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CARE GROUPS

Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel
Mondays • 7pm
Downstairs Room #1

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Ray & Kerry Westpy
1st and 3rd Fridays
862-266-8699

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2nd & 4th Sundays • 4pm
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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 24, 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 Study - Wednesdays 6:30am at Sussex Sit n Chat Diner
- Youth Group [6th-12th grades] - Thursdays 7:00pm in Roadside Bldg
- Mens' Bible Study - Thursdays 7:00PM at HBC
- Corporate Prayer - Sunday, March 3rd 6pm at HBC
- JYG [6th-8th] - Sledding and Cocoa March 9th 4-7pm at GPBC
- New Member's Class - Sunday, March 17th 6pm at HBC
- Member Meeting - Sunday, March 24th at 5pm at HBC
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - Starts March 26/28th - See Mel or Doreen
- Missions Series - April 28th - May 12th
- Men's Saturday Breakfast - Saturday, March 30th 8am at Leuzarder's
- Good Friday Service - April 19th, 6:30pm at HBC
- Easter - Sunday, April 21st - 2 services - 9:30am and 11:00am at HBC
- Work Day - Saturday, May 4th - 8am-12pm at HBC

finances

General Offering - Jan '19	\$16,729.53
Designated Benevolence - Jan '19	\$549.50
YTD General Offering thru Jan '19	\$16,729.53
YTD Budget	\$19,993.75

worship guide

February 24, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 7:17-24.
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“I therefore, a prisoner for the Lord, urge you to **walk in a manner worthy of the calling to which you have been called**, with all humility and gentleness, with patience, bearing with one another in love, eager to maintain the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace.”

[Ephesians 4:1-3 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- When people think of a “calling” what comes to mind? A special mission? A life devoted to a certain cause?
- Do you believe God is truly sovereign? Meaning he is fully in control of all things? Why or why not?
- When you think of your past - what affect does the gospel have on your perspective?
- Same question about the present - are there situations beyond your control now - how does the gospel provide hope that goes beyond the now?
- Have you thought about your faith as a “calling”?
- Thank God for calling us to salvation in Jesus!

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Everlasting God | O Fount of Love |
All I Have is Christ | He Will Hold Me Fast |
Be Thou My Vision

sermon notes

February 24, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 7:17-24

A Greater Calling

1. Expand Your Perspective [7:17; Ephesians 1:11]

All our lives are a calling.

2. Things You Can't Change, Part 1 [7:18-20; Psalm 66:16]

God's calling is greater than our past.

3. Things You Can't Change, Part 2 [7:21-24; 1 Timothy 1:10]

God's calling is greater than our present.

Main Point:

Live an earthly life worthy of your heavenly calling.