

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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SEPTEMBER 3, 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 after service - Family Care Group downstairs

TONIGHT 6PM - Prayer Meeting

MONDAY 7PM - Care Group in Sanctuary

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

CHURCH PICNIC: Sunday, Sept 10th after service

MEN'S BREAKFAST - Sat, Sept 16th - Sign up @ Welcome Table

See the website or the app for all upcoming events.

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

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

September 3, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is **Romans 8:26-30**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 66:1-4
- Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 4:27-36 (Page 78)
- Sermon Passage Reading: : Romans 8:26-30 (Page 888)
- Benediction: Romans 8:35-39



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is your attitude towards prayer? Do you think God answers your requests? Did anything change in that understanding as a result of Romans 8:26-27?
- Has Romans 8:28 every been instrumental in your life? How?
- Read Ephesians 1:3-4. What encouragement can be found here in light of these truths?
- Define the word sovereignty. How is that difficult for us and how is it an encouragement?
- Which one of the summary application questions applies to you: (1) Are you a Christian? or (2) If you are a Christian - do you have this perspective on your life and on God's sovereignty?
- Next Week's Passage: Romans 8:31-39



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O Worship the Risen Christ | He Who is Mighty | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | Before the Throne of God Above

SERMON NOTES

Romans 8:26-30 | Assurance, Part 3

1. Spiritual Groanings [8:26-27; 2 Corinthians 12:7-10]

Through the Spirit, believers can be confident that our prayers are aligned with God's will.

2. All Things for Good? [8:28; Ephesians 1:3-5]

Believers can be certain that God is working all situations for our good.

3. Unbreakable Chain of Salvation. [8:29-30; Philippians 1:6]

Believers can be sure that God will complete the work he started.

Big Idea: God's sovereignty is our ultimate assurance.