

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: Keith Pennington

Song Leader: Aaron Humphries

Lord's Table: Les Smith
Don Salisbury
Bruce Curfman
Griffin Stith

Opening Prayer: David Turpin

Sermon: Tom Mayes

Closing Prayer: Alan Springer

PM Song Leader: No PM Service

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	45	50
Morn. Assembly	90	93
Sun Eve.	15	24
Wednesday	12	10
Zoom Class	14	11
Contribution:	\$3682.00	\$2602.00



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Living in the Moment

"For you are our glory and joy." 1 Thess. 2:20.

I had an interesting day here recently. I met with four preachers; three of which I had never known and we had lunch. It was a long drive but a good one. I also had the misfortune of a minor car accident later that day ("minor accident" isn't reflected in the repair price). But what I remember most from that day is that there were five men, preachers in a restaurant having a long lunch and conversation and there was not one cellphone on the table. Surely those busy men were receiving texts, even calls during that time but not one cellphone appeared during that time. We had scheduled lunch together and the world could wait. What mattered was those present instead of promises from that electronic addiction.

With all of this new technology that claimed it would simplify and aid our lives, it has not happened that way. We are an addicted society that cannot live in the moment for fear that we might be missing something out there somewhere. The truth is that we are missing so much here where we are and we miss out on what could be as we hover over that digital seduction whether that be a call or text or email or maybe that constant scrolling. The digital gods keep us occupied while we fail to live a life in the present. In fact, even what we actually do seems meaningless if there is not a post or blog to record our actions.

We are losing the ability to think, reason, and experience life as we are absorbed in media of whatever form. Do not misunderstand me. I type this on a computer rather than paper and ink (but I do love that paper and ink). I enjoy the convenience of instant responses and answers. I even track my wife's phone so that I can be sure to finish off that last piece of cake before she arrives.

But life is about living in the moment, living in the world God gave us without the distractions of cyber space. The state has had to pass laws about driving while distracted. Amazingly enough, people can drive 70 mph all while focusing on some video of cute kittens or whatever news your friends posted about your favorite celeb. It is deadly. But living while distracted is equally as deadly. No, you might not instantly die in a fiery crash but before you know it life passes, opportunities pass, relationships that could have been never happen as you can spend hours texting someone in Frankfurt, Germany but not able to relate to your neighbor, classmate or even the waitress who brings you a meal.

As an old man who grew up without such devices, I assure you that life without such electronic lords is possible and even preferable. As a Christian yes, these aids are of great use to me in teaching and communicating with brothers, sisters and even aid me to connect with that new face who visited church. But it is not a substitute for real relationships in this real world.

The best multimedia of the first century was probably a parchment or scroll delivered by a courier or friends. But listen to Paul's heart as he "texts" to his brothers:

"longing to see us just as we also long to see you" 1 Thess. 3:6

"Therefore, my beloved brethren whom I long to see, my joy and crown..." Phil. 4:1.

"For I long to see you so that I may impart some spiritual gift to you,..." Rom. 1:11.

If that doesn't convince you, maybe this will: *"For God so loved the world, that He gave His only begotten Son..."* John 3:16.

Aren't you glad he didn't just blog? When you love your neighbor as yourself, maybe try showing up and maybe give that face-to-face priority over your addiction.

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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.

June Teachers

Cradle Roll - Kacie Schunk
Pre-K-K - Nancy Salisbury
2nd-6th - David/Penny Goble

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Ron Smith



June Teacher

Donna & Kellie Wright

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



June

Building & Communion

Mayes Family

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

Announcements:

Potluck luncheon Today and workday for VBS following luncheon. There will be no PM service due to luncheon/workday.

Christian Help Center - The specified item for June will be cereal. Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

VBS (June 15-17) – All cookie/food donations will be needed for Monday.

Young Adult Outing – Kings Island on Saturday, June 20th Let Kacie know if you plan to attend.

Next Ladies Class – Saturday June 27th at 9:30. We will start II Cor. 4.

Robyn Cassidy's mom has been diagnosed with dementia. Keep her in your prayers.

Emma Posey's daughter-In Law Angie Posey had surgery this past week repairing a hole in her stomach and removing her gall bladder while dealing with a blood clot in her leg. She is recovering now. Please keep her in your prayers.

Yvonne Caldwell knee replacement surgery went well. Keep her in your prayers for a quick recovery.

Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp – Buzzard Week (June 28-July 4) Youth Ages 7-18 are invited to join us for Buzzard Week at Fort Hill Christian Youth Camp. Come prepared for a Christ-filled and fun week of Bible Study, Worship, fellowship, and spiritual growth.

June Birthdays

6/4 Bruce Curfman
6/24 Dylan Dingus
6/12 Kora Dingus

June Anniversaries

6/3 Frank/Yvonne Glover
6/6 Alan/Debbie Springer
6/6 Keith/Linda Pennington
6/22 Joe/Sandra Sena
6/24 Carl/Donna Beard
6/25 Lowell/Karen Smith

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."