

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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NOVEMBER 19, 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 - MEMBER MEETING AFTER SERVICE!

OCC SHOEBOXES - Due back TODAY!

MONDAY 7PM - Care Group in the 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 - No study this week!

THANKSGIVING EVE SERVICE - this Wed @ 6:30pm

MEMBER MEETING - Sunday, Nov 19th after service

PRAYER MEETING - Sunday, Dec 3rd, 6pm in Loffice

ELDER MEETINGS: 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers Appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING , Oct 2023	\$25,533.63
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$401,243.10
BENEVOLENCE , To Date	\$21,125.78
CEAF , To Date	\$1,238.37
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$254,764.39
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

November 19, 2023

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is **Romans 12:9-21**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 5:7-8
- Old Testament Reading: Deuteronomy 32:1-9
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 12:9-21
- Benediction: Philippians 2:5-11



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why do most people think the Bible is merely a book of commands? How can we help counter this false notion?
- In the first section (12:9-13) where are you encouraged and where do you need more growth?
- Where are you being tempted to give into the false worldview around us and how can you still love humbly and stay true?
- Review Philippians 2:1-10. What jumps out at you and why?
- Where is God calling you to “overcome evil with good” today?
- Next Week’s Passage: Romans 12:9-21



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Jesus, Thank You | All I Have is Christ |
Before the Throne of God Above |
The Goodness of Jesus | His Mercy is More

SERMON NOTES

Romans 12:9-21 | Marks of a True Christian

1. No Hypocritical Love Allowed [12:9-13; Ephesians 5:25-27]

We are commanded to love the church.

2. Courtesy, Not Compliance [12:14-18; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Philippians 2:1-10]

We are commanded to love humbly.

3. Leave Room for God [12:19-21; Deuteronomy 32:31; Proverbs 25:21-22; Romans 5:10]

We are commanded to love our enemies.

Big Idea: The true Christian loves like Jesus loved.