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Marc & Stacey Bray
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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



OCTOBER 6, 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.
- **Corporate Prayer, Sunday, TONIGHT, 6pm-7pm**
- **TwentySomethings - Movie Night at Deming, TONIGHT 6:30pm**
- 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

October 6, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 15:1-2. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the ordinance of the Lord's table, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am sure that neither death nor life, nor angels nor rulers, nor things present nor things to come, nor powers, nor height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God in Christ Jesus our Lord.”

[Romans 8:37-39]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Think about the gospel - how would you define it? [Hint: see opposite page!]
- Think about why even Christians need to be reminded about the gospel? How often do you dwell on what Jesus has done for his own?
- Have you ever heard the saying “Preach the gospel, when necessary use words.” Is that totally true? Why or why not?
- Is there a difference between intellectually agreeing with the gospel and receiving it as truth?
- What do most people build their lives on? What are you standing on in your life?
- How are we “being” saved by the gospel? Aren't we already saved?
- Where do you need to hold fast to the gospel right now?

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10,000 Reasons [Bless the Lord] | And Can It Be? |
All I Have is Christ | Nothing But the Blood | Jesus, Thank You

sermon notes

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:1-2

Gospel Reminders

Working Definition:

The good news of what God has done in Jesus to reconcile sinners back to Himself.

Six Truths About the Gospel:

1. We need to be reminded about the gospel. [Rom 8:31-39]
2. We preach the gospel with our words and lives. [Eph 4:1]
3. We receive the gospel as truth. [2 Thess 1:8; James 2:19]
4. We stand on the gospel [Isaiah 7:9]
5. We are being saved by faith in the gospel [Is 59:2]
6. We hold fast to the gospel [Matthew 24:13]