

# leadership

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## DEACONS AND STAFF

**Building and Grounds**  
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**Finance**  
**Kingdom Kids**

**Jr & Sr High Youth**

**Worship**

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Pastor Josh Barlow  
Steve and Ally Gunther  
Pastor Jesse Morgan  
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## CARE GROUPS

### Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel  
Mondays • 7pm  
Downstairs Room #1

### Branchville/Newton

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

### Lafayette

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

### Vernon/565

Len & Doreen Baxter  
June 14th • 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



**MAY 26, 2019**

# 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, June 2nd - 6pm
- 20Somethings Kick Off BonFire - Sunday, June 2nd, 5:30pm
- 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 26, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 10:14-22.  
As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Do not be unequally yoked with unbelievers. For what partnership has righteousness with lawlessness? Or what fellowship has light with darkness? What accord has Christ with Belial? Or what portion does a believer share with an unbeliever? What agreement has the temple of God with idols? For we are the temple of the living God.”

[2 Corinthians 6:14-16a ESV]

## PRAY/CONSIDER

- Why do we delay in dealing with sin and idolatry quickly? What do our hearts have to do with it?
- Consider the Lord's Table - what does it represent about Jesus and the church? Has this always been your understanding? What changed and why?
- What do you typically think of when you think of demons? How are they related to sin and idolatry?
- How do we fight back against demons? [James 4:7...]
- What are the dangers of living a double life, serving two masters? In our witness and in how God deals with us?
- Express thanks to God for the grace of God in Jesus towards us!

## SING

Cornerstone | Behold Our God |  
Lord Have Mercy | Living Hope | O Great God

# sermon notes

May 26, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 10:14-22

*Idolatry: Deeper Than It Looks*

### 1. Many Made One. [10:14-17; 1 John 1:7]

The church is united with God and each other through Jesus.

### 2. The Darkness Behind Idolatry. [10:18-20; 8:4]

Idolatry unites us with forces united against God.

### 3. What Are You Really Participating In? [10:21-22; D]

**Big Idea: We are made one in Christ to worship no one else.**