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Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel
Mondays • 7pm
Downstairs Room #1

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862-266-8699

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2nd & 4th Sundays • 4pm
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1st Friday • 7pm
201-230-7372

Highland Lakes

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Marc & Stacey Bray
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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



MARCH 31, 2019

welcome

our purpose

Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **God** - the only all-knowing, all-powerful King and Creator of all things. He created us to enjoy and glorify him forever. [Psalm 19:1-2; Romans 1:18-32]
2. **Sin** - Yet, we rejected God, and established ourselves as gods of our lives, separating ourselves from Him, and becoming objects of His wrath. In so doing we also unleashed sin, sickness, death and evil. [Ephesians 2:1-3; Romans 5:12-14]
3. **Christ** - In God's unparalleled mercy and grace, He already had a plan to reconcile us to Himself. The entire Old Testament points to the coming of the Messiah - revealed in the New Testament as Jesus Christ. [John 1; Ephesians 2:4-7; Romans 3:21-26]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in three ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18], persevere [Ephesians 4:1; Matthew 24:13]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, and adopted into God's family forever! [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17]

kingdom kids

We encourage you to worship as a family, however we provide nursery care [infants - 2.5 yrs] if desired. Kids will be dismissed downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk by the coffee table for more info.

Explorers	Newborn - 2.5 yrs
Discoverers	2.5 yrs - 3 yrs
Adventurers	Pre-K [4yrs] and Kindergarten
Navigators	Grades 1-5

We are always looking for help in Kingdom Kids. See Alyssa or Kim today to find out how you can help!

calendar

- Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays 6:30am at Sussex Sit n Chat Diner
- Youth Group [6th-12th grades] - Thursdays 7:00pm in Roadside Bldg
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - Tues PM or Thur AM - See Mel or Doreen
- Corporate Prayer - Sunday, April 7th 6pm at HBC
- Youth Group Silly Supper! - Saturday, April 13th - 6pm at HBC
- Good Friday Service - April 19th, 6:30pm at HBC
- Easter - Sunday, April 21st - 2 services - 9:30am and 11:00am at HBC
- Missions Series - April 28th - May 12th
- Work Day - Saturday, May 4th - 8am-12pm at HBC
- Ladies Retreat - June 6th-7th - at Green Pond Bible Chapel
- New Members Class - Sunday, June 9th - 11:15am
- SummerFest - 4 Sundays in July! 6pm-8pm: VOLUNTEERS needed.

finances

General Offering - Feb '19	\$18,287.15
Designated Gifts - Feb '19	\$491.44
YTD General Offering thru Feb '19	\$35,016.68
YTD Budget	\$45,242.04

worship guide

March 31, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 9:12b-18.
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Whoever loves his brother abides in the light, and in him there is no cause for stumbling”

[1 John 2:10 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- What are some common stumbling blocks that trip people up from believing the gospel?
- Why does the church send out missionaries or hire full time pastors?
- How can we practically make much of the gospel and boast in Jesus?
- What does it look like to put the gospel “second” or a lower priority in our lives? What other priorities can try to knock the gospel out of its top spot?
- How do we typically respond to correction from others? What does that reveal about what’s in our hearts?
- How should we proceed with regard to disputable matters and others?

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sermon notes

March 31, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 9:12b-18

Rights? What Rights?

1. Rights and Others. [9:12b-14]

Your rights should be set aside when the faith of others may be shaken. It should be the gospel first! and rights second!

2. What's First? [9:15-17]

We should live in such a way as to keep the gospel and the will of God first in all things!

3. Gospel Proclamation. [9:18]

The gospel proclamation is worth any sacrifice that we can make for it, so that the gospel can go forth unhindered!

Main Point:

Live in such a way as to keep the gospel first in all things!