

# leadership

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**Building and Grounds**  
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**Kingdom Kids**

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## CARE GROUPS

### Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel  
Mondays • 7pm  
Downstairs Room #1

### Branchville/Newton

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

### Lafayette

Andy & Amy Bennett  
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  
2nd Sunday • 3pm  
973-477-9340



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# THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



**MARCH 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 Study - Wednesdays 6:30am at Sussex Sit n Chat Diner
- Youth Group [6th-12th grades] - Thursdays 7:00pm in Roadside Bldg
- Member Meeting - Sunday, March 24th at 5pm at HBC
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - Starts March 26/28th - See Mel or Doreen
- Corporate Prayer - Sunday, April 7th 6pm at HBC
- 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
- Missions Series - April 28th - May 12th
- Work Day - Saturday, May 4th - 8am-12pm at HBC
- New Members Class - Sunday, June 9th - 6pm
- SummerFest - 4 Sundays in July! 6pm-8pm

## finances

General Offering - Feb '19	\$18,287.15
Designated Gifts - Feb '19	\$491.44
YTD General Offering thru Feb '19	\$35,016.68
YTD Budget	\$45,242.04



# worship guide

**March 17, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 8:7-13.  
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Therefore let us not pass judgment on one another any longer, but rather decide never to put a stumbling block or hindrance in the way of a brother. I know and am persuaded in the Lord Jesus that nothing is unclean in itself, but it is unclean for anyone who thinks it unclean.”

[Romans 14:13-14 ESV]

## PRAY/CONSIDER

- Think of the saying “You have to do what you have do”- what does this saying really mean? Is it focused more on the individual or others? Why is this such a part of our culture?
- How does the conscience work in the heart of a believer? Is that a good thing? Why or why not?
- What is a “weak conscience?” What is a “strong conscience?”
- What is a “spiritual stumbling block?” What are some examples? What damage can result from them in others lives?
- How might disregarding the spiritual well being of others be sin? And sin against Christ?
- Why is the spiritual welfare of others so important? How did Christ show spiritual concern for us ultimately?

## SING

Lord Most High | Grace Unmeasured |  
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | His Mercy is More |  
O Praise the Name [Anastasis]

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# sermon notes

March 17, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 8:7-13

*Knowledge vs. Love, Part 2*

### 1. Defiled. [8:7-8; 1 John 1:9]

We should consider the conscience of others.

### 2. Blocked. [8:9-10; Romans 14:13-14]

We should be clearing stumbling blocks, not creating them.

### 3. Destroyed. [8:11-13; Romans 14:20-21]

We should be building up, not destroying, one another.

**Main Point:**

**True knowledge looks out for others in love.**