

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

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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

NEXT STEPS CLASS: 5pm TODAY IN THE LOFFICE

CARE GROUP: Mondays, 7pm in Sanctuary

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am Tuesdays - Childcare

SPRING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays @ 7pm

WEDNESDAY MEN'S BIBLE STUDY: 7am @ Sussex Sit n Chat

MIDWEEK STUDY: 6:30pm Wednesday in Loffice

YOUTH DIRECTOR CANDIDATE WEEKEND - April 21-23rd. See our "Who is Aaron Delbury?" page on our website under "Resources"

YOUTH GROUP (5th-12th grades) - Saturday, April 21st, 6pm

MARKET ST MISSION SERVICE OPP: Sunday, April 30th -Sign-up!

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

GENERAL OFFERING , March 20023	\$27,554.61
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$375,831.58
BENEVOLENCE , To Date	\$17,077.13
CEAF , To Date	\$5,751.00
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$75,443.62
2023 BUDGET	\$350,670.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org

Questions? Email us at info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org!

WORSHIP GUIDE

April 16, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is **Romans 1:18-25**. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Hebrews 12:28-29 (Page 948)
- Old Testament Reading: Psalm 50:1-6 (Page 443)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 1:18-25 (Page 883)
- Benediction: Romans 15:13 (Page 893)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When you think about God's wrath, what comes to mind? Why do you suppose people don't talk about it often?
- Think about a time when you did not believe in God. What was preventing you? What objections did you have?
- Make a plan to get outside more into God's creation. How could you make that worshipful?
- Read Jeremiah 2:12-13. What other things/idols do people exchange for the true worship of God?
- Read Romans 2:1-5. What is this passage saying about hypocritically judging others? How can we change?
- Next Week: Romans 1:26-32



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O Worship the Risen Christ | Before the Throne of God Above | O Fount of Love | The Goodness of Jesus | Great is Thy Faithfulness

SERMON NOTES

Romans 1:18-25 | Exchanging Truth for a Lie

1. No Excuse [1:18-20; Psalm 19:1-4]

God's wrath exists because we have sinfully disregarded his obvious existence.

2. The Wise Becoming Fools [1:21-23; Psalm 14:1]

God's wrath is seen in the consequences of disregarding him.

3. Giving Them Up [1:24-25; Ephesians 4:19; Romans 2:2-5; Jeremiah 2:12-13]

God's wrath is seen in God's discipline.

Big Idea: Rejecting the truth of God leads to the wrath of God.