

# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



## Highway 32 Church of Christ

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### Elders

Lowell Smith

Ron Smith

Marc Curfman

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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:	David Goble
Lord's Table:	Lowell Smith Aaron Humphries Les Smith Bruce Curfman
Opening Prayer:	David Turpin
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Don Salisbury
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

### Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	51	37
Morn. Assembly	83	77
Sun Eve.	**	27
Wednesday	12	**
Zoom Class	16	**
Contribution:	\$2581.00	\$2750.00

### My Excuse for Failure.

***"Let no one say when he is tempted, 'I am being tempted by God'; for God cannot be tempted by evil, and He Himself does not tempt anyone. But each one is tempted when he is carried away and enticed by his own lust"*** James 1:13-14.

Years ago a young man teaching the youth told the class that stealing is wrong... unless you are hungry. Even the youth realized the absurdity of such a statement. Morality is not some fluid concept that morphs or alters according to the weather or current events of one's life. Unfortunately today, many do believe they have excuses for failures and always blame the world or society for their choices. A young lady once told the rest of us in a class that we needed to be nice to her that day because she was having a bad day. On the surface, it was a very reasonable request, not that anyone had planned any devious or malady. Yet what she was actually telling the rest of us students was that we were responsible for her actions, not she herself.

Sin is such a vicious enemy to the soul. Yes, we do need to bear one another's burdens (Gal. 6). But I am responsible for my own thoughts, emotions, decisions and actions. (Gal. 6). Yet some reach for the excuse rather than the obligation to do what is right. James tells us to not blame God. That covers so many areas. God did not inflict sin on any one of us. Life has so many different elements and challenges and at times pains and difficulties. God's demand is that we rise above the fallen state of this world and shine as light.

***"No temptation has overtaken you but such as is common to man; and God is faithful, who will not allow you to be tempted beyond what you are able, but with the temptation will provide the way of escape also, so that you will be able to endure it."*** 1 Cor. 10:13.

What Paul is verifying for the believer is that yes, life is tough. Paul of all people knew this personally. Satan will at times whisper in your ear, calling you to compromise, to commit sins of various forms. Other times Satan shouts so loudly that his voice is all you think there is to hear. Satan justifies your faithlessness and sins, just as he did with Eve. Yet righteousness is still righteousness and the only acceptable choice.

Maybe you justify your failings because others also fail. This is blatant blasphemy against God's call to hope and virtue. Remember, that was Adam's excuse in the Garden. True repentance never uses the word "but." True repentance humbles oneself before God, before man and before that greatest of all enemies, pride.

***"for we are not presenting our supplications before You on account of any merits of our own, but on account of Your great compassion. O Lord, hear! O Lord, forgive!"*** Dan. 9:18-19.

My failures I must own. No justifying, no philosophizing, no deflection and no excuses.

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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.

### **September Teachers**

**Cradle Roll** - Libby/Melody  
**Pre-K-K** - Nancy Salisbury  
**1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** - Jessica Mayes

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

Alan Springer

**Wed. Eve.** 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



### **September Teacher**

Penny Goble

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



### **September Building & Communion**

Curfman Family

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

## **Announcements:**

Bob Parker has returned home though they are not sure what caused his numbness. They would love to have visitors just call before hand.

The cookout at the home of Jim & Laura Hutchings on 10/18<sup>th</sup> 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.

### **September Birthdays**

9/2 Rebecca Shafer & Margo Stith  
9/4 David Turpin & Steve Wright  
9/4 Chryl Larbes  
9/5 Marc Curfman  
9/12 Nancy Salisbury & Ashton Hutchinson  
9/13 Farryl Atkins  
9/17 Elizabeth Schunk  
9/23 Sheila Gelter & Ron Carter  
9/24 LaShanda Smith  
9/27 Lorelei Mayes & Dominyck  
9/30 Lowell Smith

### **September Anniversaries**

9/11 Marvin/Wanda Pennington  
9/12 Jim/Laura Hutchings  
9/17 Aaron/Tanya Humphries

**Continue to Remember:** Mark Book, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Bob/Mary Parker and our church family.

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