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THE CROSS-CENTERED CHURCH

A STUDY OF 1 CORINTHIANS



NOVEMBER 17, 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 Myhren today to find out how you can help!

calendar

- Men's Bible Study - Wednesdays 6:30am at Sussex Sit n Chat Diner
- **Member Meeting - TONIGHT, 5:00pm**
- **TwentySomethings FriendsGiving, TONIGHT, 5:00pm**
- Thanksgiving Eve Service - Wed, November 27th, 6:30pm
- Advent Series Start - Sunday, December 1st
- Corporate Prayer - Sunday, December 1st, 6pm
- Ladies Christmas Brunch - Saturday, December 14th
- Christmas Eve Services - 4:00pm and 5:30pm

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

November 17, 2019

Our passage today is from 1 Corinthians 16:1-24. As you prepare your heart for worship in song, in His Word, and in the fellowship of the saints, please consider:

COMPLEMENTARY SCRIPTURE

“Love is patient and kind; love does not envy or boast; it is not arrogant or rude. It does not insist on its own way; it is not irritable or resentful; it does not rejoice at wrongdoing, but rejoices with the truth. Love bears all things, believes all things, hopes all things, endures all things.”

[1 Corinthians 13:4–7 ESV]

PRAY/CONSIDER/DISCUSS

- Consider how we are called to financially support the church - do you do so regularly?
- Think about other like-minded churches - how can we encourage each other in the work of the gospel?
- Think about welcoming others, not only people new to the church, but also those who labor for the gospel and those who have gone before us - how can we honor them well?
- Remind yourself of the definition of love - why is it more than a feeling? Read through the passage above.
- Praise God for the grace of Jesus in the Gospel! We deserved judgement and received justification through faith. How should that empower all service in the church?

SING

Hallelujah! What a Savior | O Great God | O Lord, My Rock and My Redeemer | Great Are You Lord | His Mercy is More

sermon notes

November 17, 2019

1 CORINTHIANS 16:1-24

A Cross-Centered Summary

1. Get Ready [16:1-4]

A cross-centered church is a giving church.

2. Travel Plans [16:5-11]

A cross-centered church is a welcoming church.

3. More Than a Feeling [16:12-18; 13:4-7]

A cross-centered church is a loving church.

4. Bringing it Full Circle [16:19-24]

Big Idea: A cross-centered church is centered on grace.