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:	Bruce Curfman
Lord's Table.	Lowell Smith Les Smith Aaron Humphries Colin Humphries
Opening Prayer:	Jim Hutchings
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Dylan Ruhstaller
PM Song Leader:	Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	51	36
Morn. Assembly	94	79
Sun Eve.	**	14
Wednesday	09	08
Contribution:	$2955.00	$4260.00

Visitors: Scan QR Code and let us know you were here.

Shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?

It is hard for me to explain even to myself but I do not matter in ways I crave to matter or what I want to have meaning. I crave meaning for my brief existence. I crave for a purpose for my tomorrow. I guess it has always been this struggle, born out in so many different choices and actions. What I need to understand is that even my most noble "cravings" for the soul are mere self-worship.

Each of us need to grasp the truth that our significance is not in what we can do or what we have or hope to accomplish. This speaks for the dark souls that prey upon the weak. This speaks for the noble soul who has an agenda to help, to lift up another. It speaks for the self-indulgent who lives for his/her own freedom to be happy. It speaks for the dedicated father who works into the night to provide or the one who tirelessly serves the poor. Our significance is not in what we do or do not do. Our significance is in God's glory regardless of what we can or cannot do, regardless of what we accomplish or conquer. Even our most noble cravings of the soul are not what matters. As Solomon said, ***"Vanity of vanities."***

Instead, my life must reflect my faith. My accomplishments and my abilities do not validate my existence. The unwelcome reality for most of us is that ***"all fail and fall short of the glory of God."*** Rom. 3:23 If I could really see my life through the lens of the heavenly, I would see that my sins and my failures are incalculable for a man's mind to grasp.

Why does this matter? Because as people we tend to live as Paul stated: ***"but when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding."*** 2 Cor. 10:12b. We live in a world where "whoever has the most toys wins!" The fastest, the smartest, the one with the most accolades is the winner. And there is always someone better. Even if I am the "best" my worth is not in who I am or what I do. Even worse, when that which brings meaning to my life (according to worldly judgment) is taken away, do I fall apart, do I quit, am I now for the first time a failure? ***"All sin and fall short of the glory of God."*** Rom. 3:23.

Maybe we need to remember that life is not about me but about my God and His glory. Can I glorify God from a pulpit? Can I glorify God as a mother in the projects? Can I glorify God as a young powerful man or a beautiful girl? What about from a hospital bed or what about that one shut in? What about the abandoned husband or the one with just months to live? How am I measuring victory? Maybe without reference to religious debate, we need to revisit God's word***. "Believe in the Lord Jesus, and you will be saved, you and your household."*** Acts 16:31. Leave the religious debate aside for the moment and think about what Paul is saying. Your hope is not in what you accomplish or how well you are doing in life. Your hope is not in your craving for purpose or joy but hope is bowing before Jesus as Lord. Each day the requirement is to ***"humble yourself in the presence of the Lord."*** James 4:10. God will choose what, how, when, and why.

Too many of us "good folk" are failing just as Moses failed at Meribah. Moses and Aaron struck the rock twice. Then shouted, ***"shall we bring forth water for you out of this rock?"*** Num. 20:10. It isn't about me, it is all about God. How difficult it is to hold on to this truth in the struggle of today. How imperative it is to seek God and not my cravings! How simple it is to turn loose of all I have, all I am, all I hope to accomplish and regardless of who I am or where I am in life. ***"For whoever wishes to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for My sake and the gospel's will save it."*** Mark 8:35.

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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.

September Teachers

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

Sunday Morning Adult classes:
Frank Glover

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



September Teacher
Debbie Colonel

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



September Building & Communion
Marc/Sue/Bruce

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

Announcements:

Prayers:

Keith Pennington is in Christ hospital with pneumonia. He is doing better and hopes to be home on Monday. His ablation will be October 16.

Howard Basham is home recovering from his fall and Carol has pneumonia. Keep them in your prayers.

Sandra Sena's surgery went well and she is now home recovering.

Christian Help Center – The specified item for September will be Instant Oatmeal. Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

Due to illnesses our Group Picture will be rescheduled. Keep these families in your prayers; Marvin/Wanda Pennington, David/Penny Goble, David/Sandy Turpin and all those having and had surgeries.

Linda Shinkle will be having hip replacement surgery on October 9th.

Potluck luncheon will be Sunday October 18th.

September Birthdays

9/2 Rebecca Shafer & Margo Stith
9/4 David Turpin & Steve Wright
9/4 Chryl Larbes
9/5 Marc Curfman & Cheryl Bernhardt
9/12 Nancy Salisbury & Ashton Hutchinson
9/13 Farryl Atkins
9/17 Elizabeth Schunk
9/23 Sheila Gelter & Ron Carter
9/24 LaShanda Smith
9/26 Tina Widmeyer
9/27 Lorelei Mayes & Dominyck
9/29 Steve Bernhardt
9/30 Lowell Smith

September Anniversaries

9/11 Marvin/Wanda Pennington
9/12 Jim/Laura Hutchings
9/17 Aaron/Tanya Humphries

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."