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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



SEPTEMBER 15, 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 Ladies Bible Study - Tues PM or Thurs AM starting September 10th. See Mel or Doreen.
- New Members Class - Sunday, September 22nd, 5PM
- Men's Breakfast - Saturday, September 28th, 8am - Jacek's house
- 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 15, 2019

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

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Beloved, let us love one another, for love is from God, and whoever loves has been born of God and knows God. Anyone who does not love does not know God, because God is love. In this the love of God was made manifest among us, that God sent his only Son into the world, so that we might live through him. In this is love, not that we have loved God but that he loved us and sent his Son to be the propitiation for our sins.”

[1 John 4:7-10 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER

- Think about the “love chapter” from 1 Corinthians 13 most often heard at weddings - what do you think most people would say the point of the chapter is?
- What is your definition of love?
- How can we get out of balance with love or the gifts in the church?
- How does God love us in Jesus? What is the ultimate way Jesus showed his love for us? [See 1 John 4:7-10]
- How does maturity factor into how we love each other?
- How can we love each other better in light of the return of Jesus?
- How can we serve each other using our gifts, in light of the return of Jesus and his love for us?

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Behold Our God | He Will Hold Me Fast | Death Was Arrested

sermon notes

September 8, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 13:1-13

A Loving Rebuke

1. Gongs and Cymbals [13:1-3]

Gifts and love should both be present.

2. Love is a Verb [13:4-7; Ephesians 2:1-5; 1 John 4:7-10]

We love like Jesus, because of Jesus.

3. When the Perfect Comes... [13:8-13; Romans 8:29]

We will love imperfectly until the Perfect comes.

Big Idea: Love is the greatest of all gifts.