

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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MATTHEW

Truly I Say To You

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 18, 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

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP: 7pm in Sanctuary

LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays at 9AM in Sanctuary

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

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

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

SUNDAY CARE GROUP: Sunday, Sept 25th, 4pm

MEMBER MEETING: Sunday, Sept 25th, after service

FALL WORK DAY: Saturday, October 1st, 8am-12pm

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	\$365,987.77
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 18, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The passage today is from Matthew 24:36-25:13. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For the time is coming when people will not endure sound teaching, but having itching ears they will accumulate for themselves teachers to suit their own passions, and will turn away from listening to the truth and wander off into myths. As for you, always be sober-minded, endure suffering, do the work of an evangelist, fulfill your ministry.”
(2 Timothy 4:1-5 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Daniel 7:9-14



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How often do you think about the return of Jesus? If often, why or why not?
- Think of the dependence of Jesus on the Father. How does that encourage us to do the same? [See Matthew 26:36-42]
- Are you "ready to go" when Jesus comes? Why or why not?
- Think of the severity of judgement in v45-51 - how is that a warning for us and an encouragement?
- How can you prepare now for the return of Jesus?
- Next week's passage Matthew 25:14-30



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O Worship the Risen Christ | The Wonderful Cross |
He Who is Mighty | Prepared a Place for Me |
Yet Not I But Christ Through Me

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 24:36-25:13 | End Times, Part 2

1. No One Knows [24:36-44]

Since Jesus will return unexpectedly, we must remain always ready.

2. Faithful and Wise Servants [24:45-51; 1 Timothy 4:1-5]

Jesus will severely judge a lack of faithfulness.

3. Brides and Lamps [25:1-13; Matthew 7:21-23]

When Jesus returns it will be too late to repent and believe.

Big Idea: Prepare now for the return of Jesus.