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JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise

FEBRUARY 23, 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
- Mom's Meet Up - Tuesday, February 25th, 9:30am-12pm, see Taylor Wilson or Lydia Barlow for info
- Prayer Meeting, Sunday March 1, 2020, 6pm
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - see Welcome Table for more info!
- 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

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 23, 2020

Our passage today is from Joshua 5:1-9. 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 also you were circumcised with a circumcision made without hands, by putting off the body of the flesh, by the circumcision of Christ, having been buried with him in baptism, in which you were also raised with him through faith in the powerful working of God, who raised him from the dead. And you, who were dead in your trespasses and the uncircumcision of your flesh, God made alive together with him, having forgiven us all our trespasses, by canceling the record of debt that stood against us with its legal demands. This he set aside, nailing it to the cross. He disarmed the rulers and authorities and put them to open shame, by triumphing over them in him.”

[Colossians 2:11-15 5:1-6 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Think about an experience that was so scary it made you flee.
- When you think of God - do you want to run towards him or away from Him spiritually? Was there ever a change in this?
- Think about Israel and the covenant of circumcision - what are/were your thoughts on why it was necessary?
- Where is it hard to obey God in faith? Where aren't you trusting?
- Consider the gospel - have you responded in faith? Are you walking in continual repentance and faith?

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sermon notes

February 23, 2020

JOSHUA 5:1-9

Covenants, Restoration, and Healing

1. Melted Hearts [5:1]

We either flee from God or have faith in God.

2. C is for Covenant [5:2-7; Genesis 17:1-14]

Obedience takes faith.

3. Reproach Rolled Away [5:8-9; Colossians 2:11-15]

Big Idea: God restores and heals through faith in Jesus.