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JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise

JANUARY 19, 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

- **Twenty Somethings - TONIGHT, 6pm at Demings**
- Member Meeting - Sunday, January 27th, 2020 - 5pm
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday, February 2, 2020 - 6pm
- Next Steps: New Member Class - Sunday, February 9th, 2020
- Jr/Sr High School Winter Retreat: Feb 14th-16th 2020 - see Highlands Happenings e-mail newsletter to register.

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 19, 2020

Our passage today is from Joshua 1:6-9. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Trust in the LORD with all your heart, and do not lean on your own understanding. In all your ways acknowledge him, and he will make straight your paths.”

[Proverbs 3:5-6 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Consider the things that cause us to fear - what are some common fears? Are any of them healthy? Unhealthy?
- Think about that God calls us to action - what things are difficult for you? Where are you encouraged?
- Where are you struggling to obey God? Where are you encouraged?
- How is your regular intake of Scripture? Do you need to be challenged or is it a regular habit?
- Have you considered the gospel is a command to be obeyed? What are the eternal realities in play?
- What is the relation of faith to fear and anxiety? How are we assured of God's presence with us.

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Christ is Mine Forevermore

sermon notes

January 19, 2020

JOSHUA 1:6-9

Be Strong and Courageous³

Therefore, be strong and courageous: [1:6]

In action [1:6; Deuteronomy 31:1-8]

In obedience [1:7-8; Proverbs 3:5-6]

In faith [1:9; Phil 4:4-6]