

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:	Tom Mayes
Prayer:	Keith Pennington
Lord's Table	Lowell Smith Bruce Curfman Don Salisbury Brent Shafer
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	David Turpin
PM Song Leader:	Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	36	38
Morn. Assembly	62	71
Sun Eve.	23	84
Wednesday	VBS	14
Zoom Class	10	13
Contribution:	\$2515.00	\$2867.00

Chariots of Fire

How much of life is chance, a roll of the dice and how much is the design and destiny of the will of God? I wish I could give enlightened answers from the very mouth of God. But perhaps I can give you that answer from the mouth of God. This question of the meaning of each moment in our lives is a topic in Scripture from the Garden to the Apocalypse. We have every reason to believe that God sees, God hears and ***"that God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God, to those who are called according to His purpose."*** Rom. 8:28. But we are constantly called to do God's will by making choices in life that worship and honor God as we love and honor one another.

Our challenge is to trust God even when we just don't understand God. The faithless king of Israel was told in the midst of a siege and famine to wait faithfully on God. He answered: ***"Behold, this evil is from the LORD; why should I wait for the LORD any longer?"*** 2 Kings 6:33. In the pain of suffering, why trust God? The answer must be that God is trustworthy and yes, these are difficult times to endure, perhaps more grave than ever imaginable but ***"God causes all things to work together for good to those who love God."*** Even when we don't see it.

Earlier in 2 Kings 6 the powerful enemy of God's people sent a massive army to capture and kill one man, Elisha. As the day was about to dawn, the servant looked and saw the village surrounded with warriors, war horses and chariots. What was visible was hopelessness! But Elisha makes that claim for all generations to heed: ***"Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."*** 2 Kings 6:16.

Do you truly live in this chaotic and hopeless society believing this? We are in a time where evil seems to abound in government, universities, mass media and perhaps your own family. It looks as hopeless as the scene in that ancient village of Dothan. Where is God? or like king Jehoram would later say: ***"this evil is from the Lord, why should I wait for the Lord any longer?"***

Then Elisha prayed for heavenly vision, celestial insight: ***"O LORD, I pray, open his eyes... and he saw: and behold, the mountain was full of horses and chariots of fire all around Elisha."*** 2 Kings 6:17. Like that servant, we don't see into heaven's plans, God's design as much as we would like. Yet do you live in the midst of all that goes on, fully knowing that you live among innumerable horses and chariots of fire all around? How does that change your life? How does that alter your purpose for God?

God often has greater reasons than we can ever fathom. Faithful living is fairly simple if you truly trust God and love the Lord your God with all of your heart. As Moses tells us: ***"The secret things belong to the LORD our God, but the things revealed belong to us and to our sons forever, that we may observe all the words of this law."*** Deut. 29:29. No, you won't understand all that is in the mind of God but regardless of the sunshine or storm, we follow, we obey, we go forward in that faith.

What is it that causes you to worry, doubt or just want to give up? Sickness or family problems, loneliness, maybe your own struggles with sin seem more than you can handle. Then there are those voices of this fallen world all around. The chariots of the enemy are everywhere. But we walk with God. ***"Do not fear, for those who are with us are more than those who are with them."*** 2 Kings 6:16. Remember, we walk among Chariots of Fire!

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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.

August Teachers

Cradle Roll - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Kacie Schunk
1st-6th - Ron/Myrna Smith

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Frank Glover

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



August Teacher

Lindsey Stith

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



August Building & Communion

Don Salisbury

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

Announcements:

Gospel Meeting at Kennedy Heights Church of Christ – Monday 8/12 thru Wednesday 8/14/24 – 7pm. Speaker: Dr. Nelson V. Hare from Stonecrest, GA. There are flyers on table in lobby.

Joyce Warman will be having surgery on 8/6/24 and Huey Jones will be having a heart ablation as well on 8/6. Keep these ladies in your prayers.

Sheila Gelter is sick with covid, keep her in your prayers.

Direction Change: Kelli Wright has a new address –
1349 U.S. 52
New Richmond, OH 45157

There will be no Ladies class for the month of August due to Ladies Day Saturday 9/7/24. Pick up flyer on table in lobby to invite your friends.

Don't forget to sign Marv & Wanda's 70th wedding anniversary event list. They need a head count asap to turn in. Sign up is on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make VBS a great time for our kids. It was a great week! People helped with food, service, cleaning and then those wonderful teachers did a wonderful job. So many people came together to make it a great VBS. We had about 47 children every night. Keep teaching our children!!!

August Birthdays

8/6 Mark Book
8/9 Ruth Barnes
8/23 Alex Watkins
8/26 Linda Pennington
8/27 Linda Bukvic

August Anniversaries

8/3 Bob/Mary Parker
8/20 Ron/Linda Carter
8/26 Betty Sutton
8/28 Rich/Jenni Book

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

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