

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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MAY 28, 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). Infant nursery care is available for the full service, see Check-In Team!

HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE



FAMILY CARE GROUP - Today after service - downstairs

SUNDAY CARE GROUP - 4pm today in Loffice

MARKET ST MISSION SERVICE OPP - 5:15pm today - sign up!

MONDAY CARE GROUP: Mondays, 7pm in Sanctuary

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am Tuesdays - Childcare

SPRING LADIES BIBLE STUDY: Tuesdays @ 7pm - Last week!

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

MIDWEEK STUDY: Wednesdays @ 6:30pm

COFFEE & CONVERSATIONS: Friday, June 2nd 9-11am at church

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



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

May 28, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is Romans 3:21-31. 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: Philippians 2:5-11 (Page 922)
- Old Testament Reading: Psalm 32 (Page 432)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 3:21-31 (Page 885)
- Benediction: John 15:4-5 (Page 848)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What does the word "justification" mean to the average person?
- Do you think the average person senses their need to be justified before a holy God? Why or why not?
- Read Ephesians 2:8-10. What stands out to you in relation to our passage today in Romans 3:21-31?
- Justification by faith should have dramatic effects on our identity, destiny, and eternity. Which resonates most with you and why?
- What is the practical significance of the truth that God's glory and our good are never in conflict? [See Romans 8:28-30, others?]
- Which do you think is a more prevalent modern-day reaction to God's Law: legalism or antinomianism? Why?
- Next Week: Romans 4:1-12



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O Worship the Risen Christ | How Deep the Father's Love for Us |
Prepared a Place for Me | Holy, Holy, Holy | Death Was Arrested

SERMON NOTES

Romans 3:21-31 | The Just and the Justifier

1. How to Be Justified [3:21-24; Ephesians 2:8-9; Romans 8:32]

Justification by faith is a gift from our abundantly gracious God.

2. Propitiation [3:25-26; Hebrews 10:4]

Justification by faith is provided by our perfectly just God.

3. But What About the Law? [3:27-31]

Justification by faith is the foundation for obeying the Law.