

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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AUGUST 20, 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



MONDAY 7PM - Care Group in Sanctuary

MONDAY 7PM - Youth Group Pizza/Pool Party @Leuzarders

TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY: 9am at church childcare avail

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

WED NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY -7:30pm in Loffice

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday, Sept 10th after service

See the website or the app for all upcoming events.

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING , July 2023	\$28,706.84
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$380,619.55
BENEVOLENCE , To Date	\$20,785.55
CEAF , To Date	\$7,178.30
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$177,882.71
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

August 20, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is Romans 8:12-25. 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: Isaiah 55:6-9
- Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 4:32-40 (Page 140)
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 8:12-25 (Page 888)
- Benediction: 1 Timothy 6:13-18



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Explain in your own words what it means to "put sin to death."
- According to this passage, what does it mean to be "led by the Spirit?"
- How is the doctrine of adoption encouraging to us?
- As far as assurance - do you tend to rely more on fact/evidence or feelings? How can cultivate more of the side that you lack?
- What are you looking forward to the most about the new heaven and new earth? How can you live more in that hope today?
- Next Week: 1 John 2:1-6



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How Firm a Foundation | Hallelujah! What a Savior | Only a Holy God |
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery | Prepared a Place for Me

SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:12-25 | Assurance, Part 2

Big Idea: The Holy Spirit assures us that we are adopted into God's family.

1. Be Killing Sin... [8:12-14; Ephesians 4:20-24]

The Holy Spirit empowers us to kill sin and truly live as God's children.

2. "Abba, Father" [8:15-16; John 1:12; 2 Corinthians 1:21-22]

The Holy Spirit allows us to call God our Father.

3. From Groans to Glory [8:17-25; 2 Corinthians 5:4-5]

The Holy Spirit confirms the hope of our future inheritance.