

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

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Ron Vreeland, **WORSHIP**  
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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MAY 7, 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 worshiping 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



**PRAYER MEETING - Tonight @6pm in the Loffice**

**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

**SPRING WORKDAY:** Next Saturday, May 13th 8am-11am

**SUNDAY CARE GROUP:** Canceled next week for Mother's Day

**MEMBER MEETING:** Sunday, May 21st after service

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING,</b> April 2023	\$28,927.70
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND,</b> To Date	\$377,539.03
<b>BENEVOLENCE,</b> To Date	\$19,855.48
<b>CEAF,</b> To Date	\$6,115.00
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$104,371.32
<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

May 7, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Romans 2:12-29**. 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: Psalm 96:1-4 (Page 467)
- Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 10:12-22 (Page 145)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 2:12-29 (Page 884)
- Benediction: Romans 11:33-36 (Page 891)



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- When you think about the word "sin" what comes to mind? Do you think the average American thinks it is a big deal?
- Review James 1:22-25 - what is this passage telling us? How does that relate to Romans 3:12-16?
- What does a Christian life that matches the calling of a Christian look like?
- Can someone share a testimony of how justification by faith in Jesus has brought a true transformation of life?
- What is the role of the church in the goal of holiness in light of God's judgement and reward? (see Galatians 6:1-2)
- Next Week: Romans 3:1-8



## SING

All Creatures of Our God and King | How Firm a Foundation | Jesus, Thank You | Prepared a Place for Me | The Goodness of Jesus

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 2:12-29 | God's Judgment and the Law

1. Sin, the Law, and Justification [2:12-16; James 1:22-25]

We will be judged for our obedience, not merely our status.

2. Practice What You Preach [2:17-24; Isaiah 52:1-6; Ephesians 4:1; Colossians 1:10; 1 Thessalonians 2:12 ]

We must strive to have lives that live up to our calling.

3. Covenant Faithfulness [2:25-29; Galatians 6:15]

We are honor God with our authenticity.

Big Idea: True justification brings true transformation.