

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: Keith Pennington

Song Leader: Aaron Humphries

Lord's Table: Lowell Smith
 Alan Springer
 Bruce Curfman
 David Goble

Opening Prayer: David Turpin

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Les Smith

PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	48	39
Morn. Assembly	90	61
Sun Eve.	**	27
Wednesday	09	11
Zoom Class	15	15
Contribution:	\$3037.00	\$2186.00



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“But I’m the Victim!”

We live in a world where people flee obligation, responsibility and above all, guilt. It isn’t that we don’t believe in such terms but they are for other people, the rich, the strong, the mature. We speak of “privilege” when we talk about others but only look at our own lives as victims of a cruel world. The result of such belief makes for a heartless and selfish existence. Everyone seems to have an excuse. Few arise to the virtues of life in God’s created world. In Matthew 25 Jesus plainly teaches about obligations, responsibility and that we are our brother’s keeper. In Judgment, even the one who claims victim as his or her title is called before the throne to answer for the life lived.

In Matthew 25 there are two unexpected parables concerning our obligations in life, one is about the ten virgins, the other is the man with one a mere talent in silver coins. Both are what in today’s world we consider the weak and powerless. Yet in the parables taught by Jesus, both are under God’s eye of judgment.

Read the parable of the ten virgins and then let your mind imagine the scene. We know little about these girls. Their task was minor compared to all the events of the wedding but they did have a task. Five of these teenage girls were called wise. They took their simple task seriously and prepared and were not caught off guard when their moment arrived. But the other five of these teenage girls were “sluggish” (Gr. Meaning). Those five foolish teenagers were not excused for their failure because they were just young and immature but suffered the consequences of not meeting the need or challenge before them.

Then there is the servant who wasn’t as talented or able as the others. Of the three servants, he was given the least amount of silver to invest ***“each according to his ability.”*** Yet he failed to act, to accomplish or even try. When the master returned, he made excuses for his failure. Such excuses were met with judgment.

The final parable is about separating the sheep from the goats. It is a judgment on how we spent life. Some saw every person as a chance to serve. The “goats” were able to go through life without choosing to help, serve or bless. The chapter calls each of us to reflect on our own choices we make daily. And remember those teenage girls or that servant without a lot of talent or ability. God calls us to make his will our choice in life. God’s virtues must be our daily existence as we lift up, help, and bless those in our path. One day there will be that time of giving account for our lives. To be a victim just will not excuse one’s selfishness and self-centered choices. Yes, the big, mighty and powerful, the rich and famous will be called in judgment but so will I and so will you. So let us choose to love our neighbor.

Embrace the words of Daniel as the prophet looks to that final day:

““Many of those who sleep in the dust of the ground will awake, these to everlasting life, but the others to disgrace and everlasting contempt. 3“Those who have insight will shine brightly like the brightness of the expanse of heaven, and those who lead the many to righteousness, like the stars forever and ever.”

Dan. 12:2-3.

Are you too young, too old, are you too shy, too poor, too weak? Do not follow those who constantly reach for an excuse. Today, choose to be among those who shine.

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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

Donna/Steve Wright

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 – Debbie Colonel will be heading up our donations to the Christian Help Center in Batavia. There will be a box in the lobby to collect can goods. The specified items are needed Can Fruit, Jelly, Can Raviolis and Can SpaghettiOs. Any questions please contact Debbie and only bring the specified items. Thank you.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 2/28/2026. Sue will be teaching. See you there 9:30am. (II Corinthians – Be Encouraged)

Youth Event - Game/Movie Night @ Highway 32 – Friday 2/27/26, 5:30-8:30 or until everyone decides to go home.

February Birthdays

2/3 Ron Smith
2/10 Howard Basham
2/11 Cade Hutchings
2/12 Robyn Cassidy
2/19 Joyce Norvell & Caleb Hutchings
2/20 Frank Glover
2/24 Melodie Watkins
2/27 Kain Girshovich
2/27 Alan Springer & David Goble

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

February Anniversaries

2/24 Les/Lashanda Smith

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."