

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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## CARE GROUPS

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Mondays at 7PM  
**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm  
**HOSTED BY:** Pastor Mike Ruel

**WHERE:** Vernon/565  
**WHEN:** First Friday, Monthly  
**HOSTED BY:** The Baxters  
**CALL:** 201-230-7372

**WHERE:** Branchville/Newton  
**WHEN:** Twice Monthly  
**HOSTED BY:** Paul Fehrenbacher  
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**SUNDAY, MAY 8, 2022**



# OUR PURPOSE

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are delighted that you joined us today! 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

THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO AT HIGHLANDS

**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]

**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]

**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]

**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)

# HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

**MONDAY CARE GROUP:** 7pm in Sanctuary

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays at 9AM and 7PM in Sanctuary

**MENS BIBLE STUDY:** Wednesdays at 7AM- Sussex Diner

**MIDWEEK STUDY:** Wednesdays at 6:30PM - Upstairs in Loffice

**YG BONFIRE:** Friday, May 20th at 6:30pm - See Emily Seely!

**FAMILY CARE GROUP:** May 22 after service - BYO lunch

**MEMBER MEETING:** May 22 5pm - bring dish to share

**ELDER MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

<b>GENERAL OFFERING,</b> April 2022	\$23,797.09
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND,</b> To Date	\$389,425.37
<b>BENEVOLENCE,</b> April 2022	\$571.23
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b> Thru April 2022	\$95,496.11
<b>2022 BUDGET</b>	\$335,511.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org) Have you considered giving to the Nehemiah Fund for the next chapter of Highlands? Please select the "Nehemiah Fund" option online or write "Nehemiah Fund" in the check memo line. Questions? Email us at [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)!

# WORSHIP GUIDE

MAY 8, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 22:1-14. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“If we say we have no sin, we deceive ourselves, and the truth is not in us. If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness. If we say we have not sinned, we make him a liar, and his word is not in us.”  
(1 John 1:8-10 ESV)



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Do you recall where you were when you heard the general call of the gospel for the first time? What did you think of it?
- How is the general call going out today [Sunday]? How is it going out in your life?
- Why was the king's reaction so severe in v7? How does that parallel the judgment of God for rejecting his invitation?
- Why can't we obtain righteousness on our own? What Scriptures support your answer?
- How is the fact that we are chosen an encouragement to our entire outlook on life? What did we do to deserve it?
- How can you cultivate more evangelism to proclaim the King's invitation?
- Next Week's Passage: Matthew 22:15-22



## SING

O Great God | Because He Lives (Amen) | Before the Throne of God  
Above | Wonderful Merciful Savior | His Mercy is More

# SERMON NOTES

MATTHEW 22:1-14 | The King's Invitation

1. Save the Date [22:1-4; Mark 1:15]

**The general call of the Kingdom goes out to all.**

2. Responses and Consequences [22:5-7; Isaiah 59:2; 1 John 1:8-10]

**Rejecting the Kingdom comes with consequences.**

3. Inappropriately Dressed [22:8-14; Philippians 3:9-11]

**Entrance into the Kingdom is only through Christ.**

**Big Idea: Kingdom people are a chosen people.**