

LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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CARE GROUPS

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

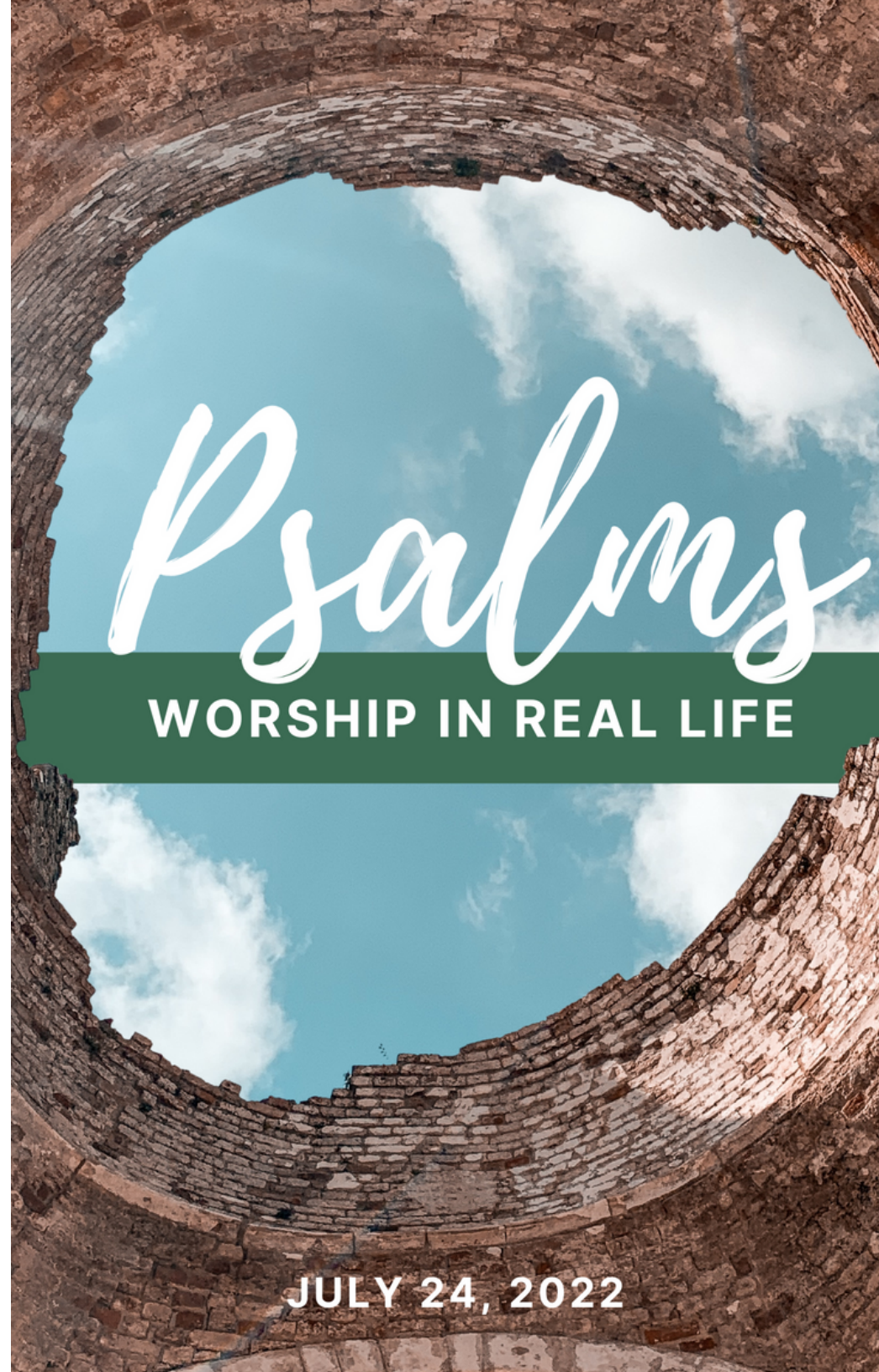
WHERE: Highlands Bible Church
WHEN: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm
HOSTED BY: Pastor Mike Ruel

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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Psalm

WORSHIP IN REAL LIFE

JULY 24, 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

SUNDAY CARE GROUP: Today 4pm in Loffice

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP: 7pm in sanctuary

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays at 9AM in Sanctuary

MENS BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 7AM- Sussex Diner

MIDWEEK STUDY: Wednesdays at 6:30PM - Sanctuary

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

MENS BREAKFAST: Saturday, Sept 10th at Leuzarders

MARRIAGE SEMINAR: Saturday, Sept 17th - Sign up online!

MEMBER MEETING: Sunday, Sept 25th, after service

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

GENERAL OFFERING, June 2022	\$25,454.69
NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date	\$362,292.48
BENEVOLENCE, June 2022	\$573.95
YTD GENERAL OFFERING Thru June 2022	\$148,393.29
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 24, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The passage today is from Psalm 38. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin!”
(Psalm 51:1-2 ESV)

New Testament reading for today: 1 John 3:1-10 (Page 960)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why is sin so powerful? Why is the conviction so strong?
- Read Psalm 32 and Psalm 51 - what is similar and what is different?
- What other physical, emotional, or spiritual consequences can there be for sin?
- Why does sin push our friends away and our enemies closer?
- How can we ultimately trust God with the discipline required for sin? (Hint: Think of his attributes...)
- Next Week's Passage: Summer Psalms Series: Psalm 39



SING

Grace Unmeasured | He Who Is Mighty | Come Behold the Wondrous
Mystery | Prepared a Place for Me |
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer

SERMON NOTES

PSALM 38 | The Effects of Sin

1. The Symptoms of Sin [38:1-10| 51:1-2; 32:3-4]

Unresolved sin affects us spiritually, emotionally, and physically.

2. Friends and Enemies [38:11-20]

Unresolved sin pushes our friends away and our enemies closer.

3. Kiss the Wave [38:21-22]

Big Idea: Only God can resolve the effects of sin.