

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

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TBD/Help Needed: **WORSHIP**  
Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**  
David Baxter, **BUILDING & GROUNDS**

## CARE GROUPS

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Mondays at 7PM  
**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

**WHERE:** Kuperus' Westtown NY  
**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

**FACEBOOK:** HighlandsBibleNJ  
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**JANUARY 28, 2024**

# OUR VISION & MISSION

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our ministry vision is to love God and love others. We do that by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. This glorifies God!

## 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**

**TODAY 4pm - Care Group at Nick and Jolene's**

**MONDAY CARE GROUP - 7pm at church**

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

**WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Cystal Cafe**

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

**YG WINTER RETREAT - Feb 23-25 - Register online today!**

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

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, Dec 2023</b>	\$45,904.52
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$419,744.57
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$20,142.17
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$4,344.37
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$332,020.95
<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

January 28, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Romans 15:1-7**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 108:1-5
- Old Testament Reading: Ecclesiastes 7:1-14
- Sermon Passage Reading: Romans 15:1-7
- Benediction: Jude 24-25



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What is the difference between people pleasing and accommodating others for their good? What does each look like?
- Review 1 Corinthians 9:1-23. What resonates with you as it relates to the sermon passage and how can you apply it to your life?
- What practical steps has anyone taken to understand the Old Testament better?
- Are we praying for unity in the church and harmony in our relationships? What Scriptures can we pray to help us?
- Next Week's Passage: Romans 15:8-13



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# SERMON NOTES

Romans 15:1-7 | Solidarity and Difference

1. Rights, What Rights? [15:1-3; Psalm 69:9; Galatians 6:2; 1 Corinthians 9:1-7; 12b]

Because Christ suffered for us, we seek to accommodate others for their edification.

2. Scriptural Endurance [15:4; 2 Timothy 3:16-17; Luke 8:15; Colossians 1:11; Romans 5:3]

Because we have God's Word, we can have hope.

3. Prayer of Instruction [15:5-7; Psalm 133:1]

Because God enables us, we can have unity.

Big Idea: Unity in the church brings God glory.