

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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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:	Frank Glover
Song Leader:	Lowell Smith
Lord's Table	David Turpin Don Salisbury Bruce Curfman Les Smith
Opening Prayer:	Keith Pennington
Sermon:	Jim Hutchings
Closing Prayer:	Alan Springer
PM Song Leader:	Ron Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	45	55
Morn. Assembly	78	102
Sun Eve.	22	**
Wednesday	47	**
Zoom Class	**	**
Contribution:	\$2189.00	\$2508.00

"What are you doing here, Elijah?" 1 Kings 19:9.

In the struggle of confusion and despair, God asked Elijah a question each one of us must answer: ***"What are you doing here, Elijah?"*** 1 Kings 19:9. It was God's way of asking why you believe what you believe? It seems these days there is this great divide among people: liberal, conservative, progressive or traditional, left-wing, right-wing, orthodox or modernist. And often we take pride in our titles and mock those who just don't see it our way. It happens in politics, philosophies, and especially in religion. But why do you believe what you believe? What truly is your reason?

In my experience, most people just follow the route they find most comfortable. Maybe it was your family's tradition or belief. We always done it this way. Then there is also a high percentage who seem persuaded by the loudest voice, the most charming or even intimidating arguments. Maybe you had a professor who was so persuasive or your favorite actor just couldn't be wrong. It is also why in both politics and religion, you will see those famous faces calling you to the left or right, to push ahead or stand firm. The problem for so many people today is that the individual has not reached a conclusion through reason and investigation or inquiry but by merely following the piper that plays the seductive tune.

Paul warned Timothy: ***"For the time will come when they will not endure sound doctrine; but wanting to have their ears tickled, they will accumulate for themselves teachers in accordance to their own desires,"*** 2 Tim. 4:3. So, again the question is: Why do you believe what you believe? Do you believe in a Creator God or do you believe in evolution? Do you believe in the sanctity of life or are we all just chance elements racing through a mindless universe? Are there absolutes in this world or does each situation allow for a personal choice? And when it comes to your faith, do all roads lead to heaven or is there a singular path? Again, I believe the greatest obstacle to knowing truth is actually a lack of reasoning. As Jesus said, ***"And if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."*** Matt. 15:14.

The 18th century Irish poet Johnathan Swift once said: ***"You cannot reason a person out of a position he did not reason himself into in the first place."*** Perhaps you understand this in today's divisive culture. So many people have firm convictions based on very little personal reasoning, study, or investigation. While that might explain my opponent in a debate, what about me personally? What about you? In Jesus' day he struggled to convince so many to hear this new news of the gospel because they preferred what had always been. He compares God's word of truth to a new wine. ***"And no one, after drinking old wine wishes for new; for he says, 'The old is good enough.'"*** Luke 5:39. As Christians, as people who claim to trust in the inspiration of the scriptures, we need to test our convictions against God's word rather than comfortable traditions. Whatever the doctrine, teaching or practice, have we truly examined ***"the Scriptures daily to see whether these things were so"*** Acts 17:12?

Truth is often uncomfortable. That is why the first line of defense for so many is fear and anger. James says: ***"everyone must be quick to hear, slow to speak and slow to anger; for the anger of man does not achieve the righteousness of God."*** James 1:19-20. Instead, ***"understand what the will of the Lord is"*** Eph. 5:17. Commit yourself to reason and truth, even when it is uncomfortable. Your convictions are not to be worshipped but God's truth is to be honored. Such will bless you and change the world you live in. ***"Pay close attention to yourself and to your teaching; persevere in these things, for as you do this you will ensure salvation both for yourself and for those who hear you."*** 1 Tim. 4:16.

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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 - Lindsey Stith
1st-6th - Penny Goble

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Tom Mayes

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



May Teacher
Sue Curfman

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



May Building & Communion
Frank/Yvonne Glover

Zoom Meetings – will be on hold till Marc is feeling better.

Announcements:

Update on Marc: Bone Marrow Tests were good. Trying to stabilize the platelets to keep them from dropping. He might be discharged on Monday.

Potluck Lunch will be next Sunday 5/11/25. See you all there.

Congratulations to Morgan Gelter who graduated from UC Friday night. She is now in Ireland. Also Daniel Beard will be graduating as well from Southern State as a RN on May 8 and will be working at Clermont Mercy.

Kelli and Steve Wright's sister Kim Fender is battling with cancer. Hospice has been called in.

May Birthdays

5/2 Daniel Beard
5/5 Emma Boggs
5/7 Kelsey Book
5/8 Mondo Stith
5/9 Frederick Mayes
5/22 Kacie Schunk

May Anniversaries

5/13 David/Sandy Turpin
5/23 Brian/Linda Bukvic
5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith
5/14 Isaac/Felicia Rice

Continue to Remember: Mark Book, Monty Gillespie, Kim Wright, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Ruth Barnes, Paul Sena and our church family.

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