

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

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

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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APRIL 30, 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.

# CONNECT WITH US!



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please scan the QR code above to fill out a Connect Card and keep up to date on all our news and events.

# 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



**FAMILY CARE GROUP: TODAY after service - downstairs**

**MARKET ST MISSION SERVICE OPP: TODAY@ 4:15pm. Sign-up! at**

**Welcome Table or see Laurie Rivera**

**MONDAY 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:** Resumes May 17th 6:30pm

**PRAYER MEETING:** Next Sunday, 6pm in Loffice

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



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

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)

Questions? Email us at [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)!

# WORSHIP GUIDE

April 30, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is Romans 2:1-11. 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: Isaiah 57:15 (Page 578)
- Old Testament Reading: Psalm 1 (Page 418)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 2:1-11 (Page 883)
- Benediction: Ephesians 3:20-21 (Page 918)



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Does the word "judgment" have a negative or positive connotation? Why/why not?
- Can someone think of or share a time where they have been judged hypocritally or unfairly? How did it work out?
- Look at Matthew 7:1-5. How to we judge each other in the way that Jesus calls us to? (See also Matthew 18:15-20)
- How does Luke 12:48 apply to us as Christians?
- Read 2 Peter 3:1-7. How can we practically balance the reality of the timing of Jesus' return and our good works in this life?
- Next Week: Romans 2:12-29



## SING

Holy, Holy, Holy | Grace Unmeasured | He Will Hold Me Fast |  
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | All I Have is Christ

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 2:1-11 | Impartial Judgment

1. Thou Shall Not Judge [2:1-3; Matthew 7:1-5; John 7:24; 1 Corinthians 5:9-13]

We are to judge with humility, not hypocrisy.

2. False Presumptions [2:4-5; 14:10; 2 Corinthians 5:10]

God will judge everyone inevitably.

3. Perfect Rendering [2:6-11; Luke 12:48; 2 Peter 2:20-21]

God will judge everyone accordingly.

Big Idea: We persevere faithfully. God judges perfectly.