

# 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:	Frank Glover
Song Leader:	Dave Turpin
Lord's Table	Jim Hutchings Don Salisbury Aaron Humphries Griffin Stith
Opening Prayer:	Rich Book
Sermon:	Lowell Smith
Closing Prayer:	Keith Pennington
PM Song Leader:	Service Cancelled

### Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	50	54
Morn. Assembly	107	94
Sun Eve.	23	26
Wednesday	**	09
Zoom Class	21	21
Contribution:	\$2781.00	\$4091.00

### KABOD

I'm not sure we always ask the right questions about our own lives. We tend to just take one day at a time which might be all one really can do. Jesus tells us to not worry. ***"So do not worry about tomorrow; for tomorrow will care for itself. Each day has enough trouble of its own."*** <sup>Matt. 6:34</sup>. But his topic was materialism and money, not the value of the soul. So, what is the right question concerning your soul? How do you measure success or failure? Again, some measure by a FICA score or the car parked in the drive. Some measure by years lived. Some by the pleasures of life. Early retirement seems to be the goal of many. And who wouldn't want to just kick their feet up and relax? Power is god for many. There are so many choices. On the other hand, what constitutes failure? Well, poverty, a stack of bills, poor health, loneliness, exhaustion, or maybe just constantly worrying about any of the above can make one miserable. Make no mistake, the choices we make matter. But do these describe success or failure?

In God's book of wisdom, Proverbs, we are called to seek honor above all else. The scale of victory or defeat according to Proverbs 3:35 is honor. ***"The wise will inherit honor. But fools lift up shame."*** <sup>Prov. 3:1</sup>. Honor? When I think of the word honor, I think of pats on the back for a good job, or maybe an award on stage. Maybe when you walk down the street, people step aside or you get that best seat at the restaurant because the maître d' respects you. I guess such honor has its place at all levels of society from kings to bricklayers, from actors on stage to the secretary pool. But what Proverbs is describing is something of a greater value. The Hebrew word used here is Kabod. It simply means weight or substance. So, read that verse again: ***"The wise will inherit substance but the fool lifts up shame."***

To win in life has little to do with wealth, health, length of years or a pat on the back as you walk down the street. To win at life is to have lived with meaning, substance, a weight to your existence here on earth. Think about it; some of the most admired lives are not those who gained life but those whose lives made a difference whether in some quiet corner or on the frontline of a battle. King David's life changed the course of a nation. His great grandmother, Ruth protected a single widow. The weight of Paul's life was the establishment of churches throughout the Roman Empire and thirteen letters preserved for all time. Dorcus just helped old ladies know they were loved. But all lived lives of weight, substance. Choosing wisely in life, choosing godly paths is what truly gives life meaning and success. Honor, Kabod makes all the difference in the universe.

The goal of purpose of honor, Kabod seems to many people as inconsequential. After all, you can't eat it, spend it, or even guarantee protection because of it. It is no guarantee against loneliness, poverty or dangers in life. So, what good is it to have this "weight of the soul?" The woeful reality is that the reward is only understood by those who prize or value character above all of life's promises. The failures in this life are not those who are poor, lonely, or vulnerable but those whose lives have no eternal "weight" to the soul. Proverbs compares such people to an adulteress: ***"She does not ponder the path of life; Her ways are unstable, she does not know it."*** <sup>Prov. 5:6</sup>.

Methuselah lived a ridiculous number of years, but I know of nothing accomplished. Jesus lived about 30-33 years and changed the world. Stephen's life was taken so early along with James the Apostle. John loved God into advanced old age. Jeremiah was mocked by the worthless, Daniel lived in a palace. All had lives of Kabod, weight. Our Lord reminds us: ***"For what does it profit a man to gain the whole world, and forfeit his soul?"*** <sup>37</sup> ***"For what will a man give in exchange for his soul?"*** <sup>Mark 8:36-37</sup>. Does your life have Kabod?

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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** - Kacie Schunk  
**Pre-K-K** - Lindsey Stith  
**1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** - Penny Goble

### **Sunday Morning Adult classes:**

Tom Mayes

**Wed. Eve.** 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



**April Teacher**  
Sue Curfman

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



**April Building & Communion**  
Schunks/Stiths Families

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

## **Announcements:**

Yvonne Caldwell, friend of Jo Drott is in need of our prayers. She is dealing with a twisted colon and surgery. Yvonne is from the Queen City Church of Christ.

Ladies Class will be this Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> on Hebrews, Sue Curfman will be teaching. (9:30am)

Hiking Saturday 4/26 – at Buzzardroost Rock Trail. Meeting at the church at 8:45am and leave promptly 9:00am. Please wear hiking or good tennis shoes. A back sack/pack and bottled water along with any personal items you may need. We will stop at Miller's Amish location on our way back for lunch.

Tonight's service will be cancelled so all will have time to spend with their families.

A Big thank you for all those who organized and carried-out the Easter Egg Hunt last Sunday for the children. They had a great time!



### **April Birthdays**

4/9 Sandy Turpin      4/19 Yvonne Glover  
4/18 Harley Carrothers      4/25 Karen Smith  
4/18 Annie Norvell      4/29 Lindsey Stith

### **April Anniversaries**

4/28 Jeremy/Kacie Schunk

**Continue to Remember:** Mark Book, Monty Gillespie, Kim Wright, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Ruth Barnes, Paul Sena and our church family.

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