

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
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DEFENDING

The Faith

THE APOLOGETICS
OF JESUS, PAUL, AND PETER

JULY 3, 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

PRAYER MEETING: Today at 6pm in Loffice

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP: 6pm at Menzel's house

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays at 9AM in Sanctuary

MENS BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 7AM- Sussex Diner

MIDWEEK STUDY: Wednesdays at 6:30PM - Sanctuary

YOUTH GROUP PICNIC: Sunday, July 10th after service

FAMILY CARE GROUP: Sunday, July 10th after service

BAPTISM SERVICE: Sun, July 31st. See Pastor Mike!

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

GENERAL OFFERING , May 2022	\$27,440.69
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$392,006.89
BENEVOLENCE , May 2022	\$364.00
YTD GENERAL OFFERING Thru May 2022	\$122,936.80
2022 BUDGET	\$335,511.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at 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!

WORSHIP GUIDE

July 3, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The passage today is from 1 Peter 3:15. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, at the Lord's Table, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“And the Lord’s servant must not be quarrelsome but kind to everyone, able to teach, patiently enduring evil, correcting his opponents with gentleness. God may perhaps grant them repentance leading to a knowledge of the truth, and they may come to their senses and escape from the snare of the devil, after being captured by him to do his will.” (2 Timothy 2:24–26 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Exodus 20:1-21



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Where have you suffered persecution for your faith? How have you grown thru it?
- Why is it important to defend the faith with gentleness and respect? (see 2 Tim 2:24-26 and 1 Peter 2:23)
- Have you read the whole Bible? What's stopping you? Start today!
- Which parts of the Biblical worldview do you need to grow in? What steps will you take to do so?
- Next Week's Passage: Summer Psalms Series: Psalm 36



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All Creatures of Our God and King | Jesus, Thank You | The Goodness of Jesus | I Will Wait for You

SERMON NOTES

1 PETER 3:15 | Defending the Faith - Peter

1. Contextualized [1:1-2; 14-15]

Defending the faith involves being persecuted for the faith.

2. Compassionate [v14-15; 2 Timothy 2:24-26; 1 Peter 2:23]

Defending the faith involves responding with gentleness and respect to our opponents.

3. Compelling [v15; Ephesians 4:11-15]

Defending the faith involves knowing the biblical worldview.