

# 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:** 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:** Biweekly  
**HOSTED BY:** Brad & Taylor Wilson  
**CALL:** 973-600-0826 [Brad]  
Family Friendly Group!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

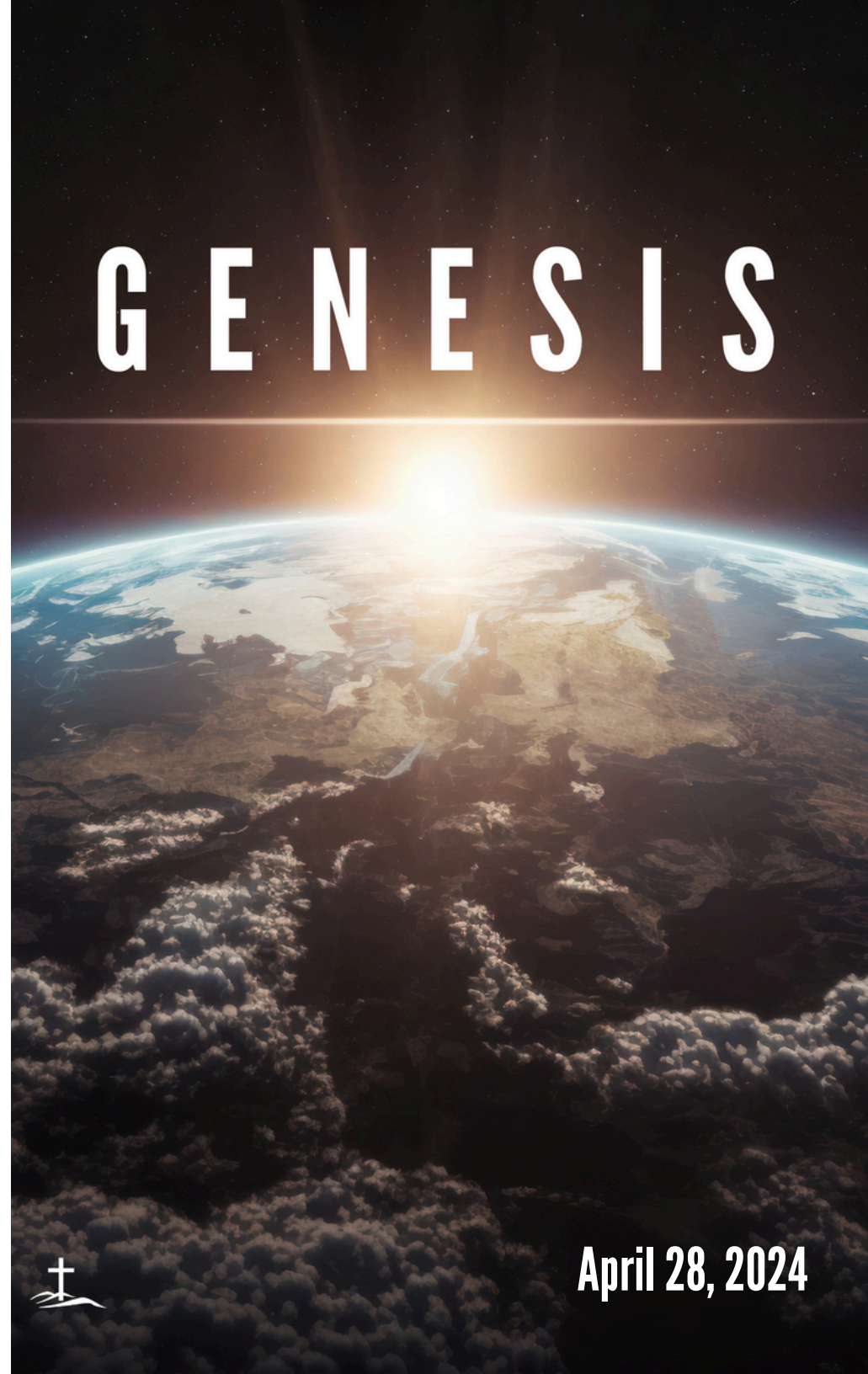
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# GENESIS



April 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



**SHEPHERDING TEAM MEETING** - Today after service in Loffice

**SUNDAY CARE GROUP** - 4pm today at Nick and Jolene's

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

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

**TUESDAY PM LADIES BIBLE STUDY** - 7:00pm in the sanctuary

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

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

**PRAYER MEETING** - Sunday, May 5 @ 6pm in the Loffice

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING</b> , Mar 2024	\$31,974.44
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND</b> , To Date	\$450,060.12
<b>BENEVOLENCE</b> , To Date	\$20,062.47
<b>CEAF</b> , To Date	\$10,502.19
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$82,390.95
<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	\$334,339.00

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

April 28, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Genesis 1:26-27**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 8
- New Testament Reading: Matthew 16:24-28
- Sermon Passage Reading: Genesis 1:26-27



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- How do you think the average person would try to define “Created in the image of God?”
- Why are some of the biggest political issues actually “Imago Dei” issues and how can we think more biblically about them?
- What other Scripture verses teach us about the soul?
- Read Colossians 3:1-10. What resonates with you and why?
- How can we help someone strugglign with gender confusion?
- Next Week’s Passage: Genesis 1:28-31



## SING

Let Your Kingdom Come | How Firm a Foundation |  
The Mighty, Sovereign Hand of God | He Who is Mighty

# SERMON NOTES

Genesis 1:26-27 | Day 6: Imago Dei, Part 1

1. Who Are We? [1:26; Genesis 9:6]

Being created in God’s image means valuing human life.

2. Who Am I? [1:27; Deuteronomy 4:9; Psalm 19:7; 23:3; Matthew 22:37; 1 Thessalonians 5:23; 1 Peter 2:11; Colossians 3:1-10; Matthew 19:3-6; 2 Corinthians 3:18]

Being created in God’s image means continual sanctification.

Big Idea: God created us to be like Him.