

# leadership

## ELDERS

Pastor Mike Ruel  
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**Building and Grounds**  
**Fellowship**  
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**Finance**  
**Kingdom Kids**

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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  
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



**SEPTEMBER 8, 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
- **Fall Kick-Off Picnic - TODAY, after service! JOIN US!**
- Fall Ladies Bible Study - Tues PM or Thurs AM starting September 10th. See Mel or Doreen.
- Fall ABF Series - Biblical Finances starting Sunday, September 15th. See Highlands Happenings e-mail newsletter to register.
- New Members Class - Sunday, September 22nd, 5PM
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, September 28th, 8am
- Member Meeting - Sunday, September 29th, 5pm
- Corporate Prayer, Sunday, October 6th, 6pm-7pm
- Church Work Day - Saturday, Oct 19th, 8am-12pm
- Men's Retreat - October 25th-26th at Green Pond Bible Chapel

## finances

General Offering - Jul '19	\$21,424.75
Designated Gifts - Jul '19	\$-
YTD General Offering thru Jul '19	\$139,541.54
YTD Budget	\$158,319.54

# worship guide

**September 8, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 12:12-31. As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## **COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE**

“So then you are no longer strangers and aliens, but you are fellow citizens with the saints and members of the household of God, built on the foundation of the apostles and prophets, Christ Jesus himself being the cornerstone, in whom the whole structure, being joined together, grows into a holy temple in the Lord. In him you also are being built together into a dwelling place for God by the Spirit.”

[Ephesians 2:19-22 ESV]

## **PRAY/CONSIDER**

- When you think of diversity what comes to mind? What is the goal of diversity?
- Have you heard of the baptism of the Holy Spirit? When do we experience this?
- Have you ever felt as though you were spiritually inferior?
- Where does God celebrate those things that the world considers lowly? [See 1 Corinthians 1:27]
- Consider division vs. unity - how can we know when we have each in the church?
- What does the presence of division say about the diversity of gifts in the church?
- What is the biblical goal of diversity in the church?

## **SING**

Come Praise and Glorify | Man of Sorrows |  
O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | His Mercy is More |  
O Praise the Name [Anastasis]

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# sermon notes

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September 8, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 12:12-31

*For The Prevention of Disgruntled Feet*

1. **United to Whom and What? [12:12-13; Romans 6:1-4; Galatians 3:1-6]**

We are all united to Christ and His church through the Spirit.

2. **Many Parts, One Body [12:14-26; 1:27]**

God designed the parts of the body to work as one.

3. **Back to the Gifts [12:27-31; Ephesians 2:19-22]**

**Big Idea: A diversity of gifts in the church will foster unity.**