

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

## HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE



### HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

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

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

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

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

**NEXT STEPS CLASS:** Thursday, June 22nd, 6pm. Sign up at the Welcome Table!

**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 18, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is Romans 5:1-5. 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: 2 Timothy 1:1-10 (Page 935)
- Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 31:31-34 (Page 618)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 5:1-5 (Page 886)
- Benediction: 2 Corinthians 13:14 (Page 912)



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Think about the word "peace" - how would the average American define it?
- Look at Ephesians 3:11-12. What blessings do Christians have through being united with Christ in grace? (Hint: See Ephesians 1)
- What is the saying "Everything happens for a reason" trying to convey? How is the Christian worldview different?
- Look at 1 Peter 1:6-9. What can we learn about suffering here as it relates to Romans 5:3-5? How about James 1:2-4?
- As a Christian, how can you cultivate a more solid hope in your life today?
- Next Week: Romans 5:6-11



## SING

By Faith | Hallelujah What a Savior! |  
He Will Hold Me Fast | Amazing Grace | Wonderful, Merciful Savior

# SERMON NOTES

Romans 5:1-5 | The Benefits of Justification By Faith

1. Therefore... [5:1; John 14:27; Matthew 5:9]

Because we have been justified by faith we can experience true peace

2. Access [5:2; Isaiah 59:2; Ephesians 3:11-12]

Because we have been justified by faith we can know true grace.

3. Suffering [5:3-5; 1 Peter 1:6-9]

Because we have been justified by faith we can see God's design in suffering.

Big Idea: Only Christians can rejoice in true hope.