

# leadership

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**Building and Grounds**  
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**Vernon Center/HBC**  
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# JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise

**FEBRUARY 16, 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 Bible Study - Wednesdays 6:30am at the Sussex Queen diner
- Elder/Undershepherd Prayer - Saturday, February 22, 2020, 7am
- Prayer Meeting, Sunday March 1, 2020, 6pm
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, March 28th, 2020 - 8am, location TBD
- Discipleship Training - Friday-Saturday, April 3-4th with Jonathan Holmes
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, April 19th after service
- Ladies Bible Study starting last week of March - see Mel or Doreen for more info.

## finances

General Offering - Jan '20	\$28,177.76
Designated Gifts - Jan '20	\$-
YTD General Offering thru Jan '20	\$28,177.76
YTD Budget	\$322,562.00

# worship guide

**February 16, 2020**

Our passage today is from Joshua 4. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“In him we have redemption through his blood, the forgiveness of our trespasses, according to the riches of his grace, which he lavished upon us, in all wisdom and insight making known to us the mystery of his will, according to his purpose, which he set forth in Christ as a plan for the fullness of time, to unite all things in him, things in heaven and things on earth.”

[Ephesians 1:7-10 ESV]

## PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- How do you memorialize significant events in your life? What about as a culture in general?
- What are some ways that God has worked in your life and how do you continue to remember them?
- What stands out to you in this account of the crossing of the Jordan and why?
- What are some ways we can mistakenly perceive the purpose of the display of God’s power?
- How is Jesus the display of God’s power and faithfulness?
- What things in your life need to change as a result of this passage? Do you need to know God or remember him more?

## SING

Because He Lives [Amen] | The Wonderful Cross | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | Behold Our God | Christ is Mine  
Forevermore

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# sermon notes

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February 16, 2020

## JOSHUA 4

*Never Forget*

### 1. Stone Memorial [4:1-10; Exodus 25]

God's faithfulness is worth remembering.

### 2. Intense Scene [4:11-18]

God's power should cause awe.

### 3. Knowledge and Fear [4:19-24; Ephesians 1:7-10]

**Big Idea: God's displays his faithfulness and power, so that he world might know him and his people remember him.**