

# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



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**Elders**

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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 Goble  
 Lord's Table: Tom Mayes  
                   Don Salisbury  
                   Bruce Curfman  
                   Steve Wright  
 Opening Prayer: Frank Glover  
 Sermon: Marc Curfman  
 Closing Prayer: Ashton Hutchinson  
 PM Song Leader: Bruce Curfman

**Attendance**

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	44	48
Morn. Assembly	94	90
Sun Eve.	19	**
Wednesday	14	09
Zoom Class	15	15
Contribution:	\$3276.00	\$3037.00



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**Can we start again?**

In Mark 11 Jesus enters Jerusalem amidst parade of palm branches and cloaks and the shouts of Hosanna "Save us!" But there is a very ominous shadow on the day: the fig tree full of leaves is cursed by our Lord. It is a cloaked warning for the disciples to not trust their eyes but look deeper, look for the fruit. With all of the religious noise there was corruption, worldliness and a self-promoting display even in the temple. Jesus overturns the tables and then quotes both Isaiah and Jeremiah: **"My house shall be called a house of prayer for all nations... you have made it a robbers den."** Mark 11:17. What was a celebration of tens of thousands would soon be reduced to eleven apostles and a few others in a matter of days. The challenge for the Apostles would be: "can we start again?" The nation of faith was rejected just like that fig tree. On Pentecost, the gospel would renew again in the hands of a dozen apostles and a few. "Can we start again?"

Worldwide, there has been a weakening of the faith and the faithful. In our country alone the number of those who bow before the great "I Am" has in so many places become a second telling of the fig tree, all leaves and no fruit. The temple of the Lord is not marble but souls joined together. Are we, the ecclesia, a place for the hope of all nations or are we self-serving, self-promoting in what passes for our version of worship? And do not limit this question to the single hour on Sunday mornings but the drive of our souls: **"Present your bodies a living sacrifice..."** Rom. 12:1-2.

One other very ominous statement of our Lord comes from Luke 18:8 **"...when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"** That should bring us to our knees physically and spiritually. As we see fig trees with leaves and no fruit, what will be our response? Can we start again? And to whom are we looking? Do we look in the mirror?

I don't think the Apostles were ready for what was about to come. I know they were not. After all, they all fled and denied. But three days later there the stone was rolled away. While they were still fearful, Jesus appears to them and says: **"Peace be with you; as the Father has sent Me, I also send you."** John 20:21. In Acts 1 faith was born again in Jesus Christ, the good news. Yes, they could start again!

Today, we live among that fig tree; all leaves, no fruit. But I'm not even sure about the leaves! Can we start again? There seems to be disturbing news among believers in so many parts of the world. Then we look around our own lives, our own fellowship of believers. Can we start again? Here is the bad news: No one is coming to rescue us. Like those 11 boys behind a locked door in the upper room, there was no calvary on its way. It would be them or nothing. By the power of God and the faithful faith of these apostles, the world was turned upside down. In a matter of one generation, the people of God had spread beyond Jerusalem and Judea to the entire Roman empire and even beyond. All because 11 boys made God's calling their task. Eleven men proclaimed with boldness: Yes, we will start again.

We must have their conviction. When it was overwhelming and they were outnumbered and all stood against hope, Peter boldly declared: **"We must obey God rather than men."** Acts 5:29. It is time for revival. The same revival started by the Apostles now falls on our shoulders. Excuses for failure will fill a thousand journals. The need for faithfulness goes against the grain of all logic and emotional strains. We too must obey God rather than men. Can we start again in this generation? Only if you embrace the words of those twelve and make them your mantra: **"We must obey God rather than men."** We can start again in this generation, here and now. But **"when the Son of Man comes, will He find faith on the earth?"** Luke 18:8.

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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.

Great Time was had by all at the Youth Game Night Friday night. The next youth event will be the Super Saturday 3/21 (Dayton Airforce Museum) more information will come as the time draws near.

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.

Margo's tonsillectomy went well and now Mondo will be having the same. Keep them in your prayers.

Marvin Pennington is in Anderson Mercy with breathing problems. Keep him in your prayers.

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

Men's breakfast will be next Saturday 3/7/26 at 9:00am.

### **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."*