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January 16, 2022

MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You



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 love kids at Highlands!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon.

Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

Current Classes: Explorers (0-2)

Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Grade 2)

coming up

- **See the Events Page on our website or app for more info!**
- Monday Night Care Group - 7pm in sanctuary
- Ladies Bible Study - Tuesdays at 9am in sanctuary - see Pam Fehrenbacher for more info.
- Wednesdays: Men's Bible Study - 7am Wednesdays - Sussex Diner
- Ladies Winter Tea - Saturday, January 22nd. Register online today!
- Save the Date: Annual Member Meeting - Sunday, January 23rd
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, February 12th, 8am
- Next Steps Class - Sunday, February 20th, 5pm
- Elder Meetings - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - prayers appreciated!

finances



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| General Offering - Dec 2021 | \$ 33,041.62 |
| Nehemiah Fund | \$ 384,481.43 |
| Designated Gifts - Dec 2021 | \$ 290.70 |
| YTD General Offering thru Dec 2021 | \$ 285,206.85 |
| 2021 Budget | \$ 314,511.00 |

Thank you so much for your generous gifts to the ministry of the church at Highlands, our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. Additionally, you can give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org/Resources/Give

Have you considered giving to the Nehemiah Fund for the next chapter of Highlands? Please select the "Nehemiah Fund" option at online giving or write "Nehemiah Fund" in the check memo line. Questions? info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org or see Chris Deming.

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- In what ways do you think God has failed you? How does that impact your faithfulness?
- How does the truth of the resurrection assure you that God has succeeded? How does Christ's resurrection promote contentment and obedience?
- What are the effects of false teaching? What importance does God's Word and the church have in your life?

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