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CARE GROUPS

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

WHERE: Mason's 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

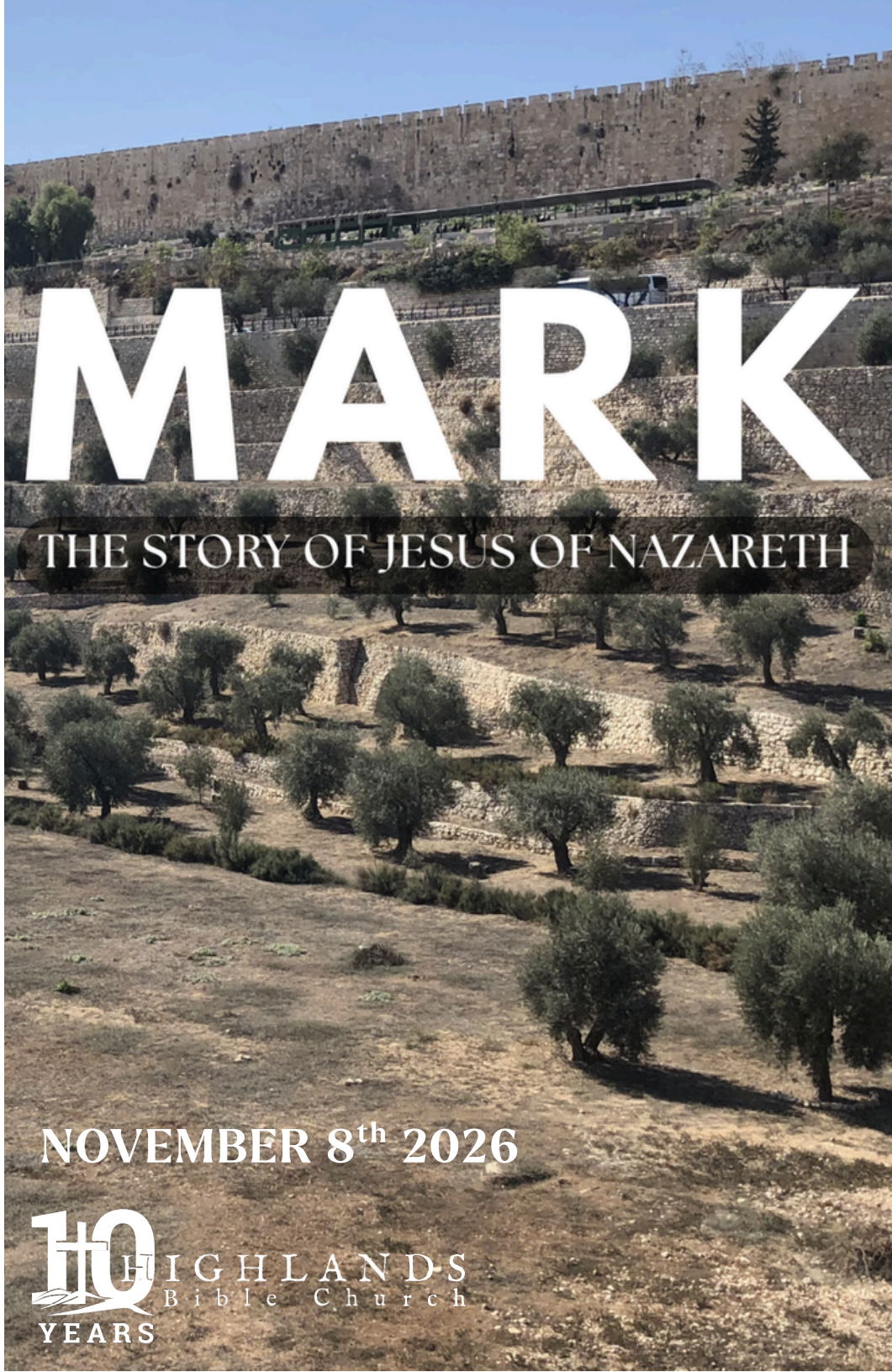
WHERE: Highlands Bible Church
WHEN: Biweekly
HOSTED BY: Bryan & Alyssa Beadle
CALL: 845-707-5965 [Bryan]
Family Friendly Group!

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10 YEARS HIGHLANDS Bible Church



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 - bring glory to God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ.

CONNECT WITH US!

Thank you for worshiping 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
SUNDAY CARE GROUP - TODAY @ 4pm at Severns
MONDAY NIGHT CARE GROUP - Mondays @ 7pm
YOUTH GROUP - Mondays @ 6:30pm in Roadside Building
TUES PM LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays @ 7pm!
WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 6:30am @ Airport Diner
THE WHOLE CHRIST - MIDWEEK STUDY - Wednesdays @ 7pm (incl. childcare)
FRIDAY MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Crystal Cafe
MEN'S BREAKFAST - Saturday, November 14th @ 8AM
MEMBER MEETING - Sunday, November 15th after Service

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

GENERAL OFFERING, Oct 2026 (Goal $33,000 /mo)	$35,121.94
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	$364,669,83
YTD GOAL	$337,500
2026 TOTAL BUDGET	$405,007.00
NEHEMIAH FUND,To Date	$610,913.19
BENEVOLENCE, To Date	$13,260.00
CEAF, To Date	$1,449.78

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 8, 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 96:1-4
- Old Testament Reading: Ezekiel 17:22-24



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What warning in Jesus trying to tell his listeners in the parable of the Lamp?
- How are we to “scatter seeds” as Christians in this world? What causes these seeds to grow?
- Why does Jesus compare the Kingdom of God to a mustard seed? How does God’s Kingdom provide a safe haven for those who seek shelter in it?
- Next Week: Mark 4:35-41



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How Firm a Foundation | Hallelujah What a Savior | Great Are You, Lord | The Goodness of Jesus

SERMON NOTES

Mark 4:21-34 | Kingdom Parables

Big Idea: God’s plan is Kingdom growth.

1. Prelude: Baskets and Lamps [Mark 4:21-25; James 3:1; Galatians 1:6-9; Matthew 5:14-16]

The Kingdom of God grows as the gospel is understood rightly.

2. Seeds and Growth [Mark 4:26-29; Acts 2:42-47; Isaiah 55:10-11]

The Kingdom of God grows by the power of God alone

3. Mustard Seeds [Mark 4:30-34; Matthew 16:18; 1 Corinthians 15:58]

The kingdom will grow exponentially.