this paragraph will be used for specific prayer requests from our Hillside Prayer Team replacing the monthly calendar they previously published. Join our Hillside family in prayer.

## PRAYER REQUESTS

Our sympathy is extended to **Walt and Isla VanWynyarden** in the passing away of their sister-in-law Barb in Iowa.

Pray for **Jack Bergmans** as he recovers from a procedure on January 6 to plant radioactive seeds in his liver to deal with his cancer. Pray for quick healing and minimal side effects for him.

**Brent VerBurg** is doing well after his stem cell transplant but he is awaiting results from a biopsy last Thursday for a spot that showed up in his recent PET scan.

**Cheryl Helmus** will be having outpatient surgery on a mass under her arm on Thursday. Doctors do not think it is cancerous, but pray for good results and fast healing for Sherry.

Please continue to keep **Chuck Quist** in your prayers as he continues to have many health-related issues. Pray also for his wife Janie as she cares for him.

Pray for **Connie Riggs** as she recovers from foot surgery; soon she will get a boot and be able to put some weight on her leg.

Continue praying for **Tom and Joan Dykema** as they journey together with Tom's ALS. Pray for continued strength for both of them.

There are many Hillside people battling on-going illnesses or recovering from recent surgeries: Please pray for healing for **Dave Zylstra, Bob Tiesma, Laura Frederick, Jan Ouendag, Mark Babich, Doug Sisco, Deb DeBoer, Rich & Jane Iwema, Betty Slobe, Mike and Mary Deppe, and Bev Elzinga.**

**Pray for our team going to Cuba** on January 17 for two weeks. Pray for safety, good health, and that all will be used to further God's kingdom in Cuba.

PRAYER LINE | 616.698.PRAY (7729)

### heads up hillside

Pray for the health and safety of nursery volunteers as the flu season is in full swing. Praise God for their willingness to serve.

Pray for those serving in the military. (Ian Fleischmann, Zach Sinnema, Matthew VanderHill, and Travis Martin). May they be used by God as witnesses to his faithfulness.