

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: Frank Glover
 Song Leader: Ron Smith
 Prayer: Les Smith
 Lord's Table David Turpin
 Griffin Stith
 Brent Shafer
 Don Salisbury
 Sermon: Tom Mayes
 Closing Prayer: Jim Hutchings
 PM Song Leader: Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	33	37
Morn. Assembly	55	70
Sun Eve.	19	18
Wednesday	**	22
Zoom Class	**	21
Contribution:	\$3395.00	\$2417.00

What I want

How often have I heard someone say: "Enjoy life while you can!" While I fully agree with the statement, it also matters exactly what you mean by such words. Does that mean to work while you have the strength? Or does that mean to get as rich as you can? For some it means to enjoy your children or to lift up others in need. After all, Jesus promised the abundant life (John 10:10).

Life can have great blessings both spiritual and earthly. We give thanks to God for everything and as Paul says, ***"I have learned to be content in whatever circumstances I am."*** Phil. 4:11.

But then there is Solomon with all the wealth, all the power, all the wisdom and knowledge any one man could ever desire. He enjoyed life. What he wanted was never denied. But as with all life, what we want always comes with some consequences. Solomon was visited by God twice in visions and dreams. God promised Solomon the world... "if." If he would be faithful, if he would keep God's commands...

It wasn't those women who we can blame for the demise of Solomon, but Solomon wanted what he wanted and what he wanted was not God reigning over his desires. ***"Now the LORD was angry with Solomon because his heart was turned away from the LORD, the God of Israel, who had appeared to him twice, and had commanded him concerning this thing, that he should not go after other gods; but he did not observe what the LORD had commanded."*** 1 Kings 11:9-10.

Like us today, we know God's word, God's commands but we want what we want. I may not have Solomon's wealth, power, wisdom or knowledge but what I do have in common with Solomon is that I want what I want.

The consequences always arrive. Sometimes in this life and sometimes in the time to come. But judgment is always firm. For Solomon, it was his children and those about him that suffered the most for his selfish desires. I might suffer here and now for my insolence or perhaps it is those near me who fail to receive God's blessing because of my own choices. Maybe my children or grandchildren will never know God because I never honored God.

Solomon never completely abandoned God, but he did compromise his allegiances. Maybe we continue to claim Jesus as Lord but somehow think that we can selfishly live for our own wants and desires.

And Solomon was warned. A prophet told Solomon that the kingdom would be taken from his son and given to another. It was time for repentance and change. Instead, Solomon tried to fight God's judgment.

So for you and me, it isn't too late. We can change, turn, repent. Will all of our sorrows go away? Perhaps, perhaps not. But we can bow before our Lord and God and seek God's mercy.

I do hope you enjoy life while you can. In truth, that is achieved by living the life God designed you to live. The two greatest commandments are not just the two greatest duties but the two greatest paths for the abundant life God promised. Blessed are those who are poor in spirit, blessed are those that know when and how to mourn when needed, blessed are peacemakers, blessed are the ones who hunger and thirst for the good life God designed. Such a blessed life is not found because I want what I want but because I want and live for what God wants.

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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 - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Kacie Schunk
1st-6th - Ron/Myrna Smith

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Frank Glover

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



July Teacher
Connie Daniel

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

July Building & Communion

George Smith



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

Announcements:

Felicia Rice will be having a total thyroidectomy July 9th due to a papillary thyroid carcinoma. It is a less aggressive type of cancer. Keep her in your prayers.

Area Wide Singing will be hosted by Highway 32 next month on Sunday 7/21 from 5pm-7pm. There will be a dinner afterwards instead of the monthly potluck. A menu has been placed on the bulletin board so please sign up and plan on attending the singing we will be hosting. Flyers have been sent out to area wide congregations. There are more on the table in the lobby to invite family and friends.

VBS - Monday July 29 – Wednesday July 31st. 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Invite all you can to attend.

TODAY:

VBS MEETING: For all interested in helping out at VBS please remain after services next Sunday 7/7/24 for a brief meeting with Lindsey Stith. Schedules/Flyers will be available, and any questions answered at this time.

Romanian Update: All has gone well and VBS is over. Marc and Sue will be returning on Wednesday.

July Birthdays

7/4 Connie Daniel & Kirt Martin
7/6 Ammon Adams
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: Mary Carrothers, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Joyce Warman and her sister, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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