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Pastor Mike Ruel
Mondays • 7pm
Downstairs Room #1

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

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Marc & Stacey Bray
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Sermon Series
Sunday mornings April 28, May 5 and 12

Missions, the Church ...and Life.



welcome

our purpose

We are delighted that you joined us today. 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 two ways: repent/turn from our self control and sin [Mark 1:15], and believe in the gospel [John 3:16-18]. We are then given new life in Christ, forgiven, justified, adopted into God's family, and we persevere in the faith. [1 John 1:9; 2 Corinthians 5:17; Matthew 24:13; Ephesians 4:1]

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
- Corporate Prayer - Sunday, May 5th - 6pm at HBC
- Missions Sermon 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 7th - 8th - 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 28, 2019

Good Morning! If you are visiting with us today, thank you so much for joining us. Our services start with a time of singing together about Jesus. Then we will spend time learning about Jesus from the Bible together. Our passage today is from Matthew 28:16-19. As you prepare to worship today, we invite you to read below.

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“When he saw the crowds, he had compassion for them, because they were harassed and helpless, like sheep without a shepherd. Then he said to his disciples, “The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest.”

[Matthew 9:36-38 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- When you think about missions work, what comes to mind and why? What passages in the Bible can you think of?
- What is the mission of HBC? Is that different than others?
- What does the authority of Jesus have to do with him setting mission of His church? What about our mission?
- What things can be confused for the main mission of the church and what is the danger of that?
- In what ways is the Holy Spirit convicting or encouraging you with regard to missions work today?

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sermon notes

April 28, 2019

MATTHEW 28:16-19

Mission of the Church, Part 1

1. Says Who? [28:18]

Only Jesus has the authority to set the mission of the church.

2. Mission, Part 1 [28:19]

The mission of the church is to proclaim the gospel...