

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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SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 25, 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

MEMBER MEETING: Today - Immediately after service

SUNDAY CARE GROUP - 4pm today in Loffice

YOUTH GROUP - Tuesday, Sept 27th at 6:30pm downstairs

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

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

MOM'S GROUP: Friday, Oct 7th & 21st, 9am-11am downstairs

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 25, 2022

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! The passage today is from Matthew 25:14-30. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“And God blessed them. And God said to them, “Be fruitful and multiply and fill the earth and subdue it, and have dominion over the fish of the sea and over the birds of the heavens and over every living thing that moves on the earth.”

(Genesis 1:28 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Psalm 19



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think of the famous Parable of the Talents - what are/were your preconceptions of the point and how it relates to us today?
- Do you think it is "fair" that God ordains situations according to his perfect wisdom? Why or why not?
- Read the Creation Mandate passage [Genesis 1:26-28] how are you fulfilling this in your life? Where can you grow?
- What gifts/talents/abilities can you leverage more effectively and put them to work for God's kingdom?
- How does the grace of God in Jesus help us in our mission?
- Next week's passage Matthew 25:31-46



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And Can It Be | Only a Holy God | God With Us |
Jesus Thank You | His Mercy is More

SERMON NOTES

Matthew 25:14-30 | Parable of the Talents

1. Masters, Servants, and Talents [25:14-18; Genesis 1:26-27]

God ordains our situations according to his perfect wisdom.

2. Performance Appraisal [25:19-28; Genesis 1:28]

God expects us to multiply what he has given us for his glory.

3. Final Judgment [25:29-30; 1 Corinthians 3:12-15]

God will judge us for our achievements.

Big Idea: What God has given us, we put to work for his kingdom.