### LEADERSHIP LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

## ELDERS

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### CARE GROUPS

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

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

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# WORSHIP IN REAL LIFE

# August 25, 2024

Len Baxter, **CHAIRMAN** Piero DiClemente, **TREASURER** Justin Hoyt Ned Seely

Cyndi Hochstaedt & Alyssa Myhren,

David Baxter, BUILDING & GROUNDS

WHERE: Kuperus' Westtown NY

**HOSTED BY:** Pastor Mike Ruel

WHERE: Highlands Bible Church

HOSTED BY: Brad & Taylor Wilson

CALL: 973-600-0826 [Brad]

Family Friendly Group!

WHEN: 2nd & 4th Sundays at 4pm

TBD/Help Needed: WORSHIP

Steve & Noelle Barlow - YOUTH

Brad Wilson, FINANCE

**WHEN:** Biweekly

**KINGDOM KIDS** 

### **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 worshiping 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



SUNDAY CARE GROUP - Today 4pm at Nick and Jolene's 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 PRAYER MEETING - Next Sunday, 6pm in Loffice FAMILY CARE GROUP - Sept 8th - see Brad or Taylor Wilson YOUTH GROUP - Sept 11th - Kick-off BBQ and Parent Meeting MIDWEEK - starts Sept 18th 7pm - Adult study, YG, childcare ELDER MEETINGS - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers appreciated!

# FINANCES THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING

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

Our giving box is in the back at the welcome table. You can also give anytime online at **www.HighlandsBibleChurch.org** 

Questions? Email us at info@HighlandsBibleChurch.org!

### WORSHIP GUIDE AUGUST 25, 2024

**WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is Psalm 45.** As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:

# SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Isaiah 12:3-6
- New Testament Reading: John 17:1-19
- Sermon Passage Reading: Psalm 45:1-17

SERMON NOTES Psalm 45 | The Perfect King

1. A Happy Writer [45:1-5; Isaiah 5:20; John 14:6]

The perfect king valiantly fights for truth.

2. A Happy King [45:6-9; 1 Kings 10:1-9; John 10:10; Romans 15:13; John 17:13; 15:10-11]

The perfect king lives joyfully.



- What would the perfect king look like? How would they rule?
- How can we "valiantly fight for truth" in our individual life situation?
- How are joy and obedience connected? [see John 15:10-11]
- Read 1 Peter 2:9-10. What most encourages you about being part of God's kingdom family?
- Next Week's Passage: 1 John 3:1-10

3. A Happy Family [45:10-17; 1 Peter 2:9-10; Revelation 1:5-6; Hebrews 1:1-9]

The perfect king leaves a legacy of honor.

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Sing | And Can It Be (180) | Christ Our Wisdom | Behold Our God (126) | He Will Hold Me Fast (388)

Big Idea: Jesus is the perfect King.