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CARE GROUPS

Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel
Mondays • 7pm
Downstairs Room #1

Lafayette

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

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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



APRIL 14, 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
- Spring Ladies Bible Study - Tues PM or Thur AM - See Mel or Doreen
- Good Friday Service - April 19th, 6:30pm at HBC
- Easter - Sunday, April 21st - 2 services - 9:30am and 11:00am at HBC
- Corporate Prayer - Sunday, May 5th - 6pm at HBC
- Missions Series - April 28th - May 12th
- Work Day - Saturday, May 4th - 8am-12pm at HBC
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 18th, 8am - location TBD
- Member Meeting/Dinner - Sunday, May 19th, 5pm
- Ladies Retreat - June 6th-7th - at Green Pond Bible Chapel
- New Members Class - Sunday, June 9th - 11:15am
- SummerFest - 4 Sundays in July! 6pm-8pm: VOLUNTEERS needed.

finances

General Offering - Mar '19	\$14,169.93
Designated Gifts - Mar '19	\$739.49
YTD General Offering thru Mar '19	\$49,186.61
YTD Budget	\$67,858.14

worship guide

April 14, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 9:24-27.
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus.”

[Philippians 3:12-14 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- Do you tend to think of the Christian life as a walk or a race? Or is it both? Why? Any other words come to mind?
- Why do you think people might be tempted to struggle in looking backward instead of forward?
- What stops us from giving our faith our full intensity? What things in your life interfere or trip you up?
- How often do you think about heavenly rewards?
- What practical ways can you be more disciplined in running the Christian life/race well?

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sermon notes

April 14, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-27

How to Run

1. Run hard. [9:24; Philippians 3:12-13]
2. Run to win. [9:25; Philippians 3:14; Matthew 6:19-21]
3. Run clean. [9:26-27; Hebrews 12:1-2]