

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



School of the Bible

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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: Rich Book

Song Leader: Tom Mayes

Lord's Table: Don Salisbury
Ashton Hutchinson
Dylan Dingus
Aaron Humphries

Opening Prayer: Jim Hutchings

Scripture reading: Dominyck Boone

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Griffin Stith

PM Song Leader: No PM Service

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	31	40
Morn. Assembly	78	86
Sun Eve.	22	22
Wednesday	**	13
Contribution:	\$3694.00	\$3643.00



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I am constantly asked where one should start reading in the Bible. I guess there are no wrong answers but I usually recommend that you start in the New Testament. Read Matthew, Mark... all the way to the Apocalypse. Of course, Genesis and Exodus are vital in understanding a lot of the New Testament quotes. Gotta know who that Abraham guy is and his son, grandsons, and great grandsons. So, I hope you also make your way early on to that Old Testament. Sorry about the Hebrew names and some of those endless list of instructions. But you will find out a lot in the Old Testament. You might be shocked to know that even walls can get leprosy (discussion for another time). And some of those rules will make you do a double take and cross your eyeballs.

But in the end, it isn't about getting to know the Bible but getting to know God and walk with him according to his leadings and not my own. That cannot happen without knowing God's word. I like to view it like going back to school. Where do you start and when have you truly graduated. Yeah, you never quite get to be the one who knows it all. Not even Paul would claim that, ***"For we know in part and we prophesy in part"*** ^{1 Cor. 13:9}.

One way to look at it is that your grade school (remedial learning) would be the gospels; Matthew, Mark, Luke and John. When you get to know these and you put the words into practice, you are ready to graduate to high school. That would be the book of Acts. There you see the church and church work in action. Remember, those High School students like the early church needed to know Jesus before Jesus could use their lives. If you graduate from High School (Book of Acts) and you have that grand commitment to the Way, the gospel and the church, then it is time to go to college.

College would be the letters (epistles) of Paul, Peter, James, Jude and that book of Hebrews. What a grand collection of Holy Spirit teaching for the believer who just keeps learning, keeps seeking more and gets more and more involved in the work of the kingdom and the unity of faith in the church. The book of Romans is tough without guidance but in college, hopefully you will find a well informed professor who will guide you. Hebrews is also a challenge but after all, it is college level learning. At least that is what the Hebrew writer says: ***"Therefore leaving the elementary teaching about the Christ, let us press on to maturity, not laying again a foundation of repentance from dead works and of faith toward God, ²of instruction about washings and laying on of hands, and the resurrection of the dead and eternal judgment. ³And this we will do, if God permits."*** ^{Heb. 6:1-3}.

Okay! Congratulations! You have the knowledge, the practice, and the skills to serve God and hopefully help others. Now what? Well, if you are looking for more, then maybe go for your PhD. in the School of the Bible. Be prepared for a lot of challenges and mysteries as you sit down with the book of Revelation, the Apocalypse. I have read and listened to more fanciful musings of ignorance concerning this one book than any other. But with guidance, deep study and discussion hopefully you will understand the book one preacher described as: "Hallelujah Anyway!" It is a masterpiece of the sovereignty of God and the providence of God.

But here is what I see as the biggest problem. Most Christians think they are suitable for that Ph.D. dissertation on Revelation but they have never graduated from grade school with the gospels. And remember, you don't get promoted out of grade school until you not only know what is there but you practice the gospels in your daily walk.

Most of the people I know that are fixated on Revelation have no walk, have no light that shines, have no ministry and have a very limited relationship with King Jesus. But they do like to discuss religion.

"wanting to be teachers of the Law, even though they do not understand either what they are saying or the matters about which they make confident assertions." ^{1 Tim. 1:7}.

On the last day, I would be happy just to know Jesus. I would be content with that grade school graduation certificate because I know the gospels and I live the gospels. So, I keep going back to Matthew, to Mark, to Luke and John and I keep praying the gospels so that I can keep living the gospels.

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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.

August Teachers

Cradle Roll - Jessica Mayes
Pre-K-K - Melody/Libby
2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Marc Curfman



August Teacher
Lindsey Stith

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



August Building & Communion
Don/Nancy Salisbury

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

Announcements:

Prayers:

Keith Pennington will be having surgery Monday to repair an aneurysm leak and then will be taking new medications to help with heart failure. Keep him in your prayers.

Howard Basham had two surgeries to fix the brain bleed due to his fall this past week. He has been at UC hospital.

Christian Help Center - The specified item for August will be Green Beans. Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

Potluck Luncheon Today after services and there will be no PM Services.

Annual Ladies Day will be Saturday September 12th. Schedule/flyer will be available to invite your friends on the table in the foyer. Pick one up and mark your calendars to attend.

Mark your Calendars for a **Group Picture** for Highway 32 Church members Sunday September 20th.

Young Adult Event scheduled at Lowell/Karen Smith's house on Saturday 8/22/26 at 7pm. Bonfire with singing and s'mores and maybe a grill out. Bring a camping chair.

August Birthdays

8/6 Mark Book
8/10 Penny Goble
8/15 Aaron Humphries
8/22 Cathy Cann
8/23 Alex Watkins
8/26 Linda Pennington

August Anniversaries

8/3 Bob/Mary Parker
8/20 Ron/Linda Carter
8/26 Betty/Ted Sutton
8/28 Rich/Jenni Book

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

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