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Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel
Mondays • 7pm
Downstairs Room #1

Lafayette

Andy & Amy Bennett
2nd & 4th Sundays • 4pm
973-886-4679

Vernon/565

Len & Doreen Baxter
June 14th • 7pm
201-230-7372

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862-266-8699

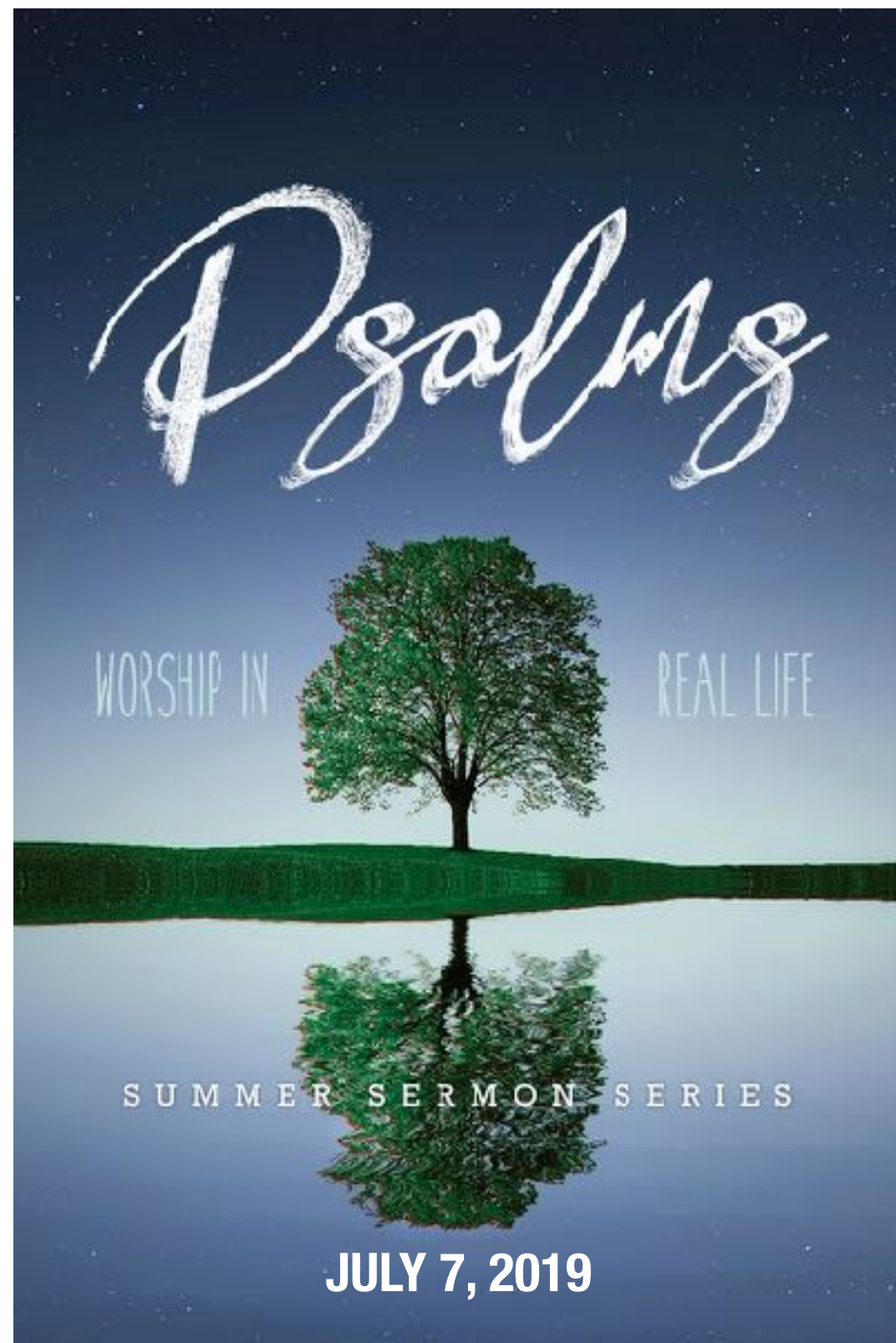
Highland Lakes

Family Focused Dinner
Marc & Stacey Bray
2nd Sunday • 3pm
973-477-9340



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JULY 7, 2019

welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today! 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 two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

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
- **SummerFest - STARTS TONIGHT! 6pm! BE HERE!**
- Ladies Shoot and Swim - Saturday, July 13th 10:00am-12:30pm at Leuzarder's
- Biblical Nutrition Class - starts Sunday, July 14th - sign up at Welcome Table
- Sussex County Church Tent at the NJ State Fair! Info meeting, Wed, July 17th, 7pm at HBC
- Mens Breakfast, Saturday, July 27th, 8am at John Leuzarder's
- Baptism Service - Sunday, August 25th - see Pastor Mike if you are interested in being baptized
- Fall Kick-Off Picnic - Sunday, September 8th, after service
- Fall ABF Series - Biblical Finances starting Sunday, September 16th

finances

General Offering - May '19	\$22,998.93
Designated Gifts - May '19	\$-
YTD General Offering thru May '19	\$98,629.48
YTD Budget	\$113,089.34

worship guide

July 7, 2019

WELCOME! Our passage today is from Psalm 15. As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For I am the LORD your God. Consecrate yourselves therefore, and be holy, for I am holy”. (Leviticus 11:44 ESV)

“...but as he who called you is holy, you also be holy in all your conduct, since it is written, “You shall be holy, for I am holy.” (1 Peter 1:15–16 ESV)

PRAY/CONSIDER

- Consider the holiness of God. What usually comes to mind first? His holy wrath for sin? His purity? What else?
- If God is holy than what is the dilemma for us, as sinful humans approaching a perfectly holy God?
- Did God require holiness of Israel? How were sins forgiven and fellowship restored?
- Does God require holiness of his church in Jesus? How are sins forgiven and fellowship restored?
- Is God requiring something of his people that we cannot achieve? Have you ever struggled with this perspective?
- Consider sanctification vs. justification, what’s the difference and why is that important? How does that help us live well?
- What things in your life are shaken? How can life be more stable?

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Because He Lives [Amen] | All I Have is Christ |
O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer | O Praise the Name |
His Mercy is More

sermon notes

July 7, 2019

PSALM 15

How to Be With God

1. Who? [15:1]

God is perfectly holy.

2. Answer [15:2-5a]

A holy God requires a holy people.

Big Idea: To be with God, we must be like God.

3. Shook. [15:5b]