

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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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: Lowell Smith

Lord's Table: David Turpin
Frank Glover
Rich Book
Les Smith

Opening Prayer: Jim Hutchings

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Alan Springer

PM Song Leader: No Pm Service

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	45	38
Morn. Assembly	79	81
Sun Eve.	22	17
Wednesday	16	10
Zoom Class	09	19
Contribution:	\$3277.00	\$4857.00



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Failure is not the Goal

“O death, where is your victory? The sting of death is failure” ^{1 Cor. 15:55.}

No one sets failure as a goal. Some may give in to failure, most of us fight desperately to avoid a failed life, yet failure plagues us all in one manner or another. Your Bible constantly speaks of sin in the lives of humanity. It started with the Garden and continues to this day. You may already know that the Hebrew word for sin is *“hata,”* meaning to miss the way. The Greek word for sin is *“hamartia,”* to miss the mark. Both have the same implications; failure. No one wants to get lost in the woods and miss the way. No one wants to fail at their goals, but we do. Even worse, we fail to obtain God’s goal for our lives, God’s purpose. It is why we need a Savior.

The gospel story is all about our failure and Christ’s rescue. The lepers needed healing, the blind failed to see and the lame just wanted to walk. Yet these stories are nothing compared to the spiritual failures we read on almost every page. The poor man among the tombs was so overwhelmed by failure, that failure had a name: ***“Legion, for we are many.”*** ^{Mark 5:9.} Here we have demons. How much different is that than the failures of so many today that seem to overwhelm life?

In John 4 we have a beautiful story of Jesus and the woman at the well. What we need to remember is that this is a story of a failed life. As Jesus awaits near the well on that hot afternoon, a Samaritan woman comes to draw water. Already we know she is a failure because she is not welcome among the other women. Jesus asks for water but then tells her, ***“Everyone who drinks of this water will thirst again;¹⁴ but whoever drinks of the water that I will give him shall never thirst; but the water that I will give him will become in him a well of water springing up to eternal life.”*** ^{John 4:13-14.} In other words, seeking hope at the “wells of this world” always ends in failure. But Jesus offers a life worth living. Then Jesus asks her to call her husband, her ‘man.’ ***“The woman answered and said, “I have no husband.” Jesus said* to her, “You have correctly said, ‘I have no husband’; ¹⁸for you have had five husbands, and the one whom you now have is not your husband; this you have said truly.”*** ^{John 4:17-18.}

Men/lovers is where she had sought hope, meaning and purpose and here is where she repeatedly failed. The Samaritan’s story is far too common today. How many of us think that an emptiness can be filled by another, that void can be taken away if we just had more happy times, that poverty of the soul could be covered by more things? So we see people going from one failed relationship to another, thinking this next time it will work. Or we see people busy swiping left on that smartphone, convinced the failure can be overcome by someone else or something else. We keep busy hoping to avoid the emptiness of life.

Paul laments such failed lives, saying: ***“and although they know the ordinance of God, that those who practice such things are worthy of death, they not only do the same, but also give hearty approval to those who practice them.”*** ^{Rom. 1:32.} Understand what Paul is saying. People often know better, they know what is right or wrong but for some reason, they think the rules just don’t apply to them! So, they give their bodies, their heart and soul to people who only steal or corrupt their heart and soul, they choose that blindness we like to call happiness until it too fails to satisfy. The rich young man went away grieving because he knew Jesus was right, but he still could not walk away from the worldly things. But he could walk away from Jesus. Its time we call sin what it really is: failure. It is also time that we recognize true hope: Jesus our Lord. Not just “Jesus” but Jesus our Lord. Yes, he died to redeem us from failure but The Samaritan woman, the rich young ruler and the Pharisee in the night all had to choose. Freedom is not hope. Jesus as Lord is hope. Walk away from failure. Walk with Jesus our Lord.

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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.

The next youth event will be the Super Saturday 3/21 (Dayton Airforce Museum) more information will come as the time draws near. Please let Kacie know if you are able to attend they need a head count.

Potluck Luncheon today after services. See you all there. Reminder there will be no pm service due to the luncheon.

Ladies Class will Saturday 3/28/26 – 9:30 am. Compassionate Heart – II Corinthians. Also Card making day headed up by Morgan Gelter.

Directories are on the lobby table. If you have not had a directory before please take a full complete binder. If you have had a directory just take the paperclipped insert. The binder will open up and you can replace your old directory with the new one. A copy will also be sent to your email address as well.

Joe Sena's brother Paul Sena passed away this past Wednesday from his battle with cancer. Please keep this family in your prayers.

Dwayne Morton is home recovering from surgery on his foot. Keep him in your prayers they had to remove all of his toes.

There will be an Easter Egg Hunt on March 29th after Sunday morning services. Any questions please see Kacie.

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, and our church family.

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