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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



OCTOBER 13, 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. See Mel or Doreen.
- 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
- Corporate Prayer Meeting - Sunday, November 3, 6:00pm
- Member Meeting - Sunday, November 17, 5:00pm
- Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wed, November 27th, 6:30pm
- Advent Series Start - Sunday, December 1
- Ladies Christmas Brunch - Saturday, December 14th

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 13, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 15:3-11. 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

“Not that I have already obtained this or am already perfect, but I press on to make it my own, because Christ Jesus has made me his own. Brothers, I do not consider that I have made it my own. But one thing I do: forgetting what lies behind and straining forward to what lies ahead, I press on toward the goal for the prize of the upward call of God in Christ Jesus. Let those of us who are mature think this way, and if in anything you think otherwise, God will reveal that also to you”

[Philippians 3:12-15 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Before reading today's passage - what would you say the most important truth of the Bible is? Why?
- Do you see all of Scripture as pointing to Jesus - why or why not?
- How does having confidence in the factual truth of the gospel help us in our defense of the faith?
- What elements of your past do you still struggle with? What practical ways can you bring the gospel to bear on this?
- What areas of your growth do you need to get to work on?
- How does work balance with God's grace in Jesus?

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Because He Lives [Amen] | Cornerstone |
Be Thou My Vision | Man of Sorrows | In Christ Alone

sermon notes

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1 CORINTHIANS 15:3-11

Of First Importance

1. Historical Delivery [15:3-7; Galatians 1:12; Acts 1:3]

The gospel is preeminent in its truth.

2. Dark Past [15:8-11; Philippians 3:12-15]

The gospel is preeminent in its grace.