

# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



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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: David Turpin  
 Prayer: Keith Pennington  
 Lord's Table: Tom Mayes  
                   Alan Springer  
                   Les Smith  
                   Griffin Stith  
 Sermon: Marc Curfman  
 Closing Prayer: Jim Hutchings  
 PM Song Leader: Tom Mayes

**Attendance**

|                | Last Week | Week Before |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Sun. Bible     | 40        | 39          |
| Morn. Assembly | 76        | 71          |
| Sun Eve.       | 21        | 25          |
| Wednesday      | 19        | 13          |
| Zoom Class     | 19        | 20          |
| Contribution:  | \$2962.00 | \$2791.00   |

**A Choice for the Soul**

*“Life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness!”* That has been enshrined in our country for over two hundred years. I’m sure each culture of western society has something similar. Of course, the problem is how do you define these claimed rights? What does such a belief look like on the streets and in our homes? We live in a world where each one defines what is good in life. We have our own rights, our own beliefs but also the consequences that accompany such choices. And there is where the challenge arises. Few accept the consequences whether they be emotional, financial, or the physical results of our *“pursuit of happiness.”*

The follower of Jesus is one who has made a choice. When making that choice for Jesus as Lord, we also embrace all consequences, foreseen or unforeseen. Jesus warned Peter about consequences of faith while on the beach eating fish (John 21), Paul found out the cost on the very day of his obedience and baptism. Our choices have consequences and even making the right choice does not guarantee comfort or earthly reward.

At the same time, to choose failure (the very definition of sin) comes with consequences, rarely are such consequences good even in this world. Never are they good for the soul. Yet, we live in a physical world with physical, emotional, and spiritual consequences.

We are also told to *“...do good for all people...”* Gal. 6:10. So, when people suffer as a result of their *“pursuit of happiness”* what is the *good* should we do for them? It is a difficult question that cannot be resolved in a classroom discussion but must be deliberated in real life. Far too often, Christians seem to think that the best choice is to give a drunk one more drink of whiskey. No, not literally but too often, with the best of intentions, our acts of goodness are nothing more than enabling someone’s failures so that they can keep on failing and not face the consequences.

In 1 Cor. 5, a brother was living out his failure to both God and his own very soul, not to mention the damage to the Lord’s people. The church seemed divided in how to respond. For Paul, the answer was clear: ***“I have decided to deliver such a one to Satan for the destruction of his flesh, so that his spirit may be saved in the day of the Lord Jesus.”*** 1 Cor. 5:5.

As harsh as this seemed to many, it was actually because of Paul’s compassion for the man’s soul, rather than his physical comfort or emotional desires. Paul looked beyond the temporary world and gave unmitigated value to the eternal spirit given to each man. Paul embraced the words of Jesus who said; ***“What does it profit a man to gain the whole world and forfeit his soul?”*** Matt. 16:26. Often times, we give more value to the moment than to the eternal. And if you are looking for the godly response to someone’s failed choices of the soul, please do not listen to the voice of the one who refuses God’s path. I don’t really believe in what many call “tough love” but I will say that a godly commitment to God centered love can often be tough to do.

I don’t have a simple answer for every single situation, but the question is whether we act for the comfort of one’s emotions or the salvation of the spirit. Are our actions a reflection of what others want, or what makes me feel comfortable or acceptable or do we act according to the love of God ***“who desires all men to be saved and to come to the knowledge of the truth.”*** 1 Tim. 2:4. Life here is tough. The heart-breaking truth is that most seem to choose failure. Let us choose not as the world chooses but in our love for that friend or enemy, let us choose the soul.

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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** - Yvonne Glover  
**Pre-K-K** - Sue Curfman  
**1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** - Marc Curfman

### **Sunday Morning Adult classes:**

Frank Glover

**Wed. Eve.** Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



**June Teacher**  
Kacie Schunk

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



**June Building & Communion**  
Tom/Jessica Mayes

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

## Announcements:

Mary Carrothers has been moved to: Villa Georgetown Nursing Home.  
Mary fell breaking her wrist and hurting her spine. 8065 Doctor Faul Rd. Georgetown, OH 45121  
Mary was in ER yesterday due to another fall. Keep her in your prayers.

Friends of Les Smith are in need of prayer; Tim Budai had open heart surgery and in recovery. Bill Dunkman was transported to hospital due to heat and dehydration.

Dwayne Winn's mother cancer is progressing. Keep her in your prayers.

Ft Hill Camp under the direction of Tom Mayes will begin June 30 through July 6<sup>th</sup>. If you are interested check with Tom for any info.

VBS - Monday July 29 – Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>. 5:30pm to 7:30pm. We will be needing your help. Please sign up on the list in the lobby asap or see Lindsey Stith.

Ladies class for the month of June will be cancelled. We will meet July 27<sup>th</sup>.

### June Birthdays

6/2 Brian Bukvic  
6/4 Bruce Curfman  
6/12 Felicia Claire

### June Anniversaries

6/3 Frank/Yvonne Glover  
6/4 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:** Mary Carrothers, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Joyce Warman's sister, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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