

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**  
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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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JUNE 4, 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



**TODAY 6PM - Prayer Meeting in sanctuary**

**MONDAY CARE GROUP:** Mondays, 7pm in Sanctuary

**TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** 9am Tuesdays - Childcare

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

**MIDWEEK STUDY:** Wednesdays @ 6:30pm - Last week!

**MEN'S BREAKFAST:** Saturday, June 10th - 8am at Leuzarders. Sign up at Welcome Table!

**YOUTH GROUP:** 5th-12th grades - 1st Fri and 3rd Monday starting Monday June 19th. See Jenna or Emily with questions.

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , May 2023	\$21,746.09
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$378,733.57
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$20,118.84
<b>CEAF</b> , To Date	\$6,479.00
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$126,117.41
<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

June 4, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Romans 4:1-12** 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 63:1-4 (Page 449)
- Old Testament Reading: Genesis 15:1-4 (Page 10)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 4:1-12 (Page 885)
- Benediction: Numbers 6:24-26 (Page 107)



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why might we think that the God of the OT and of the NT are different?
- How is it encouraging to you personally that God is unchanging?
- What can we do to impress the truths of the gospel onto our hearts more deeply? (We mentioned a few ways, what others?)
- How does the truth that all who come to God by faith in Jesus will be justified help us in our evangelism and defense of the faith?
- In what ways might people today be tempted to trust in for justification other than faith in Jesus?
- Next Week: Romans 4:13-25



## SING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) | O Great God |  
Great is Thy Faithfulness | His Mercy is More

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 4:1-12 | Faith is What Counts

1. Father Abraham [4:1-3; Genesis 12:1-4; 15:1-6; Galatians 3:8; Numbers 23:19]

Justification by faith has always been the plan.

2. King David [4:4-8; Hebrews 11:1; Psalm 32:1-2; Romans 5:6-8]

Justification by faith forgives the unforgivable.

3. Chronological Evidence [4:9-12; Acts 2:21]

Justification by faith justifies all who come to God by faith.

Big Idea: Faith is the only thing that counts for justification.