

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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Elders

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Sunday Bible Class	10:00AM
Sunday Morning Assembly	11:00AM
Sunday Evening Assembly	6:00PM
Wednesday Bible Study	7:00PM

Privileged to Serve

Announcements:	Lowell Smith
Song Leader:	Tom Mayes
Prayer:	David Turpin
Lord's Table	Don Salisbury Rich Book Bruce Curfman Les Smith
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Keith Pennington
PM Song Leader:	Ron Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	31	38
Morn. Assembly	65	68
Sun Eve.	**	20
Wednesday	10	10
Zoom Class	17	19
Contribution:	\$2536.00	\$3145.00

***“The Lord will give strength to His people;
The Lord will bless His people with peace.”*** Ps. 29:11.

When I was a boy, I liked the Bible stories about boys like David or young John the follower of Jesus and then there is the story of Timothy the young man who followed Paul. I read the stories about women of faith but those were for girls. In fact, many Christian women have that view. Just look at the average topic for a ladies' class. In truth, all of the stories of God's faithful are for all of us.

1 Samuel has the story of Hannah, the mother of Samuel. It is a story of faith and faithfulness rarely seen in the lives of believers today. Hannah wanted a child more than anything she could imagine. She considered her life as a failure because this hope or goal seemed unachievable. She prays, has a son and then according to her vow, dedicates the boy to God's service even at a tender age.

How does Hannah speak to your life? There are so many believers who live desperate lives of unfulfilled dreams or goals. Believers who like Hannah, seem to exist with an emptiness inside. "God's promises seem to happen for others but not for me." Like Hannah, we're not talking about a bad week or even season but years of disappointment and doubts. Doubts not in God but doubts in self.

Does this struggle ever bring you to make a vow to God, a promise? But when God blesses your life, when God gives you purpose in the church, do you honor the vow, the promise made in desperate prayers? Hannah's vow to God actually cost her the blessing she asked of God. God gave her a son and Hannah gave that son to God.

I seriously believe that God has a purpose for our lives. But unlike Hannah, we are often fickle about honoring our vow to God. The first vow you made was at your baptism when you declared Jesus as Lord. Yet over the days, months and years, Jesus has become more of our advisor than our Lord and we wonder why we still exist with this emptiness inside.

Each day of the life of a follower of Jesus, is a day of decisions: will I seek God's will in every encounter or will I live in desperation? The determination of people like Hannah, Ruth, David and others seems like good reading of fables but not a part of my faithfulness to my God.

I started by saying that Hannah's story is one of both faith and faithfulness. In truth, there is no such thing as faith in God when we fail to be faithful to God. Gideon claimed to believe in God but it was not until he faithfully did God's will that he faith had any meaning.

Ps. 29:11 tells us ***“The Lord will give strength to His people...”*** Have you ever considered why God gives us strength? Such strength from God is for His glory and not our own. ***“The Lord sits as king forever”*** Ps. 29:10. King over whom? King over my life, my day, and my very reason for life.

It takes time for a story to be told. Like Hannah, your story may take years, even a lifetime. Like Hannah, are you faithful to the promise? Like Hannah, are you determined to honor God? Hannah also reminds us: ***“For the Lord is a God of knowledge, and with Him actions are weighed.”*** 1 Sam. 2:3.

I guess it is Hannah's reminder to us that actions often speak louder than words. Take that strength of God and live a life for God. Why else are we here?

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Welcome to Highway 32 Church,

We are a group of Christians worshipping God according to the Teaching in the New Testament. May we all worship our loving Father today with sincere hearts, open and receptive to His Spirit and His love.

May Teachers

Cradle Roll - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Sue Curfman
1st-6th - Marc Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Frank Glover

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



May Teacher
Sue Curfman

Note: Children will go to Bible Hour during the song before the morning lesson.

May Building & Communion
Frank/Yvonne Glover



Zoom Meetings - every Thursday evening at 7pm. Let Sue know if you want the link to join in.

Announcements:

Potluck Luncheon for May will be a Graduation Luncheon for Melody Watkins and Jose DeLeon on May 19th due to May 12th is Mothers Day. They will be graduating from Live Oaks on 5/14/24.

Libby Watkins is at home recovering from her brain surgery.

Sandra Sena has been having some difficulties with her back and will have tests run this week to determine what is going on.

Larry Paul is not feeling well due to new medication, please keep him in your prayers.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 5/25, 9:30am and Myrna Smith will be teaching.

We will be holding VBS on Monday July 29 – Wednesday July 31st. 5:30pm to 7:30pm. We will be needing your help. Please sign up on the list in the lobby asap or see Lindsey Stith.

Welcome David & Sandy Turpin who are making Highway 32 their home congregation. So glad to have you here serving with all of us.

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Anniversary: 5/13/89

HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!!

May Birthdays

5/2 Daniel Beard
5/5 Emma Boggs
5/7 Kelsey Book
5/9 Frederick Mayes
5/22 Kacie Schunk

May Anniversaries

5/13 David/Sandy Turpin
5/23 Brian/Linda Bukvic
5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith
5/14 Isaac/Felicia Rice

Continue to Remember: Mary Carrothers, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Joyce Warman's sister, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

"The effective prayer of a righteous man can accomplish much."