# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

### **ELDERS**

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### CARE GROUPS

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church WHERE: Highlands Bible Church WHEN: Mondays at 7PM

**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

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

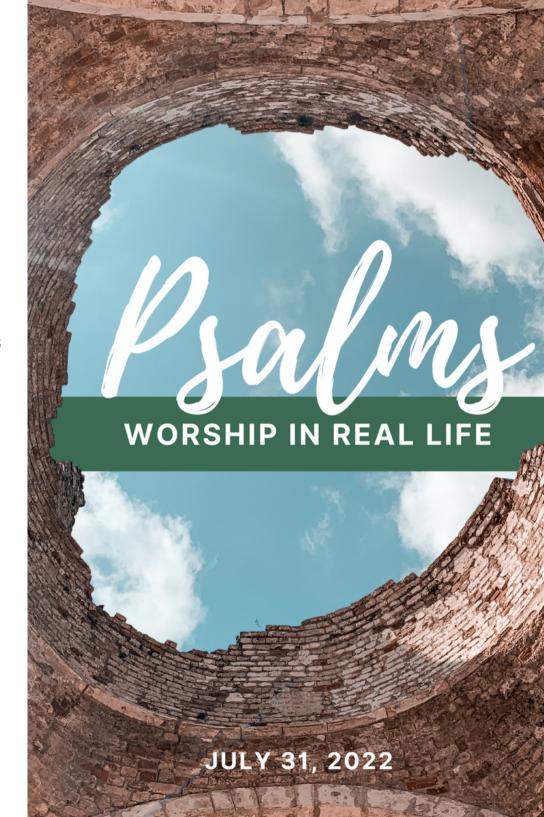
WHERE: Branchville/Newton **WHEN** Twice Monthly

**HOSTED BY:** Paul Fehrenbacher

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## 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

**BAPTISM SERVICE: Today after service at Leuzarder's** 

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP: 7pm in sanctuary

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

MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: Wednesdays at 7AM- Sussex Diner

MIDWEEK STUDY: Wednesdays at 6:30PM - Sanctuary

MEN'S BREAKFAST: Saturday, Sept 10th at Leuzarder's

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

PRAYER MEETING: Next Sunday, August 7th, 6pm in Loffice

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
NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date
BENEVOLENCE, June 2022
YTD GENERAL OFFERING Thru June 2022

YTD GENERAL OFFERING Thru June 2022 2022 BUDGET

\$25,454.69

\$362,292.48 \$573.95

\$148,393.29

\$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 31, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** The passage today is from Psalm 39. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



#### COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

"Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit." (Psalm 51:10–12 ESV)

New Testament reading for today: Hebrews 12:3-14 (Page 948)



#### CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why are words so powerful? [See Luke 6:45]
- Do you find yourself complaining more or praying more? Why?
- Review the prayer requests of David in verses 4-13. Which one(s) resonate most with you and why? Where do you need growth?
- How can you cultivate a more robust prayer life?
- Next Week's Passage: Summer Psalms Series: Psalm 40



#### SING

O Worship the Risen Christ | The Wonderful Cross | Only a Holy God | He Will Hold Me Fast | All I Have is Christ

# SERMON NOTES

PSALM 39 | Watch Your Mouth

1. Who is Listening? [39:1-3; Luke 6:45; Proverbs 18:7; Ephesians 4:29]

Our words reveal our hearts to those around us.

2. Prayer Volcano [39:4-13; Psalm 51:10-12]

Show me how short life is

Forgive me of my sin

Remove the pain

Listen to me

Restore my joy

Big Idea: Call on your Father, instead of complaining to others.