

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

Jr & Sr High Youth

Worship

Financial Admin

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

CARE GROUPS

Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel
Mondays • 7pm
Downstairs Room #1

Lafayette

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

Vernon/565

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

Branchville/Newton

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

Highland Lakes

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



307 NJ-94, Vernon, NJ 07462
(973) 764-7506
Highlandsbiblechurch.org
Info@highlandsbiblechurch.org

For Prayer Needs - Send Email To:
PrayerChain@HighlandsBibleChurch.org

MAY 12, 2019



Sermon Series

Sunday mornings April 28, May 5 and 12

Missions, the Church ...and Life.



welcome

our purpose

Happy Mother's Day! 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
- Missions Sermon Series - April 28th - May 12th
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, May 18th, 8am - Jacek's house
- Youth Group - Escape Room! - May 18th - see a Leader for details!
- 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 - Apr '19	\$19,027.92
Designated Gifts - Apr '19	\$527.47
YTD General Offering thru Apr '19	\$79,724.43
YTD Budget	\$90,474.24

worship guide

May 12, 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, as we continue our missions series. As you prepare to worship today, we invite you to read below.

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“To me, though I am the very least of all the saints, this grace was given, to preach to the Gentiles the unsearchable riches of Christ, and to bring to light for everyone what is the plan of the mystery hidden for ages in God, who created all things, **so that through the church the manifold wisdom of God might now be made known** to the rulers and authorities in the heavenly places”

[Ephesians 3:8-10 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- What is the connection with the local church and the global mission?
- Why should there be a high view of the local church? [Hint: see above passage]
- What would you do if you sensed a call to missions? Or how would you guide someone you knew in considering it?
- What other ways can we support and encourage people engaging in missions?
- How else can we support and encourage our current missionaries?

SING

Grace Unmeasured | 10,000 Reasons [Bless the Lord] |
All I Have is Christ | Great Are Your Lord | Let Your Kingdom Come

sermon notes

May 12, 2019

MATTHEW 28:19-20

Mission of the Church, Part 3

1. How Do We Proclaim? [28:19-20; Ephesians 3:8-10]

Big Idea: Our mission is to proclaim the gospel to all people, through the local church.

2. How Does the Church Do This?

- The church seeks missionaries
- The church sends missionaries
- The church sustains missionaries [3 John 5-8]