

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: Lowell Smith

Song Leader: Tom Mayes

Lord's Table: Les Smith
Bruce Curfman
Griffin Stith
Rich Book

Opening Prayer: Frank Glover

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: David Turpin

PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	39	42
Morn. Assembly	73	81
Sun Eve.	**	16
Wednesday	10	12
Zoom Class	15	15
Contribution:	\$2617.00	\$2405.00

Being Real in Faith

Watching a video of my granddaughter playing the game Yahtzee, according to the expression on her face, she thinks she rolls a "Yahtzee" every time. Of course at the age of two, she is too young to read, write a score, or even notice the dots on the dice. But the game looks exciting, so she matches that enthusiasm. Again, she is just a two year old and has no concept of the game.

Sometimes I think a lot of believers are the same. Faith is all about feelings without a lot of substance. That may be fine for a baby but not the believer. Faith is about the life we live that goes far above and beyond a matter of "feeling saved." In Galatians 5 Paul writes: ***"If we live by the Spirit, let us also walk by the Spirit."***

Gal. 5:25. Reading the previous verses, there seemed to be an attitude among many in the Galatian region that lifestyle doesn't matter, as long as you believe. Then there are also others who love the rules and regulations. Both fail to see the need to have a soul in tune with the leadings of the Holy Spirit. Paul has that list of the deeds of the flesh and the fruits of the Spirit. Paul writes that if we are really God's chosen who live by the Spirit, then the evidence of this should be seen in our walk, our daily practice and habits. In conclusion, we are told: ***"Let us not become boastful, challenging one another, envying one another."*** Gal. 5:26.

Therein is revealed the true issue. While pretending to be followers of Christ, while pretending to be good biblical "Christians," the walk of many revealed something more sinister. There was infighting, gossip, malicious texting and hateful emails. All of the tools of communication, face to face or electronic should be used to build up, to encourage, to love. Instead, some in the church were playing the children's game of "king of the hill."

It is easy to claim faith, but the challenge is to walk by the Spirit, to actually embrace the heart of Jesus Christ, and imitate his walk even if no one else follows. Galatians 6 gives us dual obligations: take care of yourself and take care of others. Gal. 6:2 tells us: ***"Bear one another's burdens..."*** Gal. 6:5 ***Each one shall bear his own load."*** We are responsible for our own faith. That faith must be real, not just a feeling or opinion. At the same time, we lift up one another. So, the next time you see a brother or sister out of step with the faith, go ahead and bring up their name. Bring up their name in prayer, bring up their name in a conversation as you ask others to pray for them, or ask others to walk with you as you personally encourage them and speak from the heart of the Spirit. Send an email or text of compassion. Be real in your faith and first be honest about your own heart. Sometimes, it is a matter of focus. You tend to see what you want to see. Some visitors to Rio de Janeiro only saw crowded streets and heavy traffic. Others saw smiling faces and tropical forest. You see what you want to see, what you choose to see. But remember, you make that choice.

"Finally, brethren, whatever is true, whatever is honorable, whatever is right, whatever is pure, whatever is lovely, whatever is of good repute, if there is any excellence and if anything worthy of praise, dwell on these things." Phil. 4:8.

Read Philippians 4. Paul is not talking about the weather or politics but how we view one another. Walk by the Spirit. Be real in your faith.

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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 - Libby/Melody
Pre-K-K - Nancy Salisbury
1st-6th - Jessica Mayes

Sunday Morning Adult classes:
Frank Glover

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



August Teacher
Lindsey Stith

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



August Building & Communion
Don/Nancy Salisbury

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

Announcements:

Please pray for Joyce Norvell as she needs to make a decision concerning a procedure on her eye.

Cathy Cann has had a knee replacement. She had a few complications but is doing better and recovering at home.

HIKE – A Hike is planned for Saturday, September 6th at John Bryan State Park/Clifton Gorge in Yellow Springs, OH. Leave church building at 8:00am and return 2-3pm. It is a 6 mile hike along Little Miami river with lots of waterfalls. See David Turpin for details.

Marc will be leaving for Romania on Wednesday 8/27 and returns 9/15.

Ladies Day will be on Saturday 9/13/25. The program is available on the lobby table. Sign up sheet for side dishes/drinks/desserts is on the bulletin board in the lobby.

Potluck for September will be 9/14.

The cookout at the home of Jim & Laura Hutchings on 10/18th at 3:00 will also entail a pie bake off. Whatever pie is your specialty, chicken pot pie, sweet pie, quiche. They will grill hamburgers and hot dogs and we will bring side dishes. There will be games for all to participate in. Flyer is on the bulletin board.

August Birthdays

8/6 Mark Book
8/10 Penny Goble
8/23 Alex Watkins
8/26 Linda Pennington
8/27 Linda Bukvic
8/15 Aaron Humphries

August Anniversaries

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

Continue to Remember: Mark Book, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Paul Sena and our church family.

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