

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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Elders

Lowell Smith

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Marc Curfman

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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: Tom Mayes

Lord's Table. Les Smith
Bruce Curfman
Steve Wright
Keith Pennington

Opening Prayer: Alan Springer

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Don Salisbury

PM Song Leader: Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	48	42
Morn. Assembly	98	76
Sun Eve.	**	**
Wednesday	**	12
Zoom Class	**	**
Contribution:	\$3041.00	\$2773.00



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I Think I Will Quit the Church

"I think it is time for me to quit church, to quit on this Christianity stuff." I still believe there is a God in heaven, but he needs to understand my side of the issue. I know he expects me to wear the garments he has provided for the wedding; faithfulness, love, forgiveness, obedience to his word, but God needs to consider my feelings, my side of the argument. Yes, I know that Jesus died for the church. ***"just as Christ also loved the church and gave Himself up for her,"*** Eph. 5:25b. But I'm upset.

One day, I'll stand before God's judgment seat and I have a thing or two to say in my defense. Sister Sue didn't speak to me last Sunday. Brother Bob didn't give me the money I asked for. And besides, I'm not the only one who messed up here. I can tell you plenty about those religious people at that church. So, I will just stay home from now on. Or maybe I'll join another church, maybe they ignore God's commands but what really matters is that I feel happy.

I know I don't usually turn to God's word for answers but just out of curiosity, I wonder if God sees things my way? So, let's just flip over and see what the word of God says. Maybe that Job guy. Surely he had a rough time just like me. What good answers does that book give?

"Who is this that darkens counsel By words without knowledge?" Job 38:2.

Sounds a little judgmental there if you ask me. Where is the compassion of God? I know, this is that Old Testament God. But Jesus, I've seen the paintings, Jesus meek and mild, wouldn't hurt a fly. Let's see what he says.

"first be reconciled to your brother, and then come and present your offering. 25"Make friends quickly with your opponent at law while you are with him on the way, so that your opponent may not hand you over to the judge, and the judge to the officer, and you be thrown into prison. 26"Truly I say to you, you will not come out of there until you have paid up the last cent." Matt. 5:24-26.

But doesn't Jesus know that I was the offended party in that event? Why should I take the first step? And what is this idea of forgiving seventy times seven? Do I at least get hugs from everyone for what I suffered? And I'm not so sure I like the way Jesus defines forgiveness, that is, from the heart.

"And his lord, moved with anger, handed him over to the torturers until he should repay all that was owed him. 35"My heavenly Father will also do the same to you, if each of you does not forgive his brother from your heart." Matt. 18:34-35. I put on a good show about my suffering so everyone could see just how forgiving I am, even if I really still hold a grudge. God, I've had enough of this church. I quit. You, God will just have to deal with it. After all, it is their fault, her fault, his fault that I was upset.

"And I saw the dead, the great and the small, standing before the throne, and books were opened; and another book was opened, which is the book of life; and the dead were judged from the things which were written in the books, according to their deeds." Rev. 20:12. Wait! What about my feelings? What about my excuses? Maybe there really is another choice for my life that I never considered...

"and let us consider how to stimulate one another to love and good deeds, 25not forsaking our own assembling together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another; and all the more as you see the day drawing near." Hebrews 10:24-25.

Now that is an approach I never considered! So, I am supposed to come to church as the victor and not the victim? I never thought of that! Sounds demanding but it also sounds like victory!

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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.

May 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



May Teacher
Sandy Turpin

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



May
Building & Communion
Glover Family

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

Announcements:

Potluck luncheon for month of June will be the 14th.

Christian Help Center - The specified item for May will be SpaghettiOs.

Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

VBS – In preparing for VBS if you have any of the following items we could borrow as decorations, (Canoe/Kayak, Christmas Tree, Lanterns) Please see Lindsey Stith.



Ladies Class will be next Saturday 5/30 at 9:30am. Sue will continue on with II Corinthians.

Welcome our new brother in Christ Chad Ruhstaller who was baptized last Sunday. New Directory updates will come out soon. Address: 2730 State Route 222, Lot 10, Bethel, OH 45106. Phone: 513/781-5076 – email:

Ruhstaller1014@gmail.com Birthday: 5/17

May Anniversaries

5/13 David/Sandy Turpin

May Birthdays

5/2 Daniel Beard
5/5 Emma Boggs
5/7 Kelsey Book
5/8 Mondo Stith & Colin Humphries
5/9 Frederick Mayes
5/15 Dylan Ruhstaller
5/17 Chad Ruhstaller
5/22 Kacie Schunk
5/31 Tanya Humphries

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."