

# LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**  
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Steve & Noelle Barlow - **YOUTH**

## CARE GROUPS

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Mondays at 7PM  
**HOSTED BY:** Ken Menzel

**WHERE:** Kuperus' Westtown NY  
**WHEN:** 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm  
**HOSTED BY:** Pastor Mike Ruel

**WHERE:** Vernon/565  
**WHEN:** First Friday, Monthly  
**HOSTED BY:** The Baxters  
**CALL:** 201-230-7372

**WHERE:** Highlands Bible Church  
**WHEN:** Biweekly  
**HOSTED BY:** Brad & Taylor Wilson  
**CALL:** 973-600-0826 [Brad]  
Family Friendly Group!

## SOCIAL MEDIA

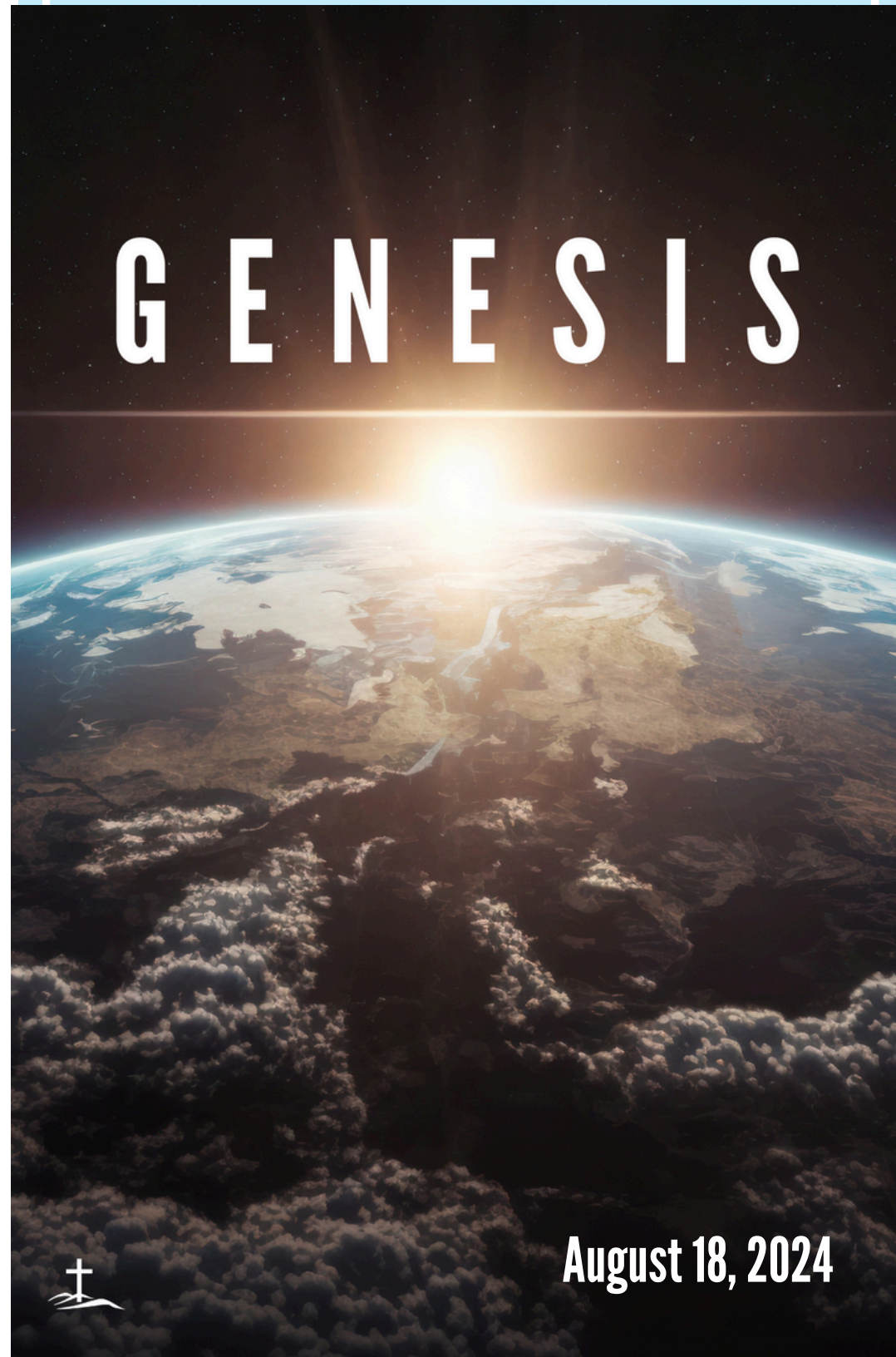
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# GENESIS



**August 18, 2024**

# OUR VISION & MISSION

MAKING AND MATURING DISCIPLES OF JESUS CHRIST

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our ministry vision is to love God and love others. We do that by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ. This glorifies God!

## CONNECT WITH US!



Thank you for worshipping with us this morning. Please scan the QR code above to fill out a Connect Card and keep up to date on all our news and events.

## THE GOSPEL

THE CENTER OF EVERYTHING WE DO AT HIGHLANDS

**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]

**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]

**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]

**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 LOVE KIDS AT HIGHLANDS!

Kids will be dismissed to downstairs before the sermon. Please see one of our security team at the check-in desk for more info.

**CURRENT CLASSES:** Explorers (0-2) Discoverers (2-3) and Adventurers (4-Kindergarten) and Navigators (1st-3rd grade). Infant nursery care is available for the full service, see Check-In Team!

## HIGHLANDS HAPPENINGS

EVENTS, CARE GROUPS, AND MORE



**NEXT STEPS CLASS - Today at 4pm. Still time to sign up!**

**MARKET ST MISSION - Today at 5:30pm - see Justin Hoyt**

**MONDAY CARE GROUP - 7pm in the sanctuary**

**TUESDAY AM LADIES BIBLE STUDY - 9am at church, childcare avail.**

**WED MORNING MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7am @ Crystal Cafe**

**WED NIGHT MEN'S BIBLE STUDY - 7:30pm in Loffice**

**FAMILY CARE GROUP - Sept 8th - see Brad or Taylor Wilson**

**NEW MIDWEEK 3.0 - Youth Group, Adult Bible Study, Child care - starts Wednesday, Sept 18th!**

**ELDER MEETINGS - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers appreciated!**

## FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



<b>GENERAL OFFERING, July 2024</b>	\$26,509.10
<b>NEHEMIAH FUND, To Date</b>	\$509,027.36
<b>BENEVOLENCE, To Date</b>	\$17,974.37
<b>CEAF, To Date</b>	\$13,056.79
<b>YTD GENERAL OFFERING</b>	\$178,980.85
<b>2024 BUDGET</b>	\$334,339.00

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at [www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org](http://www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org)

Questions? Email us at [info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org](mailto:info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org)!

# WORSHIP GUIDE

AUGUST 18, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP!** Today our sermon passage is **Genesis 11:1-32**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



## SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 9:1-2
- New Testament Reading: John 8:48-59
- Sermon Passage Reading: Genesis 11:1-32



## CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- What are some words that come to mind when you hear “The Tower of Babel?”
- Why does God react to the people trying to “make a name for themselves?” Is that different today?
- What are some examples of how our culture seeks to “make a name for themselves?”
- What has encouraged you the most or been most helpful to you in the Genesis series and why?
- Next Week’s Passage: Psalm 44



## SING

10,000 Reasons (Bless the Lord) | His Mercy is More | Come Behold the Wondrous Mystery | Be Thou My Vision | Holy, Holy, Holy

# SERMON NOTES

Genesis 11:1-32 | Tower of Babel and Abraham

1. Land of Confusion [11:1-9; Luke 1:51; James 4:6; Psalm 51:17]

God humbles human pride.

2. Back to Shem [11:10-32; Genesis 12:1-3; 15:5-6; Luke 10:20]

Big Idea: God humbles human pride, by providing what we cannot.