

# leadership

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**Building and Grounds**  
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**Worship**

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## CARE GROUPS

**Vernon  
Center/HBC**  
Pastor Mike Ruel  
Mondays • 7pm  
Downstairs Room #1

**Lafayette**  
Andy & Amy Bennett  
2nd & 4th Sundays • 4pm  
973-886-4679

**Sussex/Augusta**  
Rob & Anna DeJulia  
Every Other Friday • 7pm  
973-919-6782

**Vernon/565**  
Len & Doreen Baxter  
1st Friday • 7pm  
201-230-7372

**Branchville/Newton**  
Ray & Kerry Westpy  
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862-266-8699

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Family Focused Dinner  
Marc & Stacey Bray  
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# THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



**JANUARY 6, 2019**

# welcome

## our purpose

Our purpose is to glorify God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. Our ministry vision is to love God with all that we are, and love others as much as we love ourselves.

As you worship with us today, you'll notice how often we reference the gospel of Jesus Christ.

We don't have it all figured out, but we know that God saves sinners through faith in the death and resurrection of Jesus. Please join us as we exalt God by singing about his greatness and as we seek to know more about him from the Bible.

## the gospel

You will hear us talk about the gospel a lot. Actually it is the center of everything we do here at Highlands.

1. **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]
2. **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]
3. **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]
4. **Response** - None of this is effective for us unless we respond in three ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18], persevere [Ephesians 4:1; Matthew 24:13]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, and adopted into God's family forever! [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17]

## kingdom kids

We encourage you to worship as a family, however we provide nursery care [infants - 2.5 yrs] if desired. Kids will be dismissed downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk by the coffee table for more info.

Explorers	Newborn - 2.5 yrs
Discoverers	2.5 yrs - 3 yrs
Adventurers	Pre-K [4yrs] and Kindergarten
Navigators	Grades 1-5

## calendar

### Men's Bible Studies

6:30am Wednesdays @ Sussex Sit N Chat

7:00pm Thursdays @ Highlands

### Men's Breakfast

8:00am, Saturday, January 19th

John Leuzarder's House

165 Beaver Run, Lafayette

### Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group

7:00pm Thursdays @ Highlands Roadside Building

### Corporate Prayer Meeting

6:00pm Sunday, January 6, 2018 [First Sunday Monthly]

### First Highlands Member Meeting!

Sunday, January 20th 2019

5:00pm • Bring a dish to share!

### New Members Class

6:00pm Sunday, January, 27th

Dinner provided - please sign up!

### Youth Group - Winter Retreat

February 15-17, 2019

# worship guide

**January 6, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 5:1-5  
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## **COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE**

“If your brother sins against you, go and tell him his fault, between you and him alone. If he listens to you, you have gained your brother. But if he does not listen, take one or two others along with you, that every charge may be established by the evidence of two or three witnesses. If he refuses to listen to them, tell it to the church. And if he refuses to listen even to the church, let him be to you as a Gentile and a tax collector.”

[Matthew 18:15-17 ESV]

## **PRAY/CONSIDER**

- Where do we get our standards for morality? God or the culture?
- What is your opinion of the calling of the local church? Is it a high calling?
- How do you consider church membership? Is it valuable? Is it optional?
- What is our criteria for judgment?
- Why are we called to church discipline?
- How is walking in purity good for us and for our witness as the church?

## **SING**

Come Praise and Glorify | How Firm a Foundation | Grace  
Unmeasured | He Will Hold Me Fast | Behold Our God

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# sermon notes

January 6, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 5:1-5

*For Your Own Good*

### 1. Dude. What are you thinking? [5:1-2b]

God's moral standard is not open to interpretation.

### 2. The Church vs. Sin [5:2c-5]

The church is to take action against sin.

Three tools:

1. Church Membership
2. Scriptural Judgment
3. Church discipline

### Main Point:

**God calls us to purity in our lives and in the church for our own good.**