

# leadership

## ELDERS

Pastor Mike Ruel  
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Rob Downs [Chairman]  
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## DEACONS AND STAFF

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

Len Baxter  
Kerry Westpy  
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Ray Westpy  
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Kim Bennett  
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  
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 22, 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 - Aug '19	\$23,415.65
Designated Gifts - Aug '19	\$534.00
YTD General Offering thru Aug '19	\$163,491.19
YTD Budget	\$180,934.64

# worship guide

**September 22, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 14:1-25. As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“For the word of God is living and active, sharper than any two-edged sword, piercing to the division of soul and of spirit, of joints and of marrow, and discerning the thoughts and intentions of the heart. And no creature is hidden from his sight, but all are naked and exposed to the eyes of him to whom we must give account.”

[Hebrews 4:12-13 ESV]

## PRAY/CONSIDER

- Think about the spiritual gifts, especially the gift of tongues and prophesy, what has been your experience? Are you willing have any preconceptions informed or changed by the Word of God?
- What was different between the accounts of speaking in tongues in Acts 2:1-13 and 1 Corinthians 14? [Hint: see Acts 2:7-11 especially.]
- Which aspect of your walk do you need to cultivate more - a more meaningful walk [more understanding of clear biblical doctrine] or more sensitivity to the leading of the Holy Spirit?
- What steps will you take to do what you need to?
- How can you depend more on God’s Word to do God’s work? [Hint: see Hebrews 4:12-13]
- How can you foster a desire for the spiritual gifts? How can you explore your gifting and build up the church?

## SING

Grace Unmeasured | Cornerstone |

O Fount of Love | Great Are You Lord | His Mercy is More

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# sermon notes

September 22, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 14:1-25

*Gifts That Build a Church*

### 1. Seekers: Seek This...[14:1-12]

The gifts aren't given for our own edification.

### 2. Church Says What? [14:13-19]

Church services need to be spiritual and meaningful.

### 3. Don't Call it a Prophecy [14:20-25; Hebrews 4:12-13]

The Spirit works through the Word

**Big Idea: The Spirit gives gifts to build God's church.**