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JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise

MARCH 15, 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 Sit N Chat 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 - Feb '20	\$20,607.76
Designated Gifts - Feb '20	\$591.00
YTD General Offering thru Feb '20	\$43,243.24
YTD Budget	\$322,562.00

worship guide

March 15, 2020

Our passage today is from Joshua 7. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“But when one turns to the Lord, the veil is removed. Now the Lord is the Spirit, and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom. And we all, with unveiled face, beholding the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from one degree of glory to another. For this comes from the Lord who is the Spirit.”

[2 Corinthians 3:16-18 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- What do you think the common attitude is toward sin? Is it more casual or more serious? Is it different for some sins? Which ones? Why?
- What is God's attitude toward sin? Why?
- What are some of the lies that sin tells us in an effort to rationalize us into sinful action?
- Why do we think that sin is just about us?
- How often do we link sin to a lack of spiritual progress?
- Where have you been deceived by sin and what did the Lord do to bring you out of it?

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And Can it Be | All I Have is Christ | Before the Throne of God
Above | I Will Glory in My Redeemer | Behold Our God
O Praise the Name [Anastasis]

sermon notes

March 15, 2020

JOSHUA 7

A Sin Fueled Defeat

1. Their Own Melted Hearts [7:1-5; 6:18]

Individual sin has corporate consequences.

2. I'll Tell You Why [7:6-15; 2 Corinthians 3:16-18]

Sin always stops spiritual progress.

3. Poor Achan [7:16-26]

Sin is never worth it.

Big Idea: Confession of sin brings the reality of forgiveness.