



*"Leading people into a growing relationship with Jesus Christ."*

## Membership at Hillside

The Church is alive; alive with people who love and serve Jesus as Lord and Savior. If you believe in Christ, the Church is you. The Church is both local and global, and it was created and set on mission by the history changing person of Jesus Christ.

*"Jesus came and said to them, 'All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me. Go therefore and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all that I have commanded you. And behold, I am with you always, to the end of the age.'" - Matthew 28:18-20*

Here at Hillside we are actively and passionately spreading the message of Jesus Christ in any way we can. We want God's Church to grow, and we are committed to leading people into a growing relationship with Christ - for we are on mission *with* Christ.

If you're reading this, you are pursuing membership here at Hillside. Hillside is a team, it's a body, it's a family, and we have many members. We are excited to have you be a part of this team. The Church and its members are bonded together through Jesus Christ and are committed to one another in a covenant relationship.

Christians were never meant to do life alone. Jesus Himself modeled a life connected with other people. Membership brings together accountability, encouragement, equipping, and fellowship. May God bless your journey toward membership at Hillside. Together, we will pursue the plans He has for us.

# What we Believe

## 1) The Bible

The Scriptures, both the Old and New Testament, are verbally inspired of God and are the revelation of God to man - the infallible, authoritative rule of faith and conduct. ([2 Timothy 3:15-17](#); [1 Thessalonians 2:13](#); [2 Peter 1:21](#))

## 2) God

The One True God has revealed Himself as the eternally self-existent “I AM,” the Creator of heaven and earth, the Redeemer of mankind. He has revealed Himself as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit. ([Deuteronomy 6:4](#), [Isaiah 43:10,11](#); [Matthew 28:19](#); [Luke 3:21-22](#))

## 3) Jesus

The Lord Jesus Christ is the eternal Son of God. The Scriptures declare His: Virgin Birth ([Matt 1:23](#); [Luke 1:31,35](#)); Sinless Life ([Hebrews 7:26](#); [1 Peter 2:22](#)); Miracles ([Acts 2:22](#); [10:38](#)); Substitutionary Work on the Cross ([1 Corinthians 15:3](#); [2 Corinthians 5:21](#)); Bodily Resurrection from the Dead ([Matthew 28:6](#); [Luke 24:39](#); [1 Corinthians 15:4](#)); Exaltation to the Right Hand of God ([Acts 1:9,11](#); [2:33](#); [Philippians 2:9,11](#); [Hebrews 1:3](#)); and His Personal & Imminent Return, and Millennial Reign. ([1 Thessalonians 4:16-17](#); [Revelation 19:11-14](#); [20:1-6](#))

## 4) Holy Spirit

The Holy Spirit is the person of the Godhead who indwells, baptizes, and gives supernatural gifts to all believers for empowerment to witness and serve. His present work is the same as that in the New Testament. ([Acts 1:4-8](#); [2:4](#); [1 Corinthians 12:1-31](#))

## 5) Mankind

Mankind was created good and upright, but by voluntary disobedience, fell into sin and thereby incurred physical and spiritual death, which is separation from God. ([Genesis 1:26,27; 2:17; 3:6](#); [Romans 5:12-19](#)) Mankind's only hope of salvation is through the shed blood of Jesus Christ - giving us forgiveness of sin, eternal life, and power to live separated from evil through a regenerated heart. ([John 3:16; 6:44](#); [Romans 10:9-10](#))

## 6) The Church

The Church is to carry out the work of Christ in this world, equip people for ministry, and maintain the ordinances of the Church - Water Baptism and Communion ([Mark 16:15-16](#); [1 Corinthians 11:26](#); [Ephesians 4:11-16](#))

## 7) Our Future

Death for the believer is not an event to be feared, but a promotion to anticipate. Jesus is currently preparing an eternal home for all who know Him - so that they may live with Him forever. ([1 Thessalonians 4:16](#); [Romans 8:23](#); [Titus 2:13](#); [1 Corinthians 15:51,52](#); [Revelation 21-22](#))

# Our Core Values for Ministry

## 1) We Believe the Bible

We believe God speaks to us through the Scriptures, so the Bible is our ultimate authority, guiding us in thought, word, and action. ([2 Timothy 3:16-17](#); [Psalm 119:105](#))

## 2) We Pursue Relationship with God

We believe God desires a relationship with every individual. This relationship grows through prayer, meditation, worship, Bible study, and listening to and obeying the Holy Spirit. ([James 4:8](#); [1 Chronicles 28:9](#))

## 3) We Pursue Authentic Relationships

We believe relationships that express care, accountability, and a sense of belonging are critical for us to grow together in faith. ([Proverbs 27:17](#); [Hebrews 10:24-25](#))

#### 4) **We Believe in the Next Generation**

We believe our role is to support ministry that appeals to people less than 30 years of age without alienating older men and women. Every generation is necessary to grow a healthy Christian community. ([Matt 18:3-6](#); [Mark 10:16](#); [1 Timothy 4:12](#))

#### 5) **We Share our Faith with Others**

We believe that every Christian is responsible for living out their faith in Jesus before others in a tangible way. ([Philemon 6](#); [Romans 10:14-15](#))

#### 6) **We Serve our Church and Community**

We believe every Christian is uniquely called, specifically positioned and supernaturally equipped to build the church. ([1 Peter 4:10-11](#); [Ephesians 4:11-13](#))

#### 7) **We Give Generously**

We believe we have been blessed to be a blessing. Hillside gives generously to the world around us, both locally and globally. ([Romans 10:14-15](#))

### **Hillside's Covenant Commitments:**

#### **Hillside Leadership to the body of members:**

- We will set an example and join you in fulfilling the duties of church members, while meeting the biblical criteria for elders. ([1 Corinthians 11:1](#); [1 Timothy 3:1-13](#); [5:17-22](#); [1 Peter 5:1-4](#))
- We will seek God's will for our church community to the best of our ability as we study the Bible and follow the Holy Spirit. ([Acts 20:28](#); [1 Peter 5:1-5](#))
- We will provide teaching, counsel, and discipline from the whole of Scripture. ([Acts 20:27-28](#); [1 Timothy 5:17-18](#); [Hebrews 13:17](#))
- We will foster congregational conversations as to hear your input & God's voice.

- We will care for you and seek your growth as a disciple of Christ, in part by equipping you for service and praying for you regularly. ([Ephesians 4:11-13](#); [James 5:14](#))

## You as an individual member to the body of Hillside:

- I will submit to the authority of Scripture as the final arbiter on all issues, as to preserve unity and peace among Hillside leadership and members. ([Psalm 119](#); [II Timothy 3:16-17](#); [Ephesians 4:1-3](#); [Hebrews 13:7,17](#))
- I will maintain a close relationship with the Lord Jesus through Christian fellowship and strategic spiritual practices. ([Psalm 105:1-2](#); [Psalm 119:97](#); [Acts 2:42-47](#); [Hebrews 10:23-25](#); [2 Peter 1:3](#))
- I will steward the resources God has given me, including my time, talents, and treasure. ([Proverbs 3:9-10](#); [Galatians 5:22-26](#); [Ephesians 4:1-16](#); [5:15-18](#); [Romans 12:1-8](#); [2 Corinthians 8-9](#); [12:7-31](#); [1 Peter 4:10-11](#))
- I will walk in holiness by abstaining from cohabitation, pornography, fornication, homosexuality, illegal drug use, drunkenness, and any other behavior Jesus reveals to me as unhealthy. ([Job 31:1](#); [Proverbs 5](#); [Romans 13:12-14](#); [1 Corinthians 6-7](#); [Hebrews 13:4](#); [Galatians 5:19-21](#); [Romans 8:13](#); [Colossians 3:5](#); [1 John 1:6-10](#))
- Should I sin in such a manner listed above, I agree to confess my sins to Christian brothers or sisters and seek help to put my sin to death. ([Romans 8:13](#); [Colossians 3:5](#))

I will make it a priority to attend all member designated meetings set on the Hillside calendar.