

# leadership

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## CARE GROUPS

### Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel  
Mondays • 7pm  
Downstairs Room #1

### Branchville/Newton

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862-266-8699

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2nd & 4th Sundays • 4pm  
973-886-4679

### Vernon/565

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

### Highland Lakes

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

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS

**FEBRUARY 17, 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

### Youth Group - Winter Retreat

February 15-17, 2019

### Corporate Prayer Meeting

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

### Spring Ladies Bible Study

2nd half of Genesis "God of the Covenant"  
Starting March 26th/28th  
Tuesdays 7pm or Thursday 9:00am  
Details to come soon!



# worship guide

**February 17, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 7:10-16.  
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Therefore a man shall leave his father and mother and hold fast to his wife, and the two shall become one flesh.’ So they are no longer two but one flesh. What therefore God has joined together, let not man separate.” And in the house the disciples asked him again about this matter. And he said to them, “Whoever divorces his wife and marries another commits adultery against her, and if she divorces her husband and marries another, she commits adultery.”

[Mark 10:7-12 ESV]

## PRAY/CONSIDER

- What is the common cultural attitude towards divorce?
- How should Christians regard divorce?
- Why is divorce such a serious matter biblically?
- Have you been witness to the negative consequences of Christian hypocrisy in the home? Why is that so damaging?
- How can reacting to being sinned against with more sin put obstacles in the way of the gospel to someone?
- Praise God for the gift of marriage and for the grace of the gospel as we seek to live all of our lives on gospel mission.

## SING

Come Praise and Glorify | And Can it Be |  
Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery | Great Are You Lord |  
O Praise the Name [Anastasis]

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# sermon notes

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February 17, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 7:10-16

*Think Beyond the Relationship*

### 1. “To the Married Christians...” [7:10-11; Mark 10:11-12]

Christian marriage is for life.

### 2. “To Those Married to Non-Christians...” [7:12-14]

Christians live authentic lives, especially at home.

### 3. Don't Meet Sin with More Sin. [7:15-16; 1 Peter 3:1-2]

A sinful reaction to sin will harden the heart.

**Main Point:**

**Marriage is a mission of the gospel.**