

# leadership

## ELDERS

Pastor Mike Ruel  
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## DEACONS AND STAFF

**Building and Grounds**  
**Fellowship**  
**Benevolence**  
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**Finance**  
**Kingdom Kids**

Len Baxter  
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Pastor Josh Barlow  
Steve and Ally Gunther  
Pastor Jesse Morgan  
Ron Vreeland  
Carinne Downs

**Jr & Sr High Youth**

**Worship**

**Financial Admin**

## 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  
June 14th • 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



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# THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



**JUNE 16, 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
- 20Somethings - Bible Study at Deming's - Sunday June 23rd - 6pm
- Summer Sermon series - June 23rd - Aug 25th
- SummerFest - 4 Sundays in July! 6pm-8pm: VOLUNTEERS needed.
- Sussex County Church Tent at the NJ State Fair! See Pastor Mike
- Ladies Shoot and Swim - Sat, July 13th at Leuzarder's - 10am
- Biblical Nutrition and Fitness class - Sun, July 14th - sign up at Welcome Table
- Fall Kick-Off Picnic - Sunday, September 8th, after service
- Fall ABF Series - Biblical Finances

## finances

General Offering - Apr '19	\$19,027.92
Designated Gifts - Apr '19	\$527.47
YTD General Offering thru Apr '19	\$79,724.43

Don't forget the Benevolence Fund - write "Benevolence Fund" in your check memo or select it from the drop down option online.

# worship guide

**June 16, 2019**

**Happy Father's Day!** Our passage today is from 1  
Corinthians 11:17-34.

As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Therefore he is the mediator of a new covenant, so that those who are called may receive the promised eternal inheritance, since a death has occurred that redeems them from the transgressions committed under the first covenant.”

[Hebrews 9:15 ESV]

## PRAY/CONSIDER

- Think about the Sunday gathering of the church of Jesus - do you typically prepare spiritually?
- Think about Communion Sunday - do you consider it different than a regular Sunday? Why or why not?
- Think about the relation of the body of Christ to the celebration of the Lord's Supper - how should one help the other?
- Think about the elements of the Communion table - the bread and the cup - what do they represent?
- How is Christ the mediator of a new covenant for us? [Hint: see passage above.]
- What typically comes to mind about God's judgement? What about God's judgment towards His children?
- How can the discipline of God be a demonstration of his love?

## SING

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# sermon notes

June 16, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 11:17-34

*About the Lord's Supper*

### 1. What Are You Doing, Exactly? [11:17-22]

In the Lord's Supper, we remember we are one body.

### 2. Familiar Words [11:23-26]

In the Lord's Supper, we remember the cross.

### 3. Serious Warning [11:27-32]

In the Lord's Supper, we remember God's love.

### 4. So Then... [11:33-34]

**Big Idea: The Lord's Supper is for the body of Christ because Christ gave His body.**