

# leadership

## ELDERS

Pastor Mike Ruel  
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## DEACONS AND STAFF

**Building and Grounds**  
**Fellowship**  
**Benevolence**  
**Technology**  
**Finance**  
**Kingdom Kids**

Len Baxter  
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Ray Westpy  
TJ Walsh [Interim]  
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Pastor Josh Barlow  
Steve and Ally Gunther  
Pastor Jesse Morgan  
Ron Vreeland  
Carinne Downs

**Jr & Sr High Youth**

**Worship**

**Financial Admin**

## CARE GROUPS

### 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

### Branchville/Newton

Ray & Kerry Westpy  
1st and 3rd Fridays  
862-266-8699

### Highland Lakes

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



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# Psalm

WORSHIP IN

REAL LIFE

SUMMER SERMON SERIES

**JULY 14, 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 - CONTINUES TONIGHT! 6pm! BE HERE!**
- **Biblical Nutrition Class - starts TODAY after service, Room 1**
- 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 Candidate Meeting - Sunday, July 27th after service
- 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 14, 2019**

**WELCOME!** Our passage today is from Psalm 16. As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Come, everyone who thirsts, come to the waters; and he who has no money, come, buy and eat! Come, buy wine and milk without money and without price. Why do you spend your money for that which is not bread, and your labor for that which does not satisfy?”. Listen diligently to me, and eat what is good, and delight yourselves in rich food. Incline your ear, and come to me; hear, that your soul may live; (Isaiah 55:1-2 ESV)

## PRAY/CONSIDER

- What kind of things keep us from truly believing that we have no other good besides God?
- How do idols cause us pain?
- As Christians, what is our true inheritance we have to look forward to? How will that satisfy us?
- How does having our eyes fixed on the future reward and inheritance help us live well?
- What are ways God guides us today? How do we take this for granted?
- What are some blocks to true joy in God’s salvation?
- How do we know that God will not abandon us? How can we be so confident like the Psalmist is in Psalm 16?

## SING

How Firm a Foundation | All I Have is Christ |  
O Lord My Rock and My Redeemer | Cornerstone |  
He Will Hold Me Fast

# sermon notes

July 14, 2019

## PSALM 16

*The Declaration of Dependence*

### 1. Two ways of pursuing the good life [16:1-4]

Dependence on God leads to \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.

Dependence on idols leads to \_\_\_\_\_.

### 2. Trust God because he's worthy [16:5-8]

### 3. Result: A life of safety and satisfaction [16:9-11]

**Big Idea: Absolute \_\_\_\_\_ on God results in our  
\_\_\_\_\_.**