

# leadership

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## CARE GROUPS

### Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel  
Mondays • 7pm  
Downstairs Room #1

### Branchville/Newton

Ray & Kerry Westpy  
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862-266-8699

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Andy & Amy Bennett  
2nd & 4th Sundays • 4pm  
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### Vernon/565

Len & Doreen Baxter  
1st Friday • 7pm  
201-230-7372

### Highland Lakes

Family Focused Dinner  
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# THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



**FEBRUARY 3, 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

### Jr. and Sr. High Youth Group

7:00pm Thursdays @ Highlands Roadside Building

### Corporate Prayer Meeting - TONIGHT!

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

### Youth Group - Winter Retreat

February 15-17, 2019

# worship guide

**February 3, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 6:12-20.  
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## **COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE**

“I have been crucified with Christ. It is no longer I who live, but Christ who lives in me. And the life I now live in the flesh I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me.”

[Galatians 2:20 ESV]

## **PRAY/CONSIDER**

- What is the common culture perspective on sex? Is it thought of as something sacred or something casual?
- Who has the right to determine our attitudes and decisions on sexuality - culture or the Creator?
- How often do we think about the “end of the story” - the return of Jesus? How should that impact our decisions about our bodies today?
- What should our union with Christ do to our union with sin?
- Praise God that there is no destruction of sin that union with Christ cannot heal!

## **SING**

All Creatures of Our God and King | Grace Unmeasured |  
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | Death Was Arrested |  
Cornerstone

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# sermon notes

February 3, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 6:12-20

*Culture or the Creator?*

### 1. “All Things Are Permissible”? [6:12]

Sex is not a basic human right, it's a gift.

### 2. “Food For the Stomach...” [6:13-17; Genesis 2:24]

Sex is not just physical, it's deeply spiritual.

### 3. Flee. [6:18-20; 1 Thessalonians 4:3-8]

Sexual sin is something we run away from, not mess with.

**Main Point:**

**Sex either honors the Creator or the culture.**