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JOSHUA
Fighting to Believe God's Promise

JANUARY 12, 2020

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 Myhren today to find out how you can help!

calendar

- Men's Breakfast, Saturday, January 18th, 2020, 8am-10am
- Member Meeting - Sunday, January 27th, 2020 - 5pm
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday, February 2, 2020 - 6pm
- Next Steps: New Member Class - Sunday, February 9th, 2020

finances

General Offering - Dec '19	\$24,949.41
Designated Gifts - Dec '19	\$-
YTD General Offering thru Dec '19	\$259,204.39
YTD Budget	\$239,925.00

worship guide

January 12, 2020

Our passage today is from Joshua 1:1-5. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For if you will be careful to do all this commandment that I command you to do, loving the LORD your God, walking in all his ways, and holding fast to him, then the LORD will drive out all these nations before you...”

[Deuteronomy 11:22-23 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Think about the people of Israel and the Promised Land - what thoughts come to mind?
- Consider the faithful leaders of Israel - what qualities did they possess? What were their weaknesses?
- When we are faced with a fight against sin or a trial, what is our usual reaction?
- How do we balance our identity in Christ [adopted, justified, forgiven, etc.] and our daily battle against sin and trials?
- What is the relation between obedience and blessing? How can our view of it be dangerous or helpful?
- How is the presence of God with us today? How does that empower us to work toward the purposes of God?

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Come Praise and Glorify | Prepared a Place for Me | Living Hope |
He Will Hold Me Fast | Great Are You Lord

sermon notes

January 12, 2020

JOSHUA 1:1-5

Go Time

1. Now Then...Arise and Go. [1:1-2]

The fight is part of God's plan not an obstacle to overcome.

2. Blessed Feet. [1:3-4; Deuteronomy 11:22-25]

God's full blessing comes out of our fullest obedience.

3. God's Faithfulness [1:5]

Big Idea: God's presence is with us for God's purpose.