

LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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CARE GROUPS

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

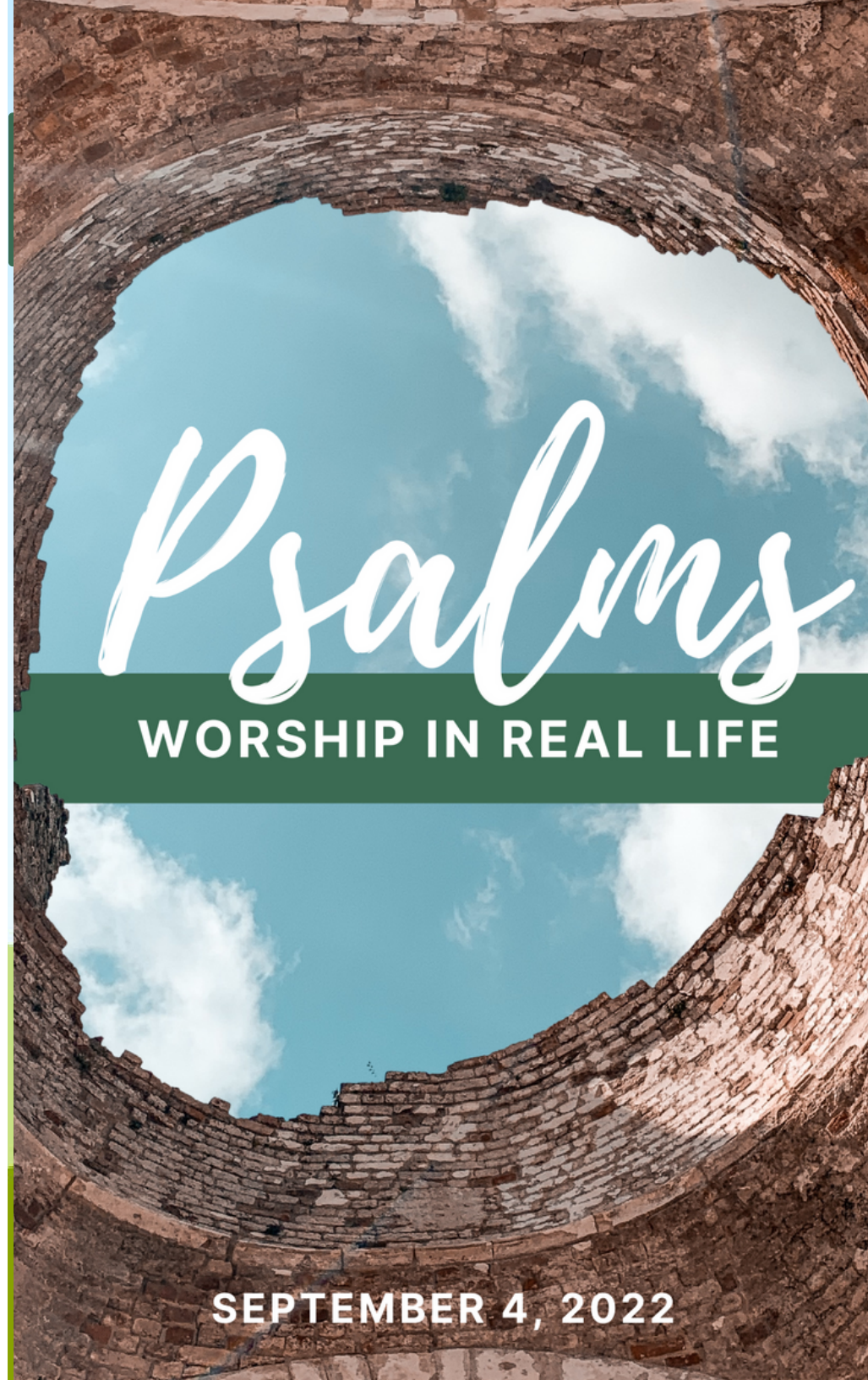
WHERE: Highlands Bible Church
WHEN: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm
HOSTED BY: Pastor Mike Ruel

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

SEPTEMBER 4, 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 - Tonight, 6pm in Loffice

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP: No meeting this week

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

YOUTH GROUP: Sunday, Sept 11th 4pm downstairs

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

MOM'S GROUP: Friday, Sept 23rd, 9am-11am downstairs.

MEMBER MEETING: Sunday, Sept 25th, after service

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

GENERAL OFFERING, Aug 2022	\$24,113.72
NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date	\$365,198.36
BENEVOLENCE, Aug 2022	\$476.33
YTD GENERAL OFFERING Thru Aug 2022	\$197,559.58
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

September 4, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The passage today is from Psalm 44.
As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, in the Lord's Supper, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“One generation shall commend your works to another, and shall declare your mighty acts. On the glorious splendor of your majesty, and on your wondrous works, I will meditate. They shall speak of the might of your awesome deeds, and I will declare your greatness. They shall pour forth the fame of your abundant goodness and shall sing aloud of your righteousness.” (Psalm 145:4–7 ESV)

New Testament reading for today: Romans 8:31-39



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How often do you remember God's faithfulness from the past?
- How often do we tell of God's faithfulness to others? [Psalm 145:4-7]
- How do we reconcile God's past faithfulness when it seems he is distant in the present? [Joshua 1:5/Hebrews 13:5]
- Review Romans 8:31-39. What is the ultimate way God has shown his faithfulness?
- Next week's passage Matthew 24 - Part 1.



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O Great God | The Goodness of Jesus |
O Fount of Love | All I Have is Christ

SERMON NOTES

Psalm 44 | When God Isn't Making Sense

1. Telling Stories. [44:1-8; 75:1; 145:4-7]

Remember: God has been faithful in the past.

2. God's faithlessness in the present? [44:9-22; Joshua 1:5; Hebrews 13:5]

God's faithfulness is not dependent on us.

3. Crying Out to God from the Dirt [44:23-26]

Big Idea: Remembering God's faithfulness in the past strengthens our faith in the present.