

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:	Keith Pennington
Song Leader:	Lowell Smith
Lord's Table.	Don Salisbury Griffin Stith Steve Wright Dylan Ruhstaller
Opening Prayer:	Tom Mayes
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Aaron Humphries
PM Song Leader:	Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	53	53
Morn. Assembly	77	102
Sun Eve.	**	25
Wednesday	14	**
Zoom Class	16	**
Contribution:	\$2434.00	\$3261.00

Ripping out God's truth

While living in Miami, Florida, a rather excentric woman entered our assembly and began tearing pages out of the songbook and stuffing them in pockets. No one said anything and the cost of our patience was only a replaceable songbook. But if I were to stand up in church and literally ripped out pages of scripture, it would be deemed as reprehensible and even blasphemous. I would probably be scolded and rebuked for my irreverence. In reality, that physical book known as the Bible is no different than that songbook. It is merely paper with ink, cardboard, and maybe some leather on the more expensive editions. That book is of no more value than a novel you bought at the supermarket.

While I am not recommending tearing up someone's Bible, I do think we need to realize that the crime or blasphemy is not about paper and ink but the will of God, the soul of the Holy Spirit and that divine guidance for our lives. Someone who would never rip the literal pages from that hardbound book might rip God's word from having any demands on their soul. Jesus says to love one another. But when I gossip, malign and despise my brother, have I not just ripped that page from scripture? The New Testament demands baptism as a part of salvation but those who deny those passages have ripped them from having authority over their lives. In truth, when we read God's word and refuse to adhere or submit to God's commands, we are those who are ripping out that which we do not want to be in our lives. Better to tear pages out of a book than deny the authority of the book of life. So, when do you hear the preacher read a passage, explain how it applies to our lives but then you close that Bible and instead you choose to live the book of *"I think and I feel."* When we think that we know better than God, we are denying His Lordship over our lives.

We see such denial of the Lordship in churches throughout the world. It manifests itself in various ways and various topics. It could be about baptism, or repentance, or giving or maybe how to conduct one's marriage. What God's word demands, people who claim faith often deny. Can't you hear the sound? ***"Rip!"*** A page of God's truth torn from your soul. God's word teaches us to forgive but it also calls upon us to not fellowship with those who refuse to change. By preferring our own definition of love, we ignore God's word and... ***"rip!"*** Why? Because we think that God doesn't know as much as we do. Sometimes you don't have to rip out the pages of God's word. Instead, you stay ignorant of God's truth, preferring your own feelings. The result is the same. In church doctrine or in how we treat one another, God's word must triumph over my will, my feelings or my comfort. To do less is to ***"rip"*** out a page from God's truth.

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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.

November Teachers

Cradle Roll - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Kacie Schunk
2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

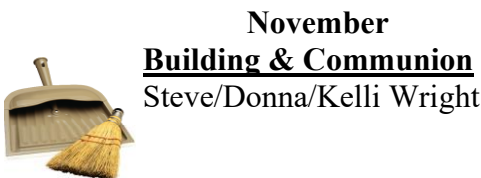
Alan Springer

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



November Teacher
Debbie Colonel

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



November Building & Communion
Steve/Donna/Kelli Wright

Zoom Meetings – Zoom meeting (I Corinthians) every Thursday 7pm.
See Sue for the link if you would like to participate.

Announcements:

We will have Thanksgiving Dinner at the Building on Thursday the 27th at 1:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to attend. See Sue for side dishes if you would like to bring something.

Connie Daniel is recovering at home with her infection in her leg. Keep her in your prayers.

Wanda Pennington's knee replacement surgery was successful and she is now at home recovering. She wanted to thank you all for the lovely cards, prayers and encouragement you have given her during this time.

Frank Glover's son that lives in Marietta, OH had a tragedy take place on Wednesday of this past week. Frank's son, son-in-law's brother (Jeremy Austin) had a house fire where his 2 year old and 6 month old daughters passed away. His wife is in the hospital with 50/50 chance of survival. The family has lost everything and if anyone would like to help financially please see Frank. He will keep us updated on the situation.

Volunteers needed for cleaning of the building in December. Helen Weiss is scheduled but we need at least two more to help her in the month of December. See Sue or sign up on Cleaning list on bulletin board.

November Birthdays

11/3 Debbie Springer	11/27 Madison Daniel
11/15 Griffin Stith	
11/19 Jeremy Schunk	
11/21 Rich Book	
11/22 Sandra Sena	
11/24 Joyce Warman	

Continue to Remember: Mark Book, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Bob/Mary Parker, Lynn Prickett, Emma Posey and our church family.

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