

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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Elders

Lowell Smith

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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: Don Salisbury
Alan Springer
Les Smith
Bruce Curfman

Opening Prayer: Rich Book

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Keith Pennington

PM Song Leader: Ron Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	**	41
Morn. Assembly	**	80
Sun Eve.	**	**
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	13	13
Contribution:	\$2829.00	\$3053.00



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Assembly in the kitchen

Even today in 2026 there are those who fret over various topics that seem to be manmade worries rather than God guided concerns. One of which even today I hear about is whether or not a church has a kitchen. They say, “there were no kitchens in the New Testament church.” I agree. There were no kitchens in the church but there were likely many churches in the kitchen, also in the courtyard, living room or city square. I have even heard suggested that to carry a coffee cup into the assembly is comparable to Aaron’s sons who carried strange fire before the Lord. I guess I might agree with that if I were a pagan or still under Old Testament Jewish law where only Levites could present your offerings to God. It is an unfortunate fact that even many of our translations reflect the pagan ideal where they had holy temples, houses of their gods. Thus, we have in our bibles the word “church” instead of the original term of “assembly.”

The word “church” is a reflection of pagan culture. Scripture calls us the (ecclesia) assembly of Christ/God or the (sunagōgē) gathering. The word “church” is actually not a biblical word, not in the original Greek language but is an archaic word meaning “house of the Lord.” It is a carryover from Pagans who believed in holy places, holy structures and holy relics. Following God’s word, we believe in holy people. Yet many believers imitate superstitious pagans and truly many truly believe they are honoring Christ as they treat a structure holy rather than treat the believers, the saints as God’s anointed.

The night Jesus was betrayed they had worship. It was not in a cathedral but in an upper room. Being the Passover it was a meal with bread, wine, herbs and lamb. There was even an oil to dip the bread.

When you read about New Testament Christian assemblies they were “from house to house, they were taking their meals together with gladness and sincerity of heart, praising God.” (Acts 2:46-47).

That word “worship” is actually never used to refer to our assemblies. Don’t get me wrong. When we gather together, we come together to worship God. Just do not confuse that with the practice of secular, worldly worship so popular today. So, if you’re looking for a passage describing Christian worship then I suggest you turn to Romans 12:1-2. **“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect.”** In our daily living we are called to the **“spiritual service of worship”** (λατρεία latreia). The word refers to what was at one time the duties of a priest performed in the temple (see Rom. 9:4, Heb. 9:1,6) but Paul tells us such worship is life lived daily in honor of God. I’m not sure I see anything about coffee. I do see a changed soul, a dedicated life and daily worship of Christ. So, love the Lord with all of your heart, soul and might and love people in all you do. In all we do, may it be God’s will and not my own.

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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.

February Teachers

Cradle Roll - Lindsey Stith
Pre-K-K - Lindsey Stith
2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

David Turpin

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



February Teacher
Donna/Steve Wright

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



February Building & Communion
Keith/Linda Pennington

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

Announcements:

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. **You can update your information by scanning QR code and putting it in there for Sue.**

Christian Help Center – Debbie Colonel will be heading up our donations to the Christian Help Center in Batavia. There will be a box in the lobby to collect can goods. The specified items are needed Can Fruit, Jelly, Can Raviolis and Can Spaghetios. Any questions please contact Debbie and only bring the specified items. Thank you.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 2/28/2026. Sue will be teaching. See you there 9:30am. (II Corinthians – Be Encouraged)

We will be needing volunteers to clean the building in the month of July. Let Sue know if you can do that.

The young people had a great time bowling Friday night. Thank you for all those who were able to come.

February Birthdays

2/3 Ron Smith
2/10 Howard Basham
2/11 Cade Hutchings
2/12 Robyn Cassidy
2/19 Joyce Norvell & Caleb Hutchings
2/20 Frank Glover
2/24 Melodie Watkins
2/27 Kain Girshovich
2/27 Alan Springer & David Goble

February Anniversaries

2/24 Les/Lashanda Smith

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."