

# 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 29, 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:** No meeting tomorrow

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays at 9AM in Sanctuary

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

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

**MENS BREAKFAST:** Saturday, June 4th - Sign Up Today!

**NOAH COLABELLA PREACHING and Q&A:** Sun, June 12th

**NEXT STEPS CLASS:** Sun, June 19th

**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 29, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Our sermon passage today is from Matthew 22:34-46. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Hear, O Israel: The LORD our God, the LORD is one. You shall love the LORD your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your might. And these words that I command you today shall be on your heart.” (Deuteronomy 6:4-6 ESV)



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What does the term legalism mean? What are its dangers in the church today?
- How does loving God relate to loving others? Can you think of any examples from your own life where this has been difficult?
- Look at 1 John 4:19-21 - what is the relation of God's love for us, our love for him, and our love for others?
- Where is God calling you to submit to him as Lord? How can you connect that with loving God with all your heart?
- Next Week's Passage: Matthew 23:1-39



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How Great Thou Art | All I Have is Christ | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery | Behold Our God

# SERMON NOTES

MATTHEW 22:34-46 | The Trap of Legalism

1. Teacher... [22:34-36; Amos 5:21-24; Psalm 51:16-17; Ephesians 2:8-9; 2 Timothy 1:9; Titus 3:5-6]

**Legalism is loveless obedience.**

2. All You Need is Love [22:37-40; Deuteronomy 6:4-6; Leviticus 19:18; 1 John 4:19-21]

**To love others well, we must love God first.**

3. I Have a Question for You [22:41-46; Psalm 110:1]

**Jesus is to be submitted to as Lord.**

**Big Idea: We are called to obey Jesus in love by submitting to Him as Lord.**