

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: Vernon/565
WHEN: First Friday, Monthly
HOSTED BY: The Baxters
CALL: 201-230-7372

WHERE: Mason's Westtown NY
WHEN: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm
HOSTED BY: Pastor Mike Ruel

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church
WHEN: Biweekly
HOSTED BY: Bryan & Alyssa Beadle
CALL: 845-707-5965 [Bryan]
Family Friendly Group!

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WISDOM FOR LIFE

SUMMER STUDY IN PROVERBS



JULY 5th, 2026



OUR VISION & MISSION

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our ministry vision is to love God and love others. The best way to do that is through our mission - bringing glory to God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ.

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

SCAN THE QR CODE FOR FULL INFO!



FAMILY CARE GROUP - Today after service

20/30s CARE GROUP - Today at 2PM @ Pastor Matt's

PRAYER MEETING - TODAY @ 6PM

MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP - 7PM in the sanctuary

TUES MORNING LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays @ 9AM

EPHESIANS MIDWEEK STUDY - Wednesdays @ 7pm (incl. childcare)

FRIDAY AM MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Crystal Cafe

REGISTRATION FOR VBS - Now LIVE on APP/SITE

MEMBER MEETING - Sunday, July 12th after service

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING, May 2026 (Goal \$33,000 /mo)	\$39,098.93
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$190,494.74
YTD GOAL	\$168,750.00
2026 TOTAL BUDGET	\$405,007.00
NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date	\$596,987.09
BENEVOLENCE, To Date	\$15,550.63
CEAF, To Date	\$11,078.67

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

JULY 5, 2026

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 100:1-5
- New Testament Reading: James 1:5-8



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Why is wisdom such an important virtue to have? How do you get wisdom?
- How are the wise and the foolish compared to one another in this passage?
- Do we see some of the same enticement from sinners in the world today? How can we guard against it as Christians?
- Next Week: Proverbs 2



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O Worship the Risen Christ |
O Lord My Rock And My Redeemer |
Before The Throne Of God Above |
Yet Not I But Through Christ In Me

SERMON NOTES

Proverbs 1 | Wisdom is Calling

1. Purpose [1:1-7]

True Wisdom is Evidence of True Knowledge of the Lord

2. Warning Against Bad Company [1:8-19]

A Life of Habitual Sin Ultimately Leads to Death

3. The Call of Wisdom [1:20-33]

Wisdom is Calling and we Must Answer the Call

Big Idea: A Life of Wisdom is built on the fear of the Lord, Who delivers us from destruction and grants us everlasting life