

# 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, SEPTEMBER 11, 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

**YOUTH GROUP - Today, 4pm downstairs**

**CARE GROUP - Today, 4pm in the Loffice**

**MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP:** 7pm in Sanctuary

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

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

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

**LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Tuesdays, 7pm, starting Sept 20th

**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

<b>GENERAL OFFERING,</b> Aug 2022	\$24,113.72
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND,</b> To Date	\$365,987.77
<b>BENEVOLENCE,</b> Aug 2022	\$476.33
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b> Thru Aug 2022	\$197,559.58
<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

September 11, 2022

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** The passage today is from Matthew 24:1-35. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“But Jesus remained silent. And the high priest said to him, “I adjure you by the living God, tell us if you are the Christ, the Son of God.” Jesus said to him, “You have said so. But I tell you, from now on you will see the Son of Man seated at the right hand of Power and coming on the clouds of heaven.”

(Matthew 26:63–64 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Deuteronomy 4:1-14



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is it about adversity that causes us to panic, lose faith, or become complacent?
- What can we do to prevent this?
- What is the real danger of false theology? (See 1 Timothy 4:1-3)
- How can we better protect ourselves against false theology?
- What can we do to prepare now to trust Jesus to the very end? (Hint: see Hebrews 10:23-25)
- Next week's passage Matthew 24 - Part 2.



## SING

Because He Live (Amen) | The Lord is My Salvation |  
God With Us | Only a Holy God | I Will Wait for You (Psalm 130)

# SERMON NOTES

Matthew 24:1-35 | End Times, Part 1

### 1. Labor Pains [24:1-14]

In the midst of adversity, don't be deceived into being complacent.

### 2. Corpses and Vultures [24:15-28; Daniel 9:27-28; Luke 21:20]

In the midst of adversity, don't be deceived into believing false theology.

### 3. Truly I Say to You [24:29-35; 16:27-28]

Big Idea: Prepare now to trust Jesus to the very end.