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Friday, Oct 11th 7pm

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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



SEPTEMBER 29, 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.
- **Member Meeting - TONIGHT - 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 - sign up on website or from Highlands Happenings e-mail update
- Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wed, November 27th, 6:30pm

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 29, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 14:26-40. As you prepare your heart in prayer, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“And he subjected everything under his feet and appointed him as head over everything for the church, which is his body, the fullness of the one who fills all things in every way.”

[Ephesians 1:22-23 CSB]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Think about our church services, or a “typical” church service in America - what is your favorite part and why?
- Why should there be order and peace in the church?
- How is Christianity counter-cultural with respect to the subject of women? In Corinth and in 2019?
- What is the danger of a church veering off Biblical course in their services? [Meaning: What is dangerous about making a church too restrictive or too loose?]
- How can God’s Word practically reflect what happens in ministry in the church?
- What steps can you personally take to make sure God’s Word is the center of your personal lives and your church?
- From the last three chapters of 1 Corinthians - what has been the truth that has resonated the most with you? Why?
- What steps will you take to make sure you walk in that truth?

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All Creatures of Our God and King | All I Have is Christ |
Living Hope | Before the Throne of God Above |
Hallelujah! What a Savior

sermon notes

September 29, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 14:26-40

What a Church Reflects

1. What Then? [14:26-33a]

The gathered church should reflect God's peace

2. Silent Women? [14:33b-35; Ephesians 5:22-25]

The gathered church should reflect the order God has created.

3. Apostle Sized Smackdown [14:36-40]

The gathered church should reflect the truth of God's Word.

Big Idea: The blessing of order in the church is the edification of the church.