

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

Mike Ruel, **PASTOR**  
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Kerry Westpy, **FELLOWSHIP**  
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Ron Vreeland, **WORSHIP**  
Chris Deming, **FINANCE**  
David Baxter, **BUILDING & GROUNDS**  
Ray Westpy, **TECHNOLOGY**

## CARE GROUPS

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

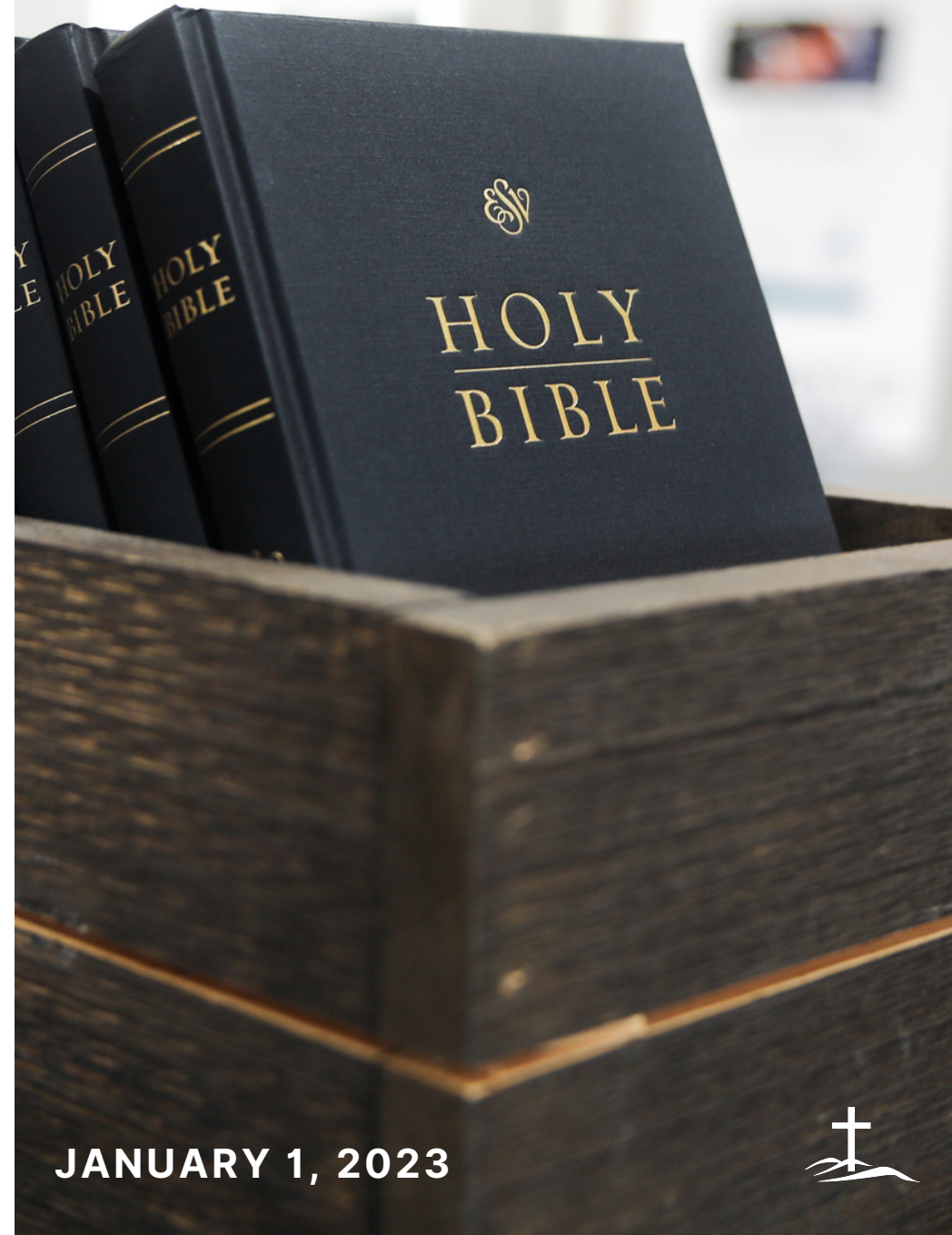
**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm  
**HOSTED BY:** Pastor Mike Ruel

**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  
**CALL:** 973-948-5909

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Varies  
**HOSTED BY:** Brad & Taylor Wilson  
**CALL:** 973-600-0826 [Brad]  
Family Friendly Group!

# 2 TIMOTHY 3:15-17



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JANUARY 1, 2023



# 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-Kindergarten) and Navigators (1st-3rd grade).

# HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE

**PRAYER MEETING: 6pm TONIGHT in the Loffice**

**MONDAY CARE GROUP:** 7pm in the Sanctuary.

**TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** Resumes January 3rd with James!

**GREETER TEAM MEETING:** Sunday, January 15th after service.

**MIDWEEK STUDY:** Resumes Wednesday, January 18th @ 6:30pm

**JANUARY MEMBER MEETING & DINNER:** Sunday, January 22nd 5pm

**LADIES WINTER GATHERING:** Saturday, January 28th. Register online!

**NEXT STEPS CLASS:** Sunday, February 19th @ 5pm

**ELDER MEETINGS:** 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Nov 2022</b>	\$22,157.36
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$370,377.74
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$18,176.24
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$2,286.70
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$279,664.37
<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 making a year end gift to our new Christian Education Assistance (CEAF) fund?  
Questions? Email us at [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)!

# WORSHIP GUIDE

January 1, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP and HAPPY NEW YEAR!** The passage today is from 2 Timothy 3:15-17. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



## COMPLIMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“...knowing this first of all, that no prophecy of Scripture comes from someone’s own interpretation. For no prophecy was ever produced by the will of man, but men spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.” (2 Peter 1:20–21 ESV)

Old Testament reading for today: Psalm 119:1-16 (Page 480)



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What do you think most Americans think of the Bible? Why?
- Look at 2 Corinthians 5:17 - how does the good news of the gospel create new life? Why is this better than self-improvement?
- How does the inspiration of Scripture help us in our faith?
- Where is there a need for spiritual confidence in the church? How about in your own life?
- Will you commit to reading the Bible regularly in 2023? How?
- Next week's passage is Song of Solomon 2:8-17



## SING

Grace Unmeasured | Before the Throne of God Above |  
Yet Not I But Christ Through Me | Great is Thy Faithfulness |  
The Goodness of Jesus

# SERMON NOTES

2 Timothy 3:15-17 | The Critical Importance of Scripture

1. Raise them Right [v15; Genesis 3; 49:10; Psalm 110; 2 Peter 3:14-16; 2 Corinthians 5:17]

Scripture points the way to new spiritual life.

2. Breathed Out by God [v16; Genesis 3:7; 2 Peter 1:20-21]

Scripture is essential for creating spiritual growth.

3. A Time for Confidence [v17; 2 Peter 1:3]

Scripture equips us with spiritual confidence.

Big Idea: Scripture is critical for a Christian, because you can't be one without it.