

# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



## Highway 32 Church of Christ

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### Elders

**Lowell Smith**  
**Ron 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:	Ron Smith
Song Leader:	Tom Mayes
Lord's Table:	Jim Hutchings Les Smith Dylan Ruhstaller Don Salisbury
Opening Prayer:	David Turpin
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Rich Book
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

### Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	48	44
Morn. Assembly	84	76
Sun Eve.	29	**
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	**	**
Contribution:	\$2661.00	\$3925.00



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### Do not be Conformed...

A few years ago I had a \$100 problem with my car. A sensor indicated it needed replacement. But the car seemed to operate fine, so I ignored the warning light. About a year later that \$100 sensor turned into a \$1,000 repair. The issue started out unnoticeable, then only a slight problem that grew into a major issue. I also failed to take heed of the slight changes that seemed insignificant until it was a major repair. Fortunately, it was only \$1,000 and not the price of the entire vehicle. Fortunately, we are talking about a car, a machine and not the heart and soul of individuals, societies or the church of Christ. In our world the warning lights have been present for some time. But the problems have been subtle, increasing in size and effect slowly for many many decades. I am never surprised at what the world believes or practices. This dark planet has a long running history of depravity on every front of virtues and values imaginable, from violence, wars, abuse of power, slavery, bigotry, and perversions of all sorts. Yet, when the people of God fall prey, it is alarming. German Pastors supported Hitler, Italian priests supported avarice at the highest levels, Southern preachers endorsed slavery. I even sat at a table where a good church going lady was defending the crop of tobacco as a good way to make good money. It is a dark hour when God's people are guided by the darkness.

Romans tells us: ***"And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*** Rom. 12:2. But here is the problem for many: the subtle, small incremental changes over time. The reality of most religious bodies today is that we are conforming to this world. It doesn't happen overnight. But the values of this world seem to be the values of the church. All you need in order to prove this point is a time machine. Go back 20, 30, 60 years and see the difference. The hard part of this investigation is that not all change is bad. Some might be good. But another hard part is to be honest as to what has been the catalyst for the changes we see in God's family. Have we arrived at new epiphanies of faith because of prayer, study and meditation or has our supposed enlightenment come from ***"conforming to this world?"***

Nowhere has the influence of the world been seen stronger than in the area of sexuality. Marriage is just not as sacred as it once was. Chastity is viewed as unreasonable. People's personal preferences override God's mandate on relationships. Yet it has also resulted in even more deadly consequences for the church as we seem to adopt the world's lie about men and women. Men are no longer the head of the household with the duty and obligation to guide and protect. We have settled for the palatable 50/50 approach to the family. It looks good on paper, and sounds good to the ear. Yet it is absent from scripture. And best of all, it keeps us in lockstep with the world.

In the world of post-modernism the complaint is about equality in the workplace. We need more female CEOs, more women in higher positions of salaries, as women can do anything a man can do is heralded as noble and any dissenters are disparaged as evil. I have little concern with the workplace. I have had great bosses who were both men and women. The same can be said for poor bosses. It always seems to work out in the end. Yet, the mandate of faith is that men are under obligation to lead, to help, to rescue. While there have been women who were prophets, deaconess and great sources of strength, it is godly men who are called upon to be elders, evangelists, preachers of the church. In the past the church has failed women and failed to recognize their obligation to minister in so many areas of church life. Today we are failing men as they are systematically replaced by women in roles clearly taught to be the duty and responsibility of godly men. Our world has demoralized men and boys in almost every area of society. Let the church raise up men to honor God, honor the word and honor the gospel of Jesus Christ. Let the church of Christ not conform to the world but let us show the world what can be and must be, even when the world will mock our stand for God and God's word.

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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.

### **January Teachers**

**Cradle Roll** - Lindsey Stith  
**Pre-K-K** -  
**2nd-6th** - Sue Curfman

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

David Turpin

**Wed. Eve.** 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



**January Teacher**  
Sheila/Morgan Gelter

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



**January Building & Communion**  
Brian/Linda Bukvic

**Zoom Meetings – Zoom meeting (I Corinthians) every Thursday 7pm.**  
See Sue for the link if you would like to participate.

## **Announcements:**

Updating of the Directory will be going on in January. Please see Sue to have your picture taken or updated, and information updated for the 2026 directory. **You can update your information by scanning QR code and putting it in there for Sue.**

Potluck will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 1/18/26 so all can present their dates for the 2026 Calendar.

There are many places to be filled for Bible Hour and teachers on the sign up sheet please do that today so the new years sheets can be printed and put up. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 1/24/26, Sue will be teaching. See you there 9:30am.

### **January Birthdays**

1/1 Wanda Pennington  
1/4 Les Smith & Sheyenne Dingus  
1/6 Audrey Boggs  
1/8 Sue Curfman  
1/18 Helen Weiss  
1/21 Tom Mayes  
1/22 Juanita Benton  
1/28 Jenni Book

### **January Anniversaries**

1/2 Tom/Jessica Mayes  
1/28 Don/Nancy Salisbury

**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."*