

# leadership

## ELDERS

Pastor Mike Ruel  
Paul Fehrenbacher [Secretary]  
Jeff Lukawski

John Lisa [Chairman]  
Len Baxter [Treasurer]

## DEACONS AND STAFF

**Building and Grounds**  
**Fellowship**  
**Benevolence**  
**Technology**  
**Finance**  
**Kingdom Kids**  
**Worship**  
**Operations Manager**

Len Baxter  
Kerry Westpy  
Jeff Lukawski  
Ray Westpy  
TJ Walsh, Chris Deming  
Alyssa Myhren  
Ron Vreeland  
Tina Nause

## CARE GROUPS - ZOOM Video/In-Person CONTACT LEADERS FOR NEW INFO

### Vernon

Pastor Mike  
Mondays • 7pm - at HBC  
[info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)

### Vernon/565

Len & Doreen Baxter  
First Friday monthly  
201-230-7372

### Branchville/Newton

Ray & Kerry Westpy  
1st and 3rd Fridays  
862-266-8699

### TwentySomethings

Chris & Alyssa Deming  
201-819-0327



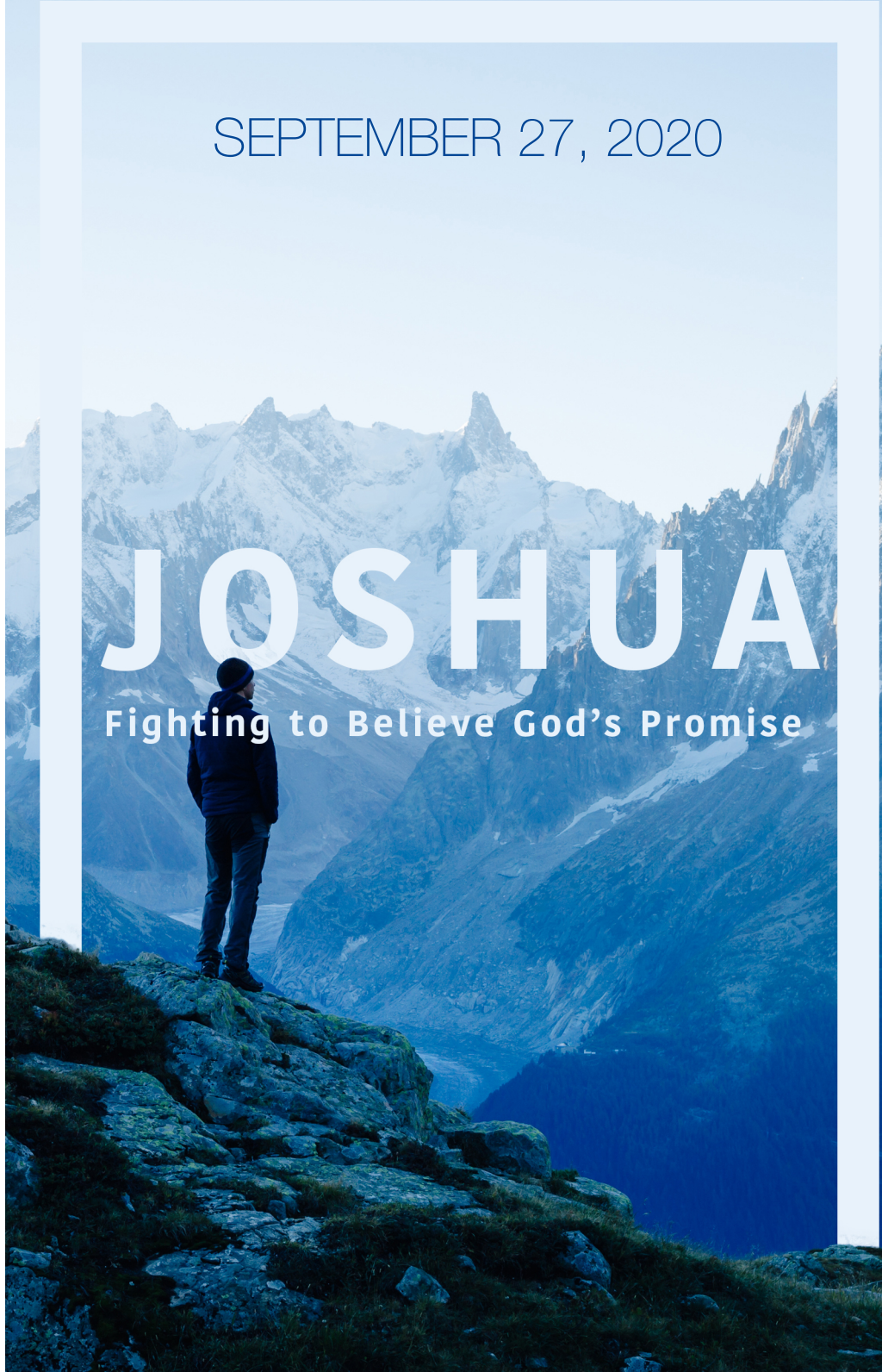
307 NJ-94, Vernon, NJ 07462  
(973) 764-7506  
[Highlandsbiblechurch.org](http://Highlandsbiblechurch.org)  
[Info@highlandsbiblechurch.org](mailto:Info@highlandsbiblechurch.org)

**For Prayer Needs - Send Email To:**  
[PrayerChain@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:PrayerChain@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)

SEPTEMBER 27, 2020

# JOSHUA

Fighting to Believe God's Promise



# 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]

## calendar

- See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!
- Monday Night Care Group - every Monday 7pm at church
- Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Zoom
- MidWeek Study - 6:30pm - Wednesdays - Bible Overview - at HBC
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays and Thursdays, see Mel or Doreen
- Fall Work Day - Saturday, October 3rd - 8am-12pm
- Member Meeting - Sunday, October 4th, 6pm
- Next Steps New Members Class - Sunday, October 11th, 6pm

## finances

General Offering - Aug '20	\$25,186.65
Designated Gifts - Aug '20	\$568.25
YTD General Offering thru Aug '20	\$174,234.90
2020 Budget	\$322,562.00

*Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands. During this unprecedented time you can still continue to give online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give)*

*Or you can mail a check to Highlands Bible Church, 307 Route 94, Vernon, NJ 07462.*

Questions? [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)

# worship guide

**September 27, 2020**

Our sermon passage today is from Joshua 16-17. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Three times I pleaded with the Lord about this, that it should leave me. But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly of my weaknesses, so that the power of Christ may rest upon me. For the sake of Christ, then, I am content with weaknesses, insults, hardships, persecutions, and calamities. For when I am weak, then I am strong.”

(2 Corinthians 12:8-10 ESV)

## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- God doesn't always work the way that we expect him to or we think that he “should” - talk about a way that God worked in an unexpected way.
- Once again, we see a lack of complete obedience in Ephraim and Manasseh. What areas did you target as a lack of complete obedience to God, and how have you done on them since last week?
- What is an idol? How do we know if we have an idol? Anyone care to share where God convicted them of idolatry and what happened?
- If we are struggling with discontentment, we are actually discontent with what God has given us. Have you ever had to work through this?
- NEXT WEEK'S PASSAGE: Joshua 18-19

## SING

Before the Throne of God Above | Grace Unmeasured | And Can it Be |  
O Fount of Love | Yet Not I But Christ Through Me

# sermon notes

**September 27, 2020**

## JOSHUA 16-17

*Inheritance and Obedience, Part 2*

1. Sound Familiar? [16:1-10; 1 Chronicles 5:1; Genesis 48]

2. Sound Familiar? [17:1-13]

**The faithful strive for complete obedience.**

3. Disobedience or Hidden Motives? [17:14-18]

**Big Idea: Disobedience breeds discontentment**

**Verse 1**

**Before the throne of God above  
I have a strong and perfect plea  
A great High Priest whose name is Love  
Who ever lives and pleads for me  
My name is graven on His hands  
My name is written on His heart  
I know that while in heav'n He stands  
No tongue can bid me thence depart  
No tongue can bid me thence depart**

**Verse 2**

**When Satan tempts me to despair,  
and tells me of the guilt within  
Upward I look and see Him there,  
Who made an end of all my sin  
Because the sinless Savior died,  
my sinful soul is counted free  
For God the just is satisfied  
To look on Him and pardon me,  
to look on Him and pardon me**

**Verse 3**

**Behold Him there the risen Lamb,  
my perfect spotless righteousness  
The great unchangeable I Am,  
The king of glory and of grace  
One with Himself I cannot die,  
my soul is purchased by his blood  
My life hid with Christ on high  
With Christ my Savior and my God,  
with Christ my Savior and My God**

**Verse 1**

**Grace unmeasured vast and free  
That knew me from eternity  
That called me out before my birth  
To bring You glory on this earth  
Grace amazing pure and deep  
That saw me in my misery  
That took my curse and owned my blame  
So I could bear Your righteous name**

**Chorus 1**

**Grace paid for my sins  
And brought me to life  
Grace clothes me with power  
To do what is right  
Grace will lead me to heaven  
Where I'll see Your face  
And never cease  
To thank You for Your grace**

**Verse 2**

**Grace abounding strong and true  
That makes me long to be like You  
That turns me from my selfish pride  
To love the cross on which You died  
Grace unending all my days  
You'll give me strength to run this race  
And when my years on earth are through  
The praise will all belong to You**

**Chorus 1**

*Words and music by Bob Kauflin. 2005 Sovereign Grace Praise (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (IMI))*

**VERSE 1**

**And can it be that I should gain  
An int'rest in the Savior's blood?  
Died He for me, who caused His pain?  
For me, who Him to death pursued?  
Amazing love! how can it be  
That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?**

**REFRAIN**

**Amazing love! how can it be, That Thou, my God shouldst die for me?**

**VERSE 2**

**He left His Father's throne above,  
So free, so infinite His grace!  
Emptied Himself of all but love,  
And bled for Adam's helpless race!  
'Tis mercy all, immense and free,  
For, O my God, it found out me.**

**REFRAIN**

**VERSE 3**

**Long my imprisoned spirit lay Fast bound in sin and nature's night.  
Thine eye diffused a quick'ning ray: I woke—the dungeon flamed with light!  
My chains fell off, my heart was free, I rose, went forth, and followed Thee.**

**REFRAIN**

**VERSE 4**

**No condemnation now I dread: Jesus, and all in Him, is mine!  
Alive in Him, my living Head, And clothed in righteousness divine,  
Bold I approach th'eternal throne, And claim the crown, through Christ my own.**

*Charles Wesley.*

**Verse 1**

**O fount of love divine that flows  
From my Savior's bleeding side  
Where sinners trade their filthy rags  
For His righteousness applied**

**O Fount of Love**

**Mercy cleansing ev'ry stain  
Now rushing o'er us like a flood  
There the wretch and vilest ones  
Stand adopted through His blood**

**Verse 2**

**O mount of grace to Thee we cling  
From the law hath set us free  
Once and for all on Calv'ry's hill  
Love and justice shall agree**

**Praise the Lord the price is paid  
The curse defeated by the Lamb  
We who once were slaves by birth  
Sons and daughters now we stand**

**Verse 3**

**O well of joy is mine to drink  
For my Lord has conquered death  
Victorious forevermore  
The ancient foe is laid to rest**

**Hallelujah Christ is King  
Alive and reigning on the throne  
Our tongues employed with hymns of praise  
Glory be to God alone**

*Matt Boswell; Matt Papa. 2010 Curb Dayspring Music (Admin. by Warner-Tamerlane Publishing Corp.); Love Your Enemies Publishing*



**Verse 1**

**What gift of grace is Jesus my redeemer  
There is no more for heaven now to give  
He is my joy my righteousness and freedom  
My steadfast love my deep and boundless peace**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
For my life is wholly bound to his  
Oh how strange and divine I can sing all is mine  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 2**

**The night is dark but I am not forsaken  
For by my side the Saviour he will stay  
I labour on in weakness and rejoicing  
For in my need his power is displayed**

**To this I hold my Shepherd will defend me  
Through the deepest valley he will lead  
Oh the night has been won and I shall overcome  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Verse 3**

**No fate I dread I know I am forgiven  
The future sure the price it has been paid  
For Jesus bled and suffered for my pardon  
And he was raised to overthrow the grave**

**To this I hold my sin has been defeated  
Jesus now and ever is my plea  
Oh the chains are released I can sing I am free  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**



**Verse 4**

**With every breath I long to follow Jesus  
For he has said that he will bring me home  
And day by day I know he will renew me  
Until I stand with joy before the throne**

**To this I hold my hope is only Jesus  
All the glory evermore to him  
When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

**Ending**

**When the race is complete still my lips shall repeat  
Yet not I but through Christ in me  
Yet not I but through Christ in me**

*Jonny Robinson; Michael Farren; Rich Thompson. 2018 CityAlight Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)); Farren Love And War Publishing (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook)); Integrity's Alleluia! Music (Admin. by Capitol CMG Publishing (Integrity Music, David C Cook))*