

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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JULY 2, 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: Canceled this week!

WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Sussex Sit n Chat

WED NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - starts this week - 7:30pm!

YOUTH GROUP: Friday, July 7th - See Jenna or Emily

MEMBER MEETING: Sunday, July 16th after service

BAPTISM SERVICE - Sunday, July 30th after service - See Pastor Mike if interested.

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



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

July 2, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is **Romans 5:12-21**. 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 95:1-7 (Page 467)
- Old Testament Reading: 1 Chronicles 16:23-34 (Page 323)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 5:12-21 (Page 886)
- Benediction: Hebrews 13:20-21 (Page 949)



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Review Genesis 3:1-13. What stands out from the account of the Fall?
- What do think the common understanding of Original Sin is? How is that offensive to modern-day philosophies?
- Review James 1:13-15. How specifically does sin work?
- What other blessings come with being "In Christ?"
- How can you practically reign over sin in your life?
- Recall the four ways suggested that the Law increases the offense of sin (temptation, legalism, conviction, severity). Which resonates the most with you and why?
- What areas of your life need the application of the superabundant grace of God in Christ?
- Next Week: Romans 6:1-14



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Because He Lives (Amen) | O Great God |
O Fount of Love | Doxology

SERMON NOTES

Romans 5:12-21 | One Man's Effect

1. Original Sin [5:12-14; Genesis 3:1-13; Revelation 21:4; James 1:13-15]

Sin has always produced death.

2. How Much More... [5:15-17; 3:21-24; 1 Corinthians 15:21-22; John 11:25; Romans 8:13]

God's gift in Jesus can bring us life.

3. The Law vs Super-abounding Grace [5:18-21; 3:20]

Big Idea: Sin brought death, grace brings life.