

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: Frank Glover
 Song Leader: Tom Mayes
 Lord's Table. Don Salisbury
 Alan Springer
 Ashton Hutchinson
 Les Smith
 Opening Prayer: Aaron Humphries
 Sermon: Marc Curfman
 Closing Prayer: David Turpin
 PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

| | Last Week | Week Before |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Sun. Bible | 38 | 44 |
| Morn. Assembly | 81 | 94 |
| Sun Eve. | 17 | 19 |
| Wednesday | 10 | 14 |
| Zoom Class | 19 | 15 |
| Contribution: | \$4857.00 | \$3276.00 |



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Doves and Demons

There is a story two thousand years old that overshadows all of my life; my purpose and meaning. Mark calls it "Gospel," good news! It is good news I feel compelled to share. Yet, when I speak, some listen, others seem to not be touched. I want everyone to be touched by this "good news." This is not just a philosophical debate as between Freud and Jung where we hear both sides and weigh the arguments. This is a story of doves and demons, heavenly hope or absolute failure and destruction. It is a story of the miraculous wonders I have never witnessed. I live in the failed world of pain and destruction that affects all of us. How do I convince you to believe in the unbelievable?

For Sixteen chapters Mark will tell you stories you will never witness yourself of demons cast out, blind who now see, and even the dead brought back to life. The story will end with an empty tomb. Today, it is this story that has spread across the globe and is the message that overshadows all of life, purpose and meaning for millions upon millions. The skeptic would say that such is just superstition of the desperate masses. Miracles defy physics and nature and do not exist. So why do I believe in doves and demons?

When Jesus is baptized by John, Mark tells us the heavens opened "***and the Spirit like a dove***" descended upon Him. When this Jesus began to teach, demons cried out. The gospel in one way is a story about doves and demons, hope and destruction. The gospel offers us a choice. The message is simple: "***The time is fulfilled, and the kingdom of God is at hand; repent and believe in the gospel.***" Mark 1:15.

The gospel message is more than just believing something might be true but a deep conviction of the soul. Perhaps that is the great struggle; conviction. Mark offers the miracles, the heavenly powers and the demonic forces as evidence to believe the gospel. Yet, today, 2,000 years later, I might do the opposite. I believe in the miracles and the demonic forces described because I am convicted of the gospel. I do believe that when people are convicted of the need for something greater and a need for hope, then the stories of doves and demons seem to open your eyes. As long as we avoid facing the harsh realities of this world, as long as our solutions to the failure and destruction is limited to the world we can see and feel, then stories of doves and demons will be dismissed as delusional. People two thousand years ago believed or rejected this gospel of Jesus Christ, not based on the miracles but because of the need of the soul. Today, we present a message most will ignore. But some are searching for such hope and meaning. We need to present a message that doesn't defend the story of the gospel record. We need to present a message that cuts to the depth of the soul. The gospel story does just that. All of us are living lives caught between doves and demons. The gospel reveals the love of God but perhaps more than anything, the gospel reveals those doves and demons that vie for our very existence. When Peter preached his first sermon, people were "***pierced to the heart.***" In fact scripture itself is described as a sword that penetrates the soul's deepest regions. It is time we present a gospel that confronts the demons before we can offer that dove of hope. When people are convinced of their own guilt, their own hopelessness, then stories of demons and doves are merely descriptions of the deepest reality of mankind. Perhaps Paul's description of life is the best one: "***Wretched man that I am! Who will set me free from the body of this death? Thanks be to God through Jesus Christ our Lord!***" Rom. 7:24-25a. When we face reality, the facts, the evidence of life, is it not doves and demons?

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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.

The next youth event will be the Super Saturday 3/21 (Dayton Airforce Museum) more information will come as the time draws near. Please let Kacie know if you are able to attend they need a head count.

Sandra Sena had her knee replacement surgery this past Tuesday 2/24. Keep her recovery in your prayers. All in all she is doing well.

Potluck Luncheon for March will be 3/15/26.

Ladies Class will Saturday 3/28/26 – 9:30 am. Compassionate Heart – II Corinthians. Also Card making day headed up by Morgan Gelter.

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, Paul Sena and our church family.

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