

# leadership

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## CARE GROUPS

### Vernon Center/HBC

Pastor Mike Ruel  
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Downstairs Room #1

### Branchville/Newton

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### Vernon/565

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### Highland Lakes

Family Focused Dinner  
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# THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



**OCTOBER 27, 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.
- 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 27, 2019**

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 15:20-34. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

## COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Therefore, just as sin came into the world through one man, and death through sin, and so death spread to all men because all sinned...For if, because of one man’s trespass, death reigned through that one man, much more will those who receive the abundance of grace and the free gift of righteousness reign in life through the one man Jesus Christ.”

[Romans 5:12,17 ESV]

## PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Last week, we talked about the resurrection of Jesus, but what are your thoughts about our own resurrection?
- Review Romans 5:12-21 - what truths is this text teaching us about Adam and Jesus? How do those truths relate to our resurrection?
- Consider the return of Jesus, what comes to mind? Is it a hope or a fear? What are you hopeful of or fearful of?
- What role does the church play in the days leading up to the return of Christ? Where is your main focus in it?
- God the Father has placed Jesus, God the Son, far above all authors and powers, [Eph 1:20-23] how do we see this today?
- Which of the three application points do you need to focus on and why? Give examples.

## SING

Come Praise and Glorify | Build My Life |  
His Mercy is More | Now Why This Fear | O Fount of Love



# sermon notes

October 27, 2019

## 1 CORINTHIANS 15:20-34

*Resurrection, Part 2*

1. **How can the resurrection be true? [v20-22; Romans 5:12,17]**

Sin brought death, but Jesus brings life.

2. **When will we be resurrected? [v23-28; Daniel 2:12; Ephesians 1:20-23; Ephesians 6:12; 2 Corinthians 10:5; Psalm 110:1]**

We will be resurrected at the return of Jesus.

3. **So What? [v29-34]**

**Big Idea: We live in the future hope of the resurrection today.**

- **Don't let culture shape your practice [v29]**
- **Risk is worth it [v30-32]**
- **Holiness matters [v33-34]**