

# 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!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

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unlearned and unstable wrest, as they do also the other scriptures, unto their own destruction.  
17 Ye therefore, beloved, <sup>b</sup> seeing ye know *these things* before, <sup>c</sup> beware lest ye also, being led away with the error

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<sup>a</sup> Eph. 4. 15.  
<sup>1</sup> Pet. 2. 2.  
<sup>b</sup> Mark 13. 23.  
<sup>c</sup> Eph. 4. 14.  
<sup>d</sup> 2Tim. 4. 18.  
Rev. 1. 6.

# THE FIRST EPISTLE OF JOHN.

## CHAPTER 1.

<sup>1</sup> The person of Christ described, in whom we have eternal life.

# 1 JOHN

**T**HAT which we have seen and heard which we have touched with our hands of life;

<sup>2</sup> (For <sup>k</sup> the life <sup>l</sup> was manifested, and we have seen *it*, <sup>m</sup> and bear witness, <sup>o</sup> and shew unto you that eternal life, <sup>p</sup> which was with the Father, and was manifested unto us;)

<sup>3</sup> That which we have seen and heard declare we unto you, that ye also may have fellowship with us: and truly <sup>u</sup> our fellowship is with the Father, and with his Son Jesus Christ.

<sup>4</sup> And these things write we unto you, <sup>y</sup> that your joy may be full.

<sup>5</sup> This then is the message which we have heard of him, and declare unto you, that <sup>b</sup> God is light, and in him is no darkness at all.

<sup>6</sup> If we say that we have fellowship with him, and walk in darkness, we lie, and do not the truth:

<sup>7</sup> But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship one with another, and <sup>h</sup> the blood of Jesus Christ his Son cleanseth us from all sin.

<sup>8</sup> If we say that we do not deceive ourselves, <sup>m</sup> and the truth is not in us

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<sup>f</sup> ch. 1. 8.  
<sup>g</sup> Luke 24. 39.  
<sup>h</sup> John 20. 27.  
<sup>i</sup> John 14. 21, 23.  
<sup>j</sup> ch. 4. 12.  
<sup>k</sup> John 1. 4. & 14. 6.  
<sup>l</sup> Rom. 16. 26.  
<sup>m</sup> 1 Tim. 3. 16.  
<sup>n</sup> John 21. 24.  
<sup>o</sup> Acts 2. 32.  
<sup>p</sup> ch. 4. 13.  
<sup>q</sup> ch. 5. 20.  
<sup>r</sup> John 1. 1, 2.  
<sup>s</sup> John 15. 4.  
<sup>t</sup> Mat. 11. 29.  
<sup>u</sup> 1 Pet. 2. 21.  
<sup>v</sup> Acts 4. 20.  
<sup>w</sup> John 5.  
<sup>x</sup> John 17. 21.  
<sup>y</sup> 1 Cor. 1. 9.  
<sup>z</sup> ch. 3. 11.  
<sup>1</sup> John 5.  
<sup>2</sup> John 15. 11.  
<sup>3</sup> John 12.  
<sup>4</sup> ch. 3. 11.  
<sup>5</sup> John 13. 34. & 15. 12.  
<sup>6</sup> John 1. 9. & 8. 12.  
<sup>7</sup> Rom. 13. 12.  
<sup>8</sup> Eph. 5. 8.  
<sup>9</sup> 1 Thes. 5. 5.

**OCTOBER 8, 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

**TUESDAY LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** 9am at church childcare avail

**TUESDAY NIGHT LADIES BIBLE STUDY:** 7pm at church

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

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

**MOM'S BIBLE STUDY** - Fri, Oct 20th @ Kim Bennetts

**PARENTING SEMINAR** - Sat, Oct 21st - Register online today!

**NEXT STEPS CLASS** - Sat, Oct 22nd - 5pm w/dinner. Sign up at Welcome Table!

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

# FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , August 2023	\$21,360.26
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$382,368.54
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$20,998.91
<b>CEAF</b> , To Date	\$7,833.30
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$199,242.67
<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

October 8, 2023

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **1 John 2:7-14**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 133:1-3
- Old Testament Reading: Leviticus 19:9-18
- Sermon Passage Reading: 1 John 2:7-14
- Benediction: Romans 12:9-14



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What was your attitude towards other people (the rich, the poor, the sick, the unsightly, the different from you) before you were saved?
- How has your attitude now, been made new in Christ?
- Is it possible to have agape love without Christ? Why or why not?
- Why is it so hard for us to practice agape love?
- What are the four actions of agape love?
- How does agape love advance the Gospel of the Kingdom?
- Next Week's Passage: Romans 10:14-21



## SING

# SERMON NOTES

1 John 2:7-14 | The Love Commandment

1. The Old Has Become New [2:7-8]

In Christ all things become new!

2. The Second Test of Faith [2:10a]

If you love God, then you will love His people.

3. The Application of John's Second Test.

Agape bears all things

Agape believes all things

Agape hopes all things

Agape endures all things

4. No Cause for Stumbling! [2:10b]

Walking in the light makes the path safe for you and your brother.

5. John's Warning and His Encouragement [2:11-14]

Big Idea: By this we may know that we are in him: Whoever says he loves God will love the brethren in the same way.