

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



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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: Ron Smith
 Song Leader: Tom Mayes
 Prayer: Keith Pennington
 Lord's Table Don Salisbury
 Les Smith
 Brent Shafer
 Bruce Curfman
 Sermon: Marc Curfman
 Closing Prayer: Alan Springer
 PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	31	31
Morn. Assembly	73	76
Sun Eve.	20	21
Wednesday	07	07
Zoom Class	16	**
Contribution:	\$2605.00	\$1923.00

Hearts That Grow Cold

In Matthew 24 Jesus prepares his disciples for a harsh turn of events. ***“Because lawlessness is increased, most people’s love will grow cold. But the one who endures to the end, he will be saved.”*** Matt. 24:12-13. The gospel message has always been a message of hope and joy and peace. One would expect a spring revival of faith. Yet Jesus warned that the opposite would be true. This was the unfortunate experience as the message was shared throughout not only Judea and Samaria but also the known empire and beyond. Although so many joyously embraced the good news, the majority either opposed or just didn’t care. To make matters more difficult, even some of the so-called believers polluted or corrupted the good news of Jesus in order to accommodate the darkness of that world. As Jesus predicted most people’s love grew cold.

History often seems to repeat itself and I fear we see the same phenomenon even today. Paul warned Timothy: ***“But the Spirit explicitly says that in later times some will fall away from the faith, paying attention to deceitful spirits and doctrines of demons, ²by means of the hypocrisy of liars seared in their own conscience as with a branding iron,”*** 1 Tim. 4:1-2. and ***“that in the last days difficult times will come. ²For men will be lovers of self, lovers of money, boastful, arrogant, revilers, disobedient to parents, ungrateful, unholy, ³unloving, irreconcilable, malicious gossips, without self-control, brutal, haters of good, ⁴treacherous, reckless, conceited, lovers of pleasure rather than lovers of God, ⁵holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power;”*** 2 Tim. 4:1-5.

Over the centuries, this warning has been true time and again. Today, it seems to be more of a reality than ever, at least in the time of my life and the past century. Most of what Jesus and Paul describe can be attributed to the darkness of a fallen world in the grips of Satan. But it is 2 Tim. 4:5 that bothers me the most: ***“holding to a form of godliness, although they have denied its power.”*** That speaks of religion.

Unfortunately, it also speaks of so many today who call themselves Christian. So what is the power of godliness? It is the word of God itself. Pseudo Christians are masters of the short quote out of context to seduce the listener but deny the power of God’s word by ignoring what is not convenient for the times. The power of godliness and the power of the word.

Rather than fret over the false teachings that seem so prevalent, the power of the gospel is in knowing the full message, teaching that complete truth and perhaps above all, living the truth in a way that will astonish those who see us. As Paul left for Jerusalem, he told the Elders: ***“I did not shrink from declaring to you anything that was profitable, and teaching you publicly and from house to house, solemnly testifying to both Jews and Greeks of repentance toward God and faith in our Lord Jesus Christ.”*** Acts 20:20-21.

Acts describes Paul as a believer who not only taught all that was necessary but Paul had an unstoppable drive and ***“remembering that night and day for a period of three years I did not cease to admonish each one with tears.”*** Acts 20:31.

Cold hearts often settle for doing the bare minimum. Hearts on fire can never be satisfied but look for one more soul and one more opportunity. As Paul told Timothy: ***“in season and out of season.”*** 2 Tim. 4:2. So ask yourself this question: Are we those with a cold heart when it comes to the gospel or are we those with hearts on fire? Yes, knowledge and understanding are imperative but what about your heart?

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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.

April Teachers

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

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Frank Glover

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



April Teacher
Lindsey Stith

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

April Building & Communion
Keith/Linda Pennington



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

Announcements:

Joyce Warman has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has began chemo treatments on Tuesdays at Anderson Mercy. Treatments will go 4-6 months. Keep her in your prayers.

Karen Smith is home and recovering from her successful hip surgery 4/4 and Carl Beard had to have 3 muscles repaired during his hip surgery and will be recovering for 12 weeks. Keep them in your prayers

Ladies class will be Saturday, April 27th. We will also prepare vbs for July at this time.

We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for the this quarter for 1st-6th.

The Highway 32 Google Calendar of Events has been added to the church website under events.

Pancake Breakfast & Devo – thank you to all that help and participated in the breakfast. Great time was had by all. Reminder: there will be no luncheon for the month of April.

Sheila Gelter is having a medical issue that resembles having a stroke. Doctors are trying to figure out what is causing it. Keep her in your prayers.

April Birthdays

- 4/1 Liam Adams
- 4/18 Harley Carrothers
- 4/18 Annie Norvell
- 4/19 Yvonne Glover
- 4/25 Karen Smith
- 4/29 Lindsey Smith

April Anniversaries

- 4/28 Jeremy/Kacie Schunk

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.”