

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:	Frank Glover
Song Leader:	Lowell Smith
Lord's Table.	Tom Mayes Steve Wright Griffin Stith Dylan Ruhstaller
Opening Prayer:	David Turpin
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Rich Book
PM Song Leader:	Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	53	43
Morn. Assembly	96	77
Sun Eve.	28	21
Wednesday	14	08
Zoom Class	**	16
Contribution:	\$2550.00	\$2842.00

Changing the Trajectory

"Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, And in sin my mother conceived me." Psalm 51:5.

There is a cultural fallacy expressed so often today where the latest generation blames the previous one for their woes. It's nothing new. In the days of Ezekiel, the people were infamous blamers of their fathers. You heard it in the popular saying on the streets of Jerusalem: ***"The fathers eat the sour grapes, But the children's teeth are set on edge"*** Ezek. 18:2. In other words, it's not my fault that I am what I am. My parents made me this way! Yet look at Ezekiel 18. Regardless of what "they" (your parents) did, you and I are responsible for our own choices. It is a beautiful thing to be raised by godly parents but it is equally a rare commodity to be raised by godly parents in this day and age. Each morning I turn on the news to hear that one more person's life has been taken, one more family is going through heart ache. And the news has no capacity to cover all of the heart ache even in our local neighborhoods. There is abuse of so many descriptions. What hope does our society have when it appears that the cards are stacked against us? There is no magic pill, no incantation or carefully worded supplication that will rescue us from our woes. So the cycle continues for one more generation until... Until we choose not to. Perhaps that sounds as simplistic as the magic pill. It is not. It is calling on us to choose a way that few will muster the fortitude to conquer. It is why Jesus calls us ***"to strive."*** Luke 13:24. But for those few, there is hope, there is grace, there is a redemption even in this life. The stories of such changing the trajectory are replete in Scripture: Abraham left Haran, left all he knew to start the greatest journey with God imaginable. Ruth abandoned the comfort and security of her own people because in Naomi she saw a greater calling. And David recognized the failures of his own family and bowed before the Great I AM. The passage above from Psalm 51 is David's repentance after great failure. He sees that he was just following in the steps of those before him but no longer. So David sings: ***"Create in me a clean heart, O God, And renew a steadfast spirit within me."*** Ps. 51:10. No longer will David excuse his actions, his thoughts, his habits because of those who were before him. No longer will David say that it's not his fault. By the grace of God David will choose change. He will break that mold that has held down so many generations. One of the most vexing realities I have seen over my lifetime is that the poor habits and destructive values of one generation seem to be passed on to the next. Among those are often failure to commit to what matters. So marriages fall apart, children are too much trouble because parents are too busy (self-absorbed). Poverty from a lack of determination seem to go to each new generation. All the while, we come armed with our excuses and reasons. So, how do you get this clean heart, this steadfast spirit? You pick up a new "playbook," The Bible. ***"The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple."*** Ps. 19:7. In other words, it isn't out of your reach or ability. Even the simple become wise with God. But to abandon the comfort of failure is daunting. The question is how badly do you want hope, how much do you want to win at life and will you truly trust God and not repeat that failed trajectory of your past and the past of those failures who have gone before you? It is time to change your trajectory. And who knows? Maybe even your loved ones will see the hope and they too will long for such strength. Make it start with you! ***"but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."*** Joshua 24:15. That spirit will save your soul and finally give that future generation the life and example to follow.

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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.

December Teachers

Cradle Roll - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Kacie Schunk
2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:
Alan Springer

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



December Teacher

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



December Building & Communion

Helen Weiss &
The Humphries Family

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

Announcements:

We mourn with the Beard family with the lost of their daughter Susanna in a house fire last Sunday.

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.

Don't miss the December 14th potluck! It will be 2026 Calendar Planning Time. Everyone's input is needed to plan out our next years events. Also a Seniors meeting too!



December Birthdays

12/1 Libby Watkins
12/6 Paula Craycraft
12/7 Huey Jones
12/8 Donna Wright
12/9 Marian Blakley
12/18 Jessica Mayes
12/23 Linda Shinkle
12/28 Morgan Gelter

December Anniversaries

12/13 Howard/Carol Basham
12/30 Marc/Sue Curfman

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."