

# 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: Ron Smith  
 Song Leader: Aaron Humphries  
 Lord's Table: Frank Glover  
 Steve Wright  
 Griffin Stith  
 David Goble  
 Opening Prayer: Lowell Smith  
 Sermon: Marc Curfman  
 Closing Prayer: Les Smith  
 PM Song Leader: Ron Smith

**Attendance**

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	50	45
Morn. Assembly	104	79
Sun Eve.	**	22
Wednesday	09	16
Zoom Class	14	09
Contribution:	\$3151.00	\$3277.00



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Pray for me

I truly do believe that prayer is perhaps the most difficult of all of faith. I believe in God. Some of that is faith but a lot of that is logical. It takes more faith to be an atheist than to look at this world and reject God's presence. As David said: ***"When I consider Your heavens, the work of Your fingers, The moon and the stars, which You have ordained; What is man that You take thought of him,"*** Ps. 8:3-4. I believe in the gospel of the cross and the empty tomb. The more I ponder the greater the hope the more I believe in eternity. After all, God has place such longing in our hearts. (Ecc. 3:11) I see God's purpose in my own existence. So, yes, I am a believer, a follower and a disciple. I am also a son, a child of God. As such, I pray to the Father. But prayer is often difficult. Anyone can utter words, ask, petition, and cry out. But the voice of God is rarely seen in the strong wind, earthquake or fire but instead, in the "gentle blowing." You can miss it if not careful. God's answers to the prayers of faithful servants may be seen over years rather than a flash. Isaiah lived God's answer over decades, as did Jeremiah, Daniel, Paul and so many others. Mary pondered to understand. We often are at a lost as to what to pray. But we pray, pray without ceasing, quitting or giving up (1 Thess. 5:17). And whose prayers are the greatest? I truly think that my prayers are the greatest. No one can pray for me and my place in God's purpose better than me. The same goes for you also. Your prayers for your place in God's kingdom are the greatest source of strength, understanding, and life. Yes, we pray for one another, we bear one another's burdens. But your prayer to God is more powerful than that of an army of prayers. Like the father of the possessed son, ***"I do believe, help my unbelief."*** Mark 9:24. Faith begins with surrender and trusting even when hope seems hopeless. As it is said of Abraham: ***"In hope against hope he believed."*** Rom. 4:18. I think of two stories where someone asked for the prayers of others. One is Paul, a man of prayer himself. He asked the church to pray for him (1 Thess. 5:25). He asked for prayers, he thanked the church for their prayers. Paul's ministry was built on prayer. But the other story that comes to mind is a bit darker. It is the story of Simon the magician. Simon believed and was even baptized. Yet, the old vice of pride, avarice and fame reared its ugly head as he saw Simon Peter's gift. He thought he could first buy the gift and restore his personal fame and glory. Peter not only condemned his desires but told him to pray. ***"pray the Lord that, if possible, the intention of your heart may be forgiven you... But Simon answered and said, "Pray to the Lord for me yourselves, so that nothing of what you have said may come upon me."*** Acts 8:22-24. No one knows if Simon ever repented. Tradition doubts his change. But Peter told him what to do; pray. Instead, he turned that back to Peter: ***"Pray to the Lord for me yourselves,"***. Simon's prayer needed to happen. Simon needed to plead to God. So, like Paul, I ask that you pray for me. Like Paul, you ought to solicit the prayers of others. But you yourself must pray before God. You ask and it shall be given. You must seek so that you may find. After all, God is your Father. Why ask someone else to pray to your Father and yet not trust that God hears and cares for his own child, you? ***"how much more will your Father who is in heaven give what is good to those who ask Him!"*** Matt. 7:11b.

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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.

### March Teachers

**Cradle Roll** - Lindsey Stith  
**Pre-K-K** - Lindsey Stith  
**2nd-6th** - Sue Curfman

### Sunday Morning Adult classes:

David Turpin

**Wed. Eve.** 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



March Teacher  
Lindsey Stith

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



March Building & Communion  
Sheila/Morgan Gelter  
Linda Shinkle

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

## Announcements:

Christian Help Center in Batavia wants to let you all know how much they appreciated the donated can goods. The specified item for March will be jelly (any flavor). Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

Ladies Class Next Saturday 3/28/26 – 9:30 am. Compassionate Heart – II Corinthians. Also Card making day headed up by Morgan Gelter and filling easter eggs with candy for the Easter Egg Hunt. All bags of candy for Hunt please give to Kacie or bring with you to Ladies Class.

Herb Moyer was in Bethesda North this past week with swelling and breathing problems due to liver issues. He is back home now recovering.

Dwayne Morton is at Forest Hills Rehab Center recovering from surgery on his foot. Room 1206 Keep him in your prayers they had to remove all of his toes.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 29<sup>th</sup> after Sunday morning services. Any questions please see Kacie.

Potluck luncheon for the month of April will be the 12<sup>th</sup>.

Directories are on the lobby table. If you have not had a directory before please take a full complete binder. If you have had a directory just take the paperclipped insert. The binder will open up and you can replace your old directory with the new one. A copy will also be sent to your email address as well.

### March Birthdays

3/2 Joe Sena & Jo Drott  
3/6 Laura Hutchings  
3/22 Dwayne Morton  
3/24 Leann Smith  
3/29 Graci Book  
3/30 Henry Mayes

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

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