

# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



## Highway 32 Church of Christ

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### Elders

**Lowell Smith**

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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:	Keith Pennington
Song Leader:	Ron Smith
Prayer:	Rich Book
Lord's Table	Jim Hutchings Cade Hutchings Brent Shafer Bruce Curfman
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Bob Parker
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

### Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	31	35
Morn. Assembly	76	63
Sun Eve.	21	27
Wednesday	07	11
Zoom Class	**	24
Contribution:	\$2605.00	\$1923.00

## Weapons of Righteousness

I believe we who share the message have been the source of a horrible error perhaps without even knowing it. Any sincere preacher or teacher of God's word seeks to persuade people to become a Christian. But exactly what does that mean to be a "Christian"? While seeking to have the most success we tend to reduce the call of God to the bare minimum a person needs to understand in order to become a "Christian." We have reduced it to the "five steps of salvation": Hear, believe, repent, confess and be baptized. Other so-called Christian groups have reduced it even further to just hear and believe. I think Paul, Peter, John and any of the early preachers would be shocked by our minimalistic theology. The original message preached in the New Testament was radical belief that resulted in radical change with an unwavering confession of Christ even before the most hostile enemies. Baptism alone would be meaningless if it was not the spiritual choice for a radical new birth (John 3:3). Because of our lack of depth in understanding the magnificence of the gospel of Jesus Christ, we have settled for an abbreviated rendition of the only hope of life for the lost of this world. At the same time, Satan's minions are armed with a plethora of weapons and battle plans to deceive and destroy the very souls we seek to rescue.

We should not speak of the "simple gospel" message as if the profound providence of God could be reduced to a pamphlet or single passage on a business card or plaque.

Paul recognized the complexity of the battle for hope in his own ministry. Read his word in 2 Corinthians 6 and the price he was constantly living as he hoped to bring in one more city, one more group or even just one more soul to the hope that is the cross of Christ. In verse 7 Paul describes his ministry of preaching:

***"...in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left,"*** 2 Cor. 2:7.

Exactly what does Paul mean when he speaks of "***weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left.***"? I think one part of that is being prepared on all battle fronts. Paul could quote scripture to the Jew, debate philosophy with the Greek. He spoke of Science, logic, history, religions and man's insatiable need to understand the meaning of life.

Today we also need weapons of righteousness for the right and left hand. To speak to our world, we need to understand our world. We also need to respond to any and all questions with love, kindness, boldness and firm understanding. The world doesn't need a "sound bite," the world needs change and above all, hope.

Today's church needs those who understand Bible, those who can respond to the moral challenges, those who understand science, philosophy, even music and poetry. No one person can do it all or know it all. But you and I must as Paul said, "***Be diligent to present yourself approved to God as a workman who does not need to be ashamed, accurately handling the word of truth.***" 2 Tim. 2:15. We avoid silly, endless discussions 2 Tim. 2:16. But there is no end to our exploring God's truth in all areas of life. Furthermore, those weapons of righteousness also include our love, our compassion, our patience, and humility among other qualities. In the end, what Paul is saying is we go to battle against Satan with every weapon the Holy Spirit provides. After all, we are on a search and rescue mission. Nothing else in life matters. We are: "***ambassadors for Christ, as though God were making an appeal through us; we beg you on behalf of Christ, be reconciled to God.***" 2 Cor. 6:20.

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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.

### April Teachers

**Cradle Roll** - Yvonne Glover  
**Pre-K-K** - Sue Curfman  
**1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** -

### **Sunday Morning Adult classes:**

Frank Glover

**Wed. Eve.** Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



**April Teacher**  
Lindsey Stith

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



**April Building & Communion**  
Keith/Linda Pennington

**Zoom Meetings - every Thursday evening at 7pm. Let Sue know if you want the link to join in.**

## Announcements:

Joyce Warman has been diagnosed with breast cancer and has began chemo treatments on Tuesdays at Anderson Mercy. Treatments will go 4-6 months. Keep her in your prayers.

Karen Smith is home and recovering from her successful hip surgery 4/4 and Carl Beard will have hip surgery 4/9. Keep them in your prayers.

Ladies class will be Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. We will also prepare vbs for July at this time.

We are in need of a Sunday School teacher for the next quarter for 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>.

**The Highway 32 Google Calendar of Events** has been sent to everyone's email. If you do not see it in your email look in your junk mail. Click on add calendar and you can see all events added for the year we have so far. Sue Curfman will make any updates if there are changes. Save the calendar to your desktop for easy access. Any issues let Sue know. We are also working on getting the calendar put on the website.

**Pancake Breakfast & Devo** will be Saturday April 13<sup>th</sup> at 9:30am in lieu of potluck luncheon for that month. Flyers are available on the table in the foyer to invite friends and family. Sign-up sheet for food is on the bulletin board in the foyer.



### **April Birthdays**

4/1 Liam Adams            4/19 Yvonne Glover  
4/18 Harley Carrothers   4/25 Karen Smith  
4/18 Annie Norvell        4/29 Lindsey Smith

### **April Anniversaries**

4/28 Jeremy/Kacie Schunk

**Continue to Remember:** Mary Carrothers, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Joyce Warman's sister, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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