# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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#### Elders Lowell Smith Ron Smith Marc Curfman (513) 553-3703

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: Lowell Smith

Prayer: Don Salisbury

Lord's Table Frank Glover
Dave Goble
Griffin Stith
Les Smith

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: David Turpin

PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

#### Attendance

	Last	Week
	Week	Before
Sun. Bible	45	43
Morn. Assembly	82	67
Sun Eve.	21	**
Wednesday	08	11
Zoom Class	**	17
Contribution:	\$2568.00	\$2836.00

#### Love and Hate

They say that the opposite of love is hate. But there is another extreme to love, it is indifference. An example of this would be the parable of the rich man and Lazarus. The rich man was not condemned for his wicked assault on Lazarus but for his lack of compassion or his indifference. In our lives and values, indifference can be deadly in many ways. Our world seems to almost operate on the basis of indifference. We turn a blind eye to almost everything that surrounds us. We see two people struggling with one another but walk faster, it's not our problem. We pay money to watch programs that demoralize and corrupt godly values but does it really matter all that much? We are silent in the workplace about our faith because we don't want problems. We enable even family members to make godless choices because who wants the conflicts? We have been seduced into living an indifferent faith. On the one hand, we claim faith in God but on the other, obedience to His word is just not our priority. What we must realize is that Satan is anything but indifferent. Peter warns us: "Be of sober spirit, be on the alert. Your adversary, the devil, prowls around like a roaring lion, seeking someone to devour." 1 Pet. 5:8. In other words, we must pay attention to what is going on. When we are indifferent, Satan wins. In Revelation, John describes Satan as "the dragon." A fearful creature that should strike fear into our hearts rather than indifference. God tells us: "So the dragon was enraged with the woman, and went off to make war with the rest of her children, who keep the commandments of God and hold to the testimony of Jesus." Rev. 12:17.

But rather than look around for a lion or a dragon, understand exactly how Satan schemes in our world. We see his handy work all around in his seduction and destruction of lives. Yet somehow society has convinced Christians of the lie that says: "live and let live." Be sure to know that such words are not from God but from this dark world of satanic forces who chastise the godly who speak up, yet "live and let live" has never been the practice of the forces of darkness. Just look at the attributes of Satan: He tempts, Luke 4:2 he entraps or snares 1 Tim. 3:7 he imprisons 2 Tim. 2:26 he makes war Rev. 12:17 he devours 1 Pet. 5:8 he is a murderer and liar John 8:44. Yet believers today are deceived into believing that a non-committed indifferent lifestyle glorifies God? Do not be shocked when you read Psalm 139. You must remember that David was born 3,000 years before "political correctness" became in fashion. For David says: "Do I not hate those who hate You, O LORD? And do I not loathe those who rise up against You? I hate them with the utmost hatred; They have become my enemies." Psalm. 139:21-22. Hate? Are we not to love our enemies? David uses the Hebrew word xiw sane. It is used to describe what you reject, what you do not love or admire, and what you despise. The opposite of love is often indifference. But remember that the opposite of hate can also be indifference. We cannot hope to honor God with our indifference. Neither can we hope to rescue souls from Satan with indifference. It is time to take a stand for God. But our weapons are not man's weapons. "in the word of truth, in the power of God; by the weapons of righteousness for the right hand and the left," 2 Cor. 6:7. Do not claim nobility because of your indifference. Understand the enemy and take up those weapons of righteousness. To utterly reject the evil of this world is the most loving choice you will ever make. So speak, act, serve, and make God's work your driving force in life. Whatever you do, don't be indifferent.

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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.

#### **November Teachers**

Cradle Roll - Lindsey Stith
Pre-K-K - Jessica Mayes
1st-6th - Sue Curfman

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

David Turpin

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



### November Teacher

Sue Curfman

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



# November Building & Communion

Steve/Donna Wright & Kelli Wright

**Zoom Meetings -** every Thursday evening at 7pm. Let Sue know if you want the link to join in.

## **Announcements:**

Our next Ladies class will be 12/21/24 due to the Thanksgiving holiday will be the weekend of November's ladies class.

Thanksgiving Dinner will be here at the building on Thanksgiving Day at 2:00 pm. Sign up on the list on the bulletin board in the lobby so we will know how many plan to attend. This also will be replacing our Potluck luncheon for the month of November. See Sue Curfman for any questions.

Welcome David and Penny Goble to the Highway 32 Church Family. <a href="Davidtrgoble@gmail.com">Davidtrgoble@gmail.com</a> & <a href="Pturpin22@gmail.com">Pturpin22@gmail.com</a> Address: 1001 W. Main Street, Loveland, OH 45140. Phones: David-501-291-6055 & Penny-513-235-4153. Birthdays: David-2/27 & Penny 8/10. Updated Directories will be distributed in January.

Joyce Warman's sister, Ruth Barnes is still in Anderson Mercy Hospital with congestive heart failure. She loves cards! Please send to her home address: 114 Morris St.

Bethel, OH 45106

Jim Hutchings surgery was successful and he is now at home.

Keith Pennington will be going to a specialist at the University of KY hospital for surgery. The date has not been scheduled as of yet.

Keep Myrna's nephew Brent in your prayers with his kidney transplant.

#### **November Birthdays**

11/3 Debbie Springer 11/12 Myrna Smith 11/15 Griffin Stith 11/17 Tom Wright 11/19 Jeremy Schunk 11/21 Rich Book 11/22 Sandra Sena 11/24 Joyce Warman

11/27 Madison Daniel

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

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