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Vernon Center/HBC

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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201-230-7372

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Family Focused Dinner
Marc & Stacey Bray
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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



MAY 19, 2019

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
- **Member Meeting/Dinner - TONIGHT, 5pm [bring a dish to share]**
- Corporate Prayer, Sunday, June 2nd - 6pm
- Ladies Retreat - June 7th - 8th - at Green Pond Bible Chapel
- New Members Class - Sunday, June 9th - 11:15am
- Summer Sermon series - June 23rd - Aug 25th
- SummerFest - 4 Sundays in July! 6pm-8pm: VOLUNTEERS needed.
- Fall Kick-Off Picnic - Sunday, September 8th, after service

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 19, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 10:1-13
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“From Mount Hor they set out by the way to the Red Sea, to go around the land of Edom. And the people became impatient on the way. And the people spoke against God and against Moses, “Why have you brought us up out of Egypt to die in the wilderness? For there is no food and no water, and we loathe this worthless food.” Then the LORD sent fiery serpents among the people, and they bit the people, so that many people of Israel died.”

[Numbers 21:4-6 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- What’s so dangerous about persisting in sin and idolatry?
- Why do we make poor choices in crisis?
- Why do our hearts still desire evil, even after conversion?
- What are some sinful idols that you tend to turn to when you are in crisis?
- Have you heard “God will never give you anything you can’t handle?” How does that compare to 1 Corinthians 10:13?
- How can we guard against making sinful choices?

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Stronger | Be Thou My Vision |
Nothing But the Blood

sermon notes

May 19, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 10:1-13

Choices Matter

1. History Lesson, Warning, and Example. [10:1-6]

Crisis tempts our hearts to make the wrong choice.

2. The Mother Sin. [10:7-11; Exodus 32:6]

Idolatry is choosing sin over trusting God.

3. God Won't Give You Anything You Can't Handle?

[10:11-13]

Big Idea: We can respond to temptation spiritually or sinfully.