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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



OCTOBER 20, 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.
- 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 - Sep '19	\$24,365.80
Designated Gifts - Sep '19	\$501.25
YTD General Offering thru Sep '19	\$188,792.31
YTD Budget	\$203,549.74

worship guide

October 20, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 15:12-19. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Whoever believes in the Son of God has the testimony in himself. Whoever does not believe God has made him a liar, because he has not believed in the testimony that God has borne concerning his Son.”

[1 John 5:10 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- What are your thoughts on a physical bodily resurrection? Is it something you have ever thought about? Why/why not?
- Were you/are you of the opinion that Christianity is in vain? Why/why not? What changed/would change your mind?
- Look at 1 John 5:10-12 - what are these verses saying? How do they relate to a physical resurrection?
- What does it mean that Christ was “glorified” in his resurrection? What is our “glorification” and when do we receive it? [See Romans 8:11 and 29-30]
- Do you think of death? How has society shaped your view?
- Why is death not the end for a believer in Jesus?
- What specifically can you do to cultivate a hope that goes beyond this life?

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Grace Unmeasured | O Great God |
Living Hope | Oh Praise the Name [Anastasis] |
Death Was Arrested

sermon notes

October 20, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 15:12-19

Resurrection, Part 1

If Christ hasn't been raised....

1. Christianity is in vain. [v12-14]
2. We lie about God [v15-16; 1 John 5:10]
3. We have no way of being forgiven [v17; 1 Peter 1:20-21]
4. Death is the end [v18-19; 2 Cor 5:8]

Big Idea: Our hope goes beyond this life, because Christ was raised to life.