

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: Bruce Curfman

Lord's Table: Jim Hutchings
Aaron Humphries
Keith Pennington
Rich Book

Opening Prayer: David Turpin

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Alan Springer

PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	44	40
Morn. Assembly	82	90
Sun Eve.	**	21

Wednesday 13 15

Contribution: \$2810.00 \$3527.00



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Therefore Be Imitators of God

"Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; and walk in love, just as Christ also loved you and gave Himself up for us, an offering and a sacrifice to God as a fragrant aroma."

Eph. 5:1-2.

"We are a product of our culture." I have heard that claim worded in more ways than I can count. Brazilians would tell me that the vulgar language really wasn't bad in their culture. But if I told you the words and their meaning, you would be shocked. Americans have followed suit. Posters, bumper stickers that would have been shameful 25 years ago are common. A police officer once told me that if he didn't swear, or use foul language, no one would respect him. I guess he didn't know the kind of men I worked with daily. Then there are the cultural customs concerning marriage, authority and submission. Or even acts of physical violence. The excuse is this is our culture, our customs and that cannot be changed. I'm kind of glad that the cannibals of New Guinea who became believers in Jesus Christ did not take such attitudes. No, they knew that in Christ, all things are new.

I wonder about the so-called Christian who lives more like the culture than the plain teachings of Scripture. When it comes to culture, we are called out of darkness and into his light. Throughout the gospels and the letters we are called not to imitate the nations but imitate Christ. But for some reason, believers seem to have lied to themselves and follow this idea that as long as you got dunked in water, eat a piece of bread and have a cup of juice/wine, then you are a disciple of Jesus and you can ignore the rest of God's word.

The focus throughout God's word is love. Not man's definition of love but God's absolute truth about love. Read 1 Corinthians 13, Romans 8, follow the actions of Jesus, see the sacrifice of Paul as they demonstrate what the love of God looks like in life.

"Do not participate in the unfruitful deeds of darkness, but instead even expose them;" Eph. 6:11.

The church of Christ is not American, Romanian or Brazilian. Yeah, we speak different languages and foods are different. But each culture, every society is guided by the darkness and sin. Why would we imitate the very darkness we fled from? Why do we take the failures, godlessness of the world and then try to "Christianize" it? Greed is still greed. Abuse and anger is still satanic. Vulgarities, addictions, coveting and gossip may be the national pass time. God's people, men, women, old and young walk in the light.

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Does your life reflect the sacrificial love of Jesus or the arrogant selfishness of the darkness?

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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.

July 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



July Teacher
Kacie Schunk

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



July Building & Communion
Tina Widmeyer & Ron Smith

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.

Harley Carrothers has moved to 10024 Limberlost Trail, Ft Wayne, IN 46825 on 7/17 to be with his daughter.

Christian Help Center - The specified item for July will be can soup. Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

Sunday nights we are studying the book of Colossians read all 4 chapters for next Sunday and join us in learning from God's Word.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 7/26, 9:30 am and we will be making knot blankets for the Ronald McDonald house.

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.

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."