

LEADERSHIP

LOVING GOD AND LOVING PEOPLE

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TBD/Help Needed: **WORSHIP**
Brad Wilson, **FINANCE**
David Baxter, **BUILDING & GROUNDS**
Steve & Noelle Barlow - **YOUTH**

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

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

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

SOCIAL MEDIA

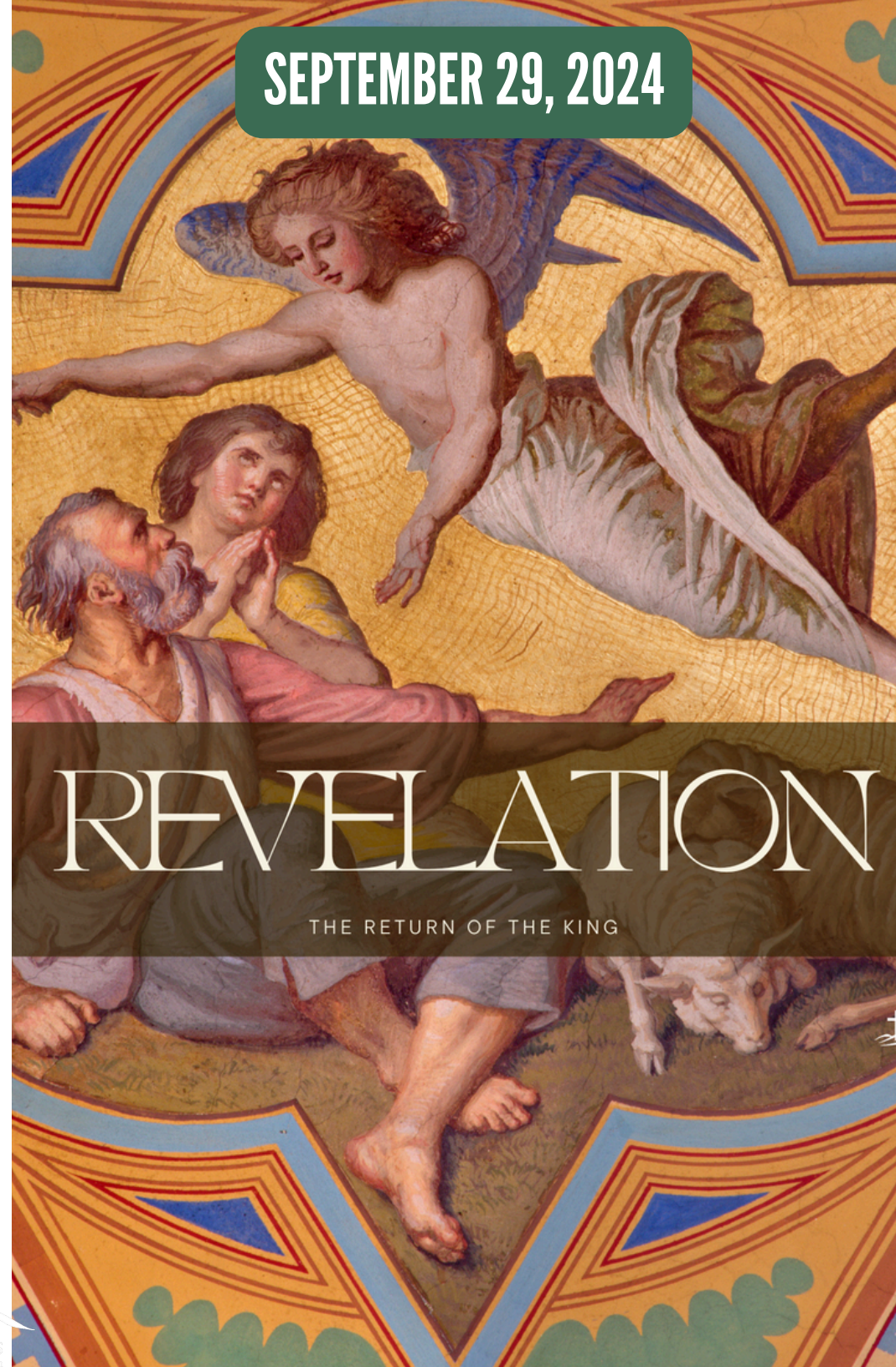
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SEPTEMBER 29, 2024



OUR VISION & MISSION

We are delighted that you joined us today! Our ministry vision is to love God and love others. The best way to do that is through our mission - bringing glory to God by making and maturing disciples of Jesus Christ.

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



MONDAY CARE GROUP - 7pm in the sanctuary

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

FALL LADIES BIBLE STUDY - Tuesdays @ 7pm in Sanctuary

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

MIDWEEK STUDY - Basic Christianity, Every Wed @ 7pm in Loffice!

YOUTH GROUP - Every Wednesday @ 7pm in Sanctuary

APOLOGETICS SEMINAR - Saturday, October 5th, Register today!

PRAYER MEETING - Sunday, Oct 6th @ 6pm in the Loffice

ELDER MEETINGS - 2nd Tuesday Monthly - Prayers appreciated!

FINANCES

THANK YOU FOR YOUR GENEROUS GIVING



GENERAL OFFERING , Aug 2024	\$21,334.91
NEHEMIAH FUND , To Date	\$538,841.52
BENEVOLENCE , To Date	\$18,102.77
CEAF , To Date	\$13,442.59
YTD GENERAL OFFERING	\$200,315.76
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

SEPTEMBER 29, 2024

WELCOME TO WORSHIP! Today our sermon passage is **Revelation 2:8-11**. As you prepare your heart for worship this morning, please consider reading and prayerfully reflecting on the following:



SCRIPTURE READINGS

- Call to Worship: Psalm 62:8
- Old Testament Reading: Jeremiah 2:4-13
- Sermon Passage Reading: Revelation 2:8-11



CONSIDER - DISCUSS - PRAY

- Have you ever faced persecution of any kind for your faith? How did it turn out? How did God prove himself faithful?
- How is it encouraging to us that Jesus knows our tribulation, our poverty, and any slander we endure for the faith?
- Where has God called you to stand against the current worldview in your life? How can the church help?
- What passages can you think of that will encourage our hearts to trust Jesus instead of fearing situations?
- Next Week's Passage: Revelation 2:12-17



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Come Thou Fount | Psalm 62 | Christ Our Wisdom |
Doxology

SERMON NOTES

Revelation 2:8-11 | Letter to Smyrna

1. I Know the Good Things [2:8-9; James 2:5; John 8:42-47; 15:18-21]

Faithful Christians will be persecuted by the unfaithful.

2. Fear Not [2:10-11; Philippians 1:21; Philippians 1:12-14; Daniel 1:12-15; Revelation 20:11-15; James 1:2-4; 1 Peter 1:6-9]

Faithful Christians will persevere through all tests.

Big Idea: Faith in Jesus conquers fear of situations.