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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
1st & 3rd Fri • 7pm
862-266-8699

Highland Lakes
Family Focused Dinner
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973-477-9340



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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



JANUARY 13, 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

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!

Corporate Prayer Meeting

6:00pm Sunday, February 3, 2019 [First Sunday Monthly]

Youth Group - Winter Retreat

February 15-17, 2019

worship guide

January 13, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 5:6-13
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, he is a new creation. The old has passed away; behold, the new has come.”

[2 Corinthians 5:17 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- What is the general attitude towards sin? Something that needs to be addressed quickly or do we tend to tolerate it?
- How does the battle against sin relate to our new identity in Christ in the gospel?
- Is the church called to judge the world? Why or why not?
- Why shouldn't our relationship just be “normal” with someone who identifies as a Christian and yet has ongoing sin in their life?
- Why is it so important to purge sin from among us - in our church and in our hearts?
- What sins do you need to get serious about?

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Above | His Mercy is More | Death Was Arrested

sermon notes

January 6, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 5:6-13

Yeast in the Church

1. Bread and New Life. [5:6-8; 2 Cor 5:17]

Unaddressed sin will corrupt the church.

2. What I Meant Was... [5:9-11]

The church is on mission in the world.

3. Insiders and Outsiders [5:12-13; Ecc 10:1; Rom 8:13]

The church judges sin in the church, God judges sin outside it.

Main Point:

Get serious about sin.