

## OUR MISSION

We exist to be a refuge, drawing ourselves and others into a genuine relationship with Jesus Christ.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**HILLSIDE KIDS:** We have more children in this church than we have ever had. Consider volunteering one Sunday a month. See Laura for details as we invest in our children's growing faith. The only places where our children hear about Jesus today is at home or church. Help us make a difference in their faith.

**JOIN A GROUP:** Tuesday Prayer Group & Wednesday Bible Study meet every week at 6:30pm. Come join a group and invest in your faith this year!

**ANNUAL READING:** Our annual reading continues. This week's reading is: Judges 1-6:27



# HILLSIDE CHURCH

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## THE BOOK OF PSALMS

Psalm 119, SHIN TAW

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## INTRODUCTION

-Should a person call upon Jesus Christ for salvation and follow Him, the battles that follow will never be avoided. They can only be **faced**.

**John 16:33 (ESV)** *I have said these things to you, that in me you may have peace. In the world **you will have tribulation**. But take heart; **I have overcome the world**.*

-Of all the benefits the world would have to offer, there is no place on the planet that produces a **remedy for the human condition**.

**John 14:19 (ESV)** *Yet a little while and the world will see me no more, but you will see me. **Because I live, you also will live**.*

**1 John 4:4 (ESV)** *Little children, you are from God and have overcome them, for **he who is in you is greater** than he who is in the world.*

-Christ's victory over the cross was always meant to give you an **assured victory** over the concerns of life. Believers who fully embrace Christ view **heavenly realities** as something much greater than **worldly struggles**.

**2 Corinthians 4:17-18 (ESV)** *For this light momentary affliction is preparing for us an eternal weight of glory beyond all comparison,<sup>18</sup> as we look not to the things that are seen **but to the things that are unseen**. For the things that are seen are transient, but the things that are unseen are eternal.*

-What would happen to us if we lived in such a way that **heaven** began to take up more and more space **in our hearts**?

## SHIN Psalm 119:161-168

**1 Peter 2:9 (ESV)** *But you are a **chosen race**, a **royal priesthood**, a **holy nation**, a **people for his own possession**, that you may proclaim the excellencies of him who called you out of darkness into his **marvelous light**.*

**Acts 9:3-4 (ESV)** *Now as he went on his way, he approached Damascus, and suddenly a light from heaven shone around him.<sup>4</sup> And falling to the ground, he heard a voice saying to him, "**Saul, Saul, why are you persecuting me?**"*

-The believer who conquers through the Word finds God's Word even more. Our confidence is established and the Word becomes a **continually growing treasure** for those who experience its effects.

-God's Word can only be our way **if we first walk in it**.

"Love and hatred are the leading affections of the soul; if those be fixed aright, the rest move accordingly." —**Matthew Henry**

**Luke 16:13 (ESV)** *No servant can serve two masters, for either **he will hate the one** and love the other, or he will be devoted to the one and **despise the other**. You cannot serve God and money."*

-Those who have little regard for the truth **also have little regard for the lie**. A belief without passion opens up the believer **for the lie itself**.

## TAW Psalm 119:169-176

-The fundamental idea of being a man after God's heart begins with being a person who **pursues not only God's Word**, but **God's heart**.

**Matthew 18:12 (ESV)** *What do you think? If a man has a **hundred sheep**, and one of them has gone astray, does he not leave the ninety-nine on the mountains and go **in search of the one** that went astray?*

-Our lives exist presently on earth in the battleground for eternity and **where our heart is, is where our worship is**. At our worst, **we form idols** in the present shape of our hearts.

"I can safely say, on the authority of all that is revealed in the Word of God, that any man or woman on this earth who is bored and turned off by worship is not ready for heaven."—**A.W. Tozer**

### Demonstrating Dependence

1. We celebrate His ways
2. We long for His will
3. We cry to Him in trouble
4. We petition Him for mercy
5. We live out His Word
6. We trust in His salvation

"Nothing teaches us about the preciousness of the Creator as much as when we learn the **emptiness of everything else**."—**Charles Spurgeon**

**Romans 12:9 (ESV)** *Let love be genuine. **Abhor what is evil**; hold fast to what is good.*

**When we truly receive Christ, we live with hearts open, wanting His will alone, His way alone, and His Kingdom to come. It is with this posture that we have been given every reason to hold fast, to stand firm, and to overcome.**