

# leadership

## ELDERS

Pastor Mike Ruel  
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Rob Downs [Chairman]  
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## DEACONS AND STAFF

**Building and Grounds**  
**Fellowship**  
**Benevolence**  
**Technology**  
**Finance**  
**Kingdom Kids**

Len Baxter  
Kerry Westpy  
Jeff Lukawski  
Ray Westpy  
TJ Walsh [Interim]  
Alyssa Myhren  
Kim Bennett  
Pastor Josh Barlow  
Steve and Ally Gunther  
Pastor Jesse Morgan  
Ron Vreeland  
Carinne Downs

**Jr & Sr High Youth**

**Worship**

**Financial Admin**

## CARE GROUPS

### Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel  
Mondays • 7pm  
Downstairs Room #1

### Lafayette

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

### Branchville/Newton

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

### Vernon/565

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

### Highland Lakes

Family Focused Dinner  
Marc & Stacey Bray  
2nd Sunday • 3pm  
973-477-9340



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# THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



**MARCH 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 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

**March 3, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 7:25-40.  
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## **COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE**

“But seek first the kingdom of God and his righteousness, and all these things will be added to you. “Therefore do not be anxious about tomorrow, for tomorrow will be anxious for itself. Sufficient for the day is its own trouble.”

Matthew 6:33-34 ESV]

## **PRAY/CONSIDER**

- How do most people go about making decisions? Is there much prayer and consideration?
- As believers, who should our decisions glorify first? Ourselves and our goals or Jesus as our King?
- How do the times of security in the US lull us to sleep as Christians?
- Have you struggled with anxiety related to how full your life can be with responsibilities and attachments? How can this be avoided?
- How does our over-loaded life interfere with our private devotional life and pursuit of Jesus?
- Thank God for His grace that He empowers us to grow and change through our everyday life decisions!

## **SING**

Because He Lives | Cornerstone |  
God With Us | Behold Our God |  
Nothing But the Blood

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# sermon notes

March 3, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 7:25-40

*Godly Decision Making*

### 1. Raging Seas and Changing Ships [7:25-31]

Understand the times, spiritually.

### 2. Crazy Busy [7:32-35]

Keep God the priority.

### 3. Feel Good About It [7:36-40]

Live with a clear conscience.

**Main point: Make your decisions dependent on Jesus, not Jesus dependent on your decisions.**