

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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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: David Goble

Lord's Table: David Turpin
Les Smith
Don Salisbury
Griffin Stith

Opening Prayer: Aaron Humphries

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Jim Hutchings

PM Song Leader: Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	36	43
Morn. Assembly	82	96
Sun Eve.	13	**

Wednesday 09 12

Contribution: \$2121.00 \$3062.00



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"bar mitzvah"

In the gospels is the story of young Jesus in the temple, ***"Then, after three days they found Him in the temple, sitting in the midst of the teachers, both listening to them and asking them questions."***

47 And all who heard Him were amazed at His understanding and His answers."

Luke 2:46-47.

Luke tells us that Jesus was about twelve. The question we as parents need to ask is when should our children be held accountable for their actions? It isn't an easy question to answer and I have no firm biblical reference. The Jewish tradition is somewhere between 12-13 when those sons become "sons of the law," or "*Bar Mitzvah*." At that age, they are ceremonially called to uphold the law of Moses. Various cultures and tribes have had varying ages but most often about that same age. In American culture we have had various milestones in a son's or daughter's life. Maybe that driver's license at 16 or that high school diploma. The draft board focused on your sons at 18. Of course you have to be 21 before you can legally destroy your life with alcohol, tobacco or vaping.

I know that each child is different but in our modern world, adulthood seems to be pushed further and further back. Many parents don't seem to hold their own children accountable even in their twenties or thirties. Some just never seem to draw the line. What is called an act of love is actually a choice to cripple or lame mentally, morally and spiritually. That act of compassion often merely infuses failure, destruction and eventually judgment.

A not so well known story in Genesis is the treachery of Simeon and Levi as they deceive and attack an entire village. Doing a deep dive into the story, Levi was probably about 13 when he committed this atrocious act along with his brother. At the age that Jesus was discussing scripture, Levi was committing murder. The point is not how long will you excuse that son or daughter who is failing but how are you preparing them for victory, for hope, and for faith? Jesus repeatedly told the disciples, "do not hinder the children for such is the kingdom of God." Yet today we as parents are the principle obstacle to faith as we do not teach, guide, and exact faithfulness as we raise our children.

Prov. 29:19 states, ***"By mere words a servant is not disciplined, for though he understands, he will not respond."*** I believe the same is true for children. If there are no consequences then we as parents have failed. Proverbs also states, ***"Discipline your son, and he will give you rest; he will give delight to your heart."*** Prov. 29:17.

The cruelty of the rich man in Luke 16 was not any evil he did to Lazarus but what he failed to do. The same can be said about parenting. Yes, they have the latest fashion, they play in all the sports and have the latest smartphone. But do they walk with God? Am I raising up a son or daughter of faith?

"Train up a child in the way he should go, Even when he is old he will not depart from it." Prov. 22:6.

The Message paraphrase words it like this: ***"Point your kids in the right direction—when they're old they won't be lost."*** Are you pointing them in the right direction? Are we raising children for responsible faith or are we more ready to excuse, ignore or enable?

"Fathers (parents), do not provoke your children to anger, but bring them up in the discipline and instruction of the Lord." Eph. 6:4.

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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.

July Teachers

Cradle Roll - Jessica Mayes
Pre-K-K - Melody/Libby
2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

David Turpin

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Marc Curfman



July Teacher
Kacie Schunk

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



July Building & Communion

Tina Widmeyer Ron Smith
& Linda Shinkle

Zoom Meetings – Zoom meeting (2 Corinthians) every Thursday 7pm.
See Sue for the link if you would like to participate.

Announcements:

Everything went well with Lindsey's C-section. The baby was born 7/2/26 at 8:32am. The family is arriving home in Boston this evening. Lindsey and Griffin would like to thank everyone for the prayers, thoughts, and kind words throughout this journey. Lindsey will be home recovering for the next few days.

Congratulations on Lorelei Mayes' baptism at Fort Hill this past week.

Christian Help Center - The specified item for July will be can soup. Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

The ROMEO Club will host a 6 mile moderate difficulty hike at Hocking Hills, Saturday July 18th. We will tour Old Man's Cave and Cedar Falls as part of the hike. It's a 2 hour drive (we will carpool as available). Depart the church building at 7:45am and return @ 3-4 pm. Will stop for lunch after the hike at a restaurant. See David Turpin for questions and details.

Potluck Luncheon will be next Sunday, July 12th after services. There will be no PM service.

****Please pick up your trees from the conference room so we can clean it back up for Sunday School Class. Thank you**

July Birthdays

7/4 Connie Daniel & Kirt Martin
7/7 Adeline Mayes
7/15 Kellie Wright
7/18 Don Salisbury
7/22 Lynn Beard
7/25 Keith Pennington
7/26 Carl Beard
7/27 Betty Sutton

July Anniversaries

7/23 Lynn Prickett

Continue to Remember: Mark Book, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Bob/Mary Parker, Lynn Prickett, Emma Posey, Steve Cummins, and our church family.

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