

# leadership

## ELDERS

Pastor Mike Ruel  
Paul Fehrenbacher [Secretary]

Rob Downs [Chairman]  
John Lisa [Treasurer]

## 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 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

We are always looking for help in Kingdom Kids. See Alyssa or Kim today to find out how you can help!

## 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 - TONIGHT! Bring dish to share!**
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - Starts March 26/28th - See Mel or Doreen
- Men's Saturday Breakfast - Saturday, March 30th 8am at Leuzarder's
- Corporate Prayer - Sunday, April 7th 6pm at HBC
- Youth Group Silly Supper! - Saturday, April 13th - 6pm at HBC
- 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: VOLUNTEERS needed.

## 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 24, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 9:1-12a.  
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“... Jesus answered them, “Truly, truly, I say to you, you are seeking me, not because you saw signs, but because you ate your fill of the loaves. **Do not work for the food that perishes, but for the food that endures to eternal life, which the Son of Man will give to you.** For on him God the Father has set his seal.”

[John 6:25-27 ESV]

## PRAY/CONSIDER

- What would the world say is the mark of legitimacy of a church?
- How much focus does the world put on material things as a measure of success?
- How about the contemporary landscape of American churches? What seems to be the prevalent measure of success?
- Read John 6:25-27 in context. What does Jesus say should be our priority focus?
- How does this all relate to us as individual believers? What is our measure of success as a Christian?

## SING

10,000 Reasons | All Creatures of Our God and King |  
Lord Most High | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery |  
Because He Lives [Amen]

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# sermon notes

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March 24, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 9:1-12a

*Material or Spiritual?*

### 1. Apostle Credentials. [9:1-2]

The legitimacy of a ministry is its gospel witness.

### 2. Private Jets. [9:3-7]

The success of a ministry is not material.

### 3. An Application Lesson from the Ox. [9:8-12a; Deuteronomy 25:4]

**Main Point:**

**Our ministry priority has to be spiritual, not material.**