

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Get Busy / Do Good

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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

Lord's Table: Lowell Smith
Dylan Ruhstaller
Ashton Hutchinson
Bruce Curfman

Opening Prayer: Frank Glover

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Aaron Humphries

PM Song Leader: David Turpin

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	36	44
Morn. Assembly	79	82
Sun Eve.	17	**

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Contribution: \$2674.00 \$2810.00



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I have to admit, sometimes God's word can be befuddling. But I mostly blame myself. When I only read Scripture to learn history, I have useless information. When I read it to apply it only to those ancients, it tends to make me a little pompous. If I try to apply God's ancient text to my life, often I don't relate. But when I read to discover the spiritual in God's word, it can become that double edged sword my soul might not want but definitely needs. Much of God's word is dated. Not that it no longer applies but that before I can understand God's truth for me, I have to understand the prophet back then. A great example of this is in Jeremiah. **"Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns."** Jer. 4:3. I truly believe that these words were like that double edged sword and cut deep into the hearts of those who heard. Some perhaps repented. Others became angry and resentful. But it has nothing to do with farming. Instead, it is a farming metaphor for one's life.

Imagine a farmer complaining about his poverty, yet he has unplowed fields. Then imagine that instead of turning that soil over, the farmer sows his precious seeds among the thorns and weeds. Everyone would mock him. Yet this has nothing to do with agriculture or your tomato plants but everything to do with your failure to succeed in life, that is, your spiritual life. I think if Jeremiah were to preach this same lesson today, perhaps he would say, "get out of your bedroom, make your bed and do something worthwhile with your life and stay away from evil company. In other words, "Get Busy / Do Good."

So often we feel the pain of a life lived without a godly purpose. Yet we fail to take action. We might pray from time to time. We might expect others to come to our rescue. We expect others to love as we only demand love, we give into depression and failure because we do not choose what is good, godly and right. And we keep failing to act even though that has failed us before. We need to put forth the effort and we need to abandon destructive practices. **"break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns."** Or "Get out of your self-induced "funk," make your bed and start a day with purpose and holiness." It is that simple. Oh, and by the way, steer clear of those bad influences.

I know, "we are saved by grace and don't need to do anything." I'm not sure where to find that passage. I do know one guy who seemed to know about life who said, **"Unless you repent, you will all likewise perish."** Luke 13:3 (someone remind me who said that?). I also know that after Paul proclaimed salvation by grace, a grace you cannot merit, he goes on to say, **"For we are His workmanship, created in Christ Jesus for good works, which God prepared beforehand, that we should walk in them."** Eph. 2:10.

Those people complaining about life in Jeremiah's day were told to change. Jeremiah said, don't pretend but do it from the depth of your soul (Jer. 4:1-2). And hope is never found in excuses or indifference. **"Break up your fallow ground, And do not sow among thorns."**

If you want a life that is good, quit waiting on some miracle from heaven, don't believe that Nigerian prince who offers money for free. Don't waste your life looking for that knight in shining armor in a chatroom. Get Busy and do Good. Give your day to God in a way that is worthy of your calling (1 Thess. 2:12). Choose action, choose purpose and get out of the thorns, let loose of those dark souls that drag you down. Live seeking goodness and godliness and see the salvation for today and forever. Not because you earned it, not because you deserve it but because you need hope, purpose and a fresh start with Christ. So Get busy and do Good for God.

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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.

August Teachers

Cradle Roll - Jessica Mayes
Pre-K-K - Melody/Libby
2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Marc Curfman



August Teacher
Sue Curfman

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



August
Building & Communion
Don/Nancy Salisbury

Zoom Meetings – Zoom meeting (2 Corinthians) every Thursday 7pm.
See Sue for the link if you would like to participate.

Announcements:

Huey Jones will be in Atlantes Rehab Center Eastgate (776 Old State Rt. 74 B) room 108A for probably 3 weeks recovering from her fall. She welcomes visitors! Keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Christian Help Center - The specified item for August will be Green Beans. Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

We will be collecting school supplies to help children at our local schools. If you have any questions, see Lindsey Stith. Donations can be placed in the foyer. Items needed include: Pencils, Notebook paper, Composition books, Spiral notebooks, Dry Erase markers, Glue Sticks, Scissors, Colored Pencils, Markers, Clorox Wipes, Paper Towels, and Tissues.

Potluck Luncheon Date for August will be the 16th.

Thank you, Ladies, for helping make blankets for the Ronald McDonald house. We were able to complete 10 blankets Saturday.

July Birthdays

7/4 Connie Daniel & Kirt Martin
7/7 Adeline Mayes
7/15 Kellie Wright
7/18 Don Salisbury
7/22 Lynn Beard
7/25 Keith Pennington
7/26 Carl Beard
7/27 Betty Sutton

July Anniversaries

7/23 Lynn Prickett

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

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