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JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise

JANUARY 26, 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.

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| 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

- Member Meeting - TONIGHT - 5pm - bring a dish to share!
- 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

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| 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 26, 2020

Our passage today is from Joshua 1:10-18. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Blessed be the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! According to his great mercy, he has caused us to be born again to a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead, to an inheritance that is imperishable, undefiled, and unfading, kept in heaven for you, who by God’s power are being guarded through faith for a salvation ready to be revealed in the last time. In this you rejoice, though now for a little while, if necessary, you have been grieved by various trials, so that the tested genuineness of your faith—more precious than gold that perishes though it is tested by fire—may be found to result in praise and glory and honor at the revelation of Jesus Christ.”

[1 Peter 1:3-7 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- What is the hardest thing you have ever done?
- What hard things is God calling you to do now?
- Consider the concept of earthly work before heavenly rest - do you think about this often? Why/why not?
- Where are you not obeying God? What will you do about it?
- What is the relationship between the gospel and obedience?

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All Creatures of Our God and King | Lord Most High | Jesus,
Thank You | Christ is Mine Forevermore

sermon notes

January 26, 2020

JOSHUA 1:6-9

What Leads to Rest

1. Joshua Takes Over [1:10-11; 1 Peter 1:3-7]

God calls us to do hard things.

2. Remember The Deal [1:12-15; Acts 14:20-22]

Heavenly rest comes after earthly work.

3. What Say You? [1:16-18]

Our response is faithful obedience.

Big Idea: Faithful obedience is hard, but heavenly rest awaits.