

# leadership

## ELDERS

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Jeff Lukawski

John Lisa [Chairman]  
Len Baxter [Treasurer]

## DEACONS AND STAFF

**Building and Grounds**  
**Fellowship**  
**Benevolence**  
**Technology**  
**Finance**  
**Kingdom Kids**  
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TJ Walsh [Interim]  
Alyssa Myhren, Ally Gunther  
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## CARE GROUPS

**Vernon Center/HBC**  
Pastor Mike Ruel  
Mondays • 7pm  
HBC Sanctuary

**Vernon/565**  
Len & Doreen Baxter  
201-230-7372

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862-266-8699

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# JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise

**MARCH 8, 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
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - see Welcome Table for more info! Starts first week in April.
- Member Meeting - Sunday, March 22nd - 5pm - bring dish to share!
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, March 28th, 2020 - 8am, @ Leuzarder's
- Prayer Meeting - Sunday, April 5th, 2020 - 6pm
- Good Friday Service - April 10th, 2020 - 6:30pm
- Easter Services - April 12th - 9:30am and 11am
- Next Steps Membership Class - Sunday, April 19th after service
- Work Day - Saturday, May 16th, 2020 - 8am-12pm

## 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

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March 8, 2020

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- Why is it so hard for us to respond in faith when God loves us?
- Our passage calls Israel to not only believe, but to obey in a way that was counter-intuitive. How is obedience linked to faith?
- Even though it doesn't make sense, why is it always worth following God's commands? Have you seen this in your life?
- When amazing things happen in our lives, how can we avoid a proud or self-serving response? How should you repent?
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