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: Bruce Curfman

Lord's Table. Jim Hutchings
Rich Book
Alan Springer
David Goble

Opening Prayer: Aaron Humphries

Sermon: Lowell Smith

Closing Prayer: Ashton Hutchinson

PM Song Leader: Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last	Week
	Week	Before
Sun. Bible	37	51
Morn. Assembly	63	83
Sun Eve.	13	**
Wednesday	14	12
Zoom Class	16	16
Contribution:	\$2005.00	\$2581.00

"He always lives to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25 (ESV)

For many people, the book of Hebrews is a dull book of theology comparing Old Covenant to New Covenant teachings. For me, nothing could be further from the truth. Hebrews is one of the most passionate writings in the New Testament as hope is found in Jesus and Jesus alone. Yes, there are those stories that call you back to understand Torah and Psalms written so long ago. Yet the love and heart of God is manifested in such powerful descriptions. By the time you understand the God of Hebrews and the Son of God laid out on each page, you are compelled to take up that same fervor in your own walk among men and women. It is a book not just about salvation but the unrelenting relationship we receive through the unrelenting love of Jesus.

I also love the gospels for many reasons. Ultimately we tremble as we approach the cross of Christ, we lose all strength of the soul as our Lord is buried in a tomb, we rejoice that He lives again, never to suffer death again. But it is the gospels that put flesh and blood in our God: "Being found in appearance as a man, He humbled Himself by becoming obedient to the point of death, even death on a cross." Phil. 2:8. But what about now, today, what is Jesus doing? It seems like a mystical question with no real definite response. At the stoning of Stephen we see Jesus standing at the right hand of the Father (Acts 7:56). Revelation speaks of his triumphal return. But then there is Hebrews. We are told: "Consequently, he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25 (ESV)

Read all of Hebrews 7. Jesus is that priest forever. The priest that can take my offering and present it before God. The priest that makes intercession for those who come before God's majesty. Exactly how that happens may remain a mystery to me until the resurrection. But we are told: "he always lives to make intercession for them." One purpose for all time, to continually intercede on my behalf, to "save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him."

What you understand, I don't know. But here is what I fully know. My Savior loves me and saves me completely, "to the uttermost" because "he always lives to make intercession..."

My only way of trying to understand this would be to go back to Jerusalem about 1,000 B.C. I have not lived up to my promise to God. I have failed once again. So I bring my sacrifice to the temple and there is my holy leader but also my friend the High Priest who doesn't just perform a task but loves me and loves God. With a solemn look of love, he takes that sacrifice and places it on that altar for my sins. Then looks to me with a look that tells me it is going to be alright. Yes, I make this journey many times in my life, always knowing that my friend the high priest intercedes for me.

But now it is 2025. I come before my friend, my Lord, my Savior and my high priest forever. But I offer no sacrifice, only my heart. And Jesus, well "he is able to save to the uttermost those who draw near to God through him, since he always lives to make intercession for them." Heb. 7:25 (ESV)

As long as I draw near to God, he assures complete salvation. He always makes intercession. It is the one thing I can always depend upon. It is what our Lord does. It is a continual work of Christ's love for me with all of my weaknesses and failings. "If we confess our sins, He is faithful and righteous to forgive us our sins and to cleanse us from all unrighteousness." 1 John 1:9.

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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.

OctoberTeachers

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

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Alan Springer

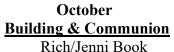
Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



October Teacher

Sue Curfman

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





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

Announcements:

Potluck Luncheon will be October 12th. Mark your calendars.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 10/25/25 at 9:30am.

Alex and Dylan were in a car accident Wednesday. Keep them in your prayers they have a lot of healing to go through.

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

Growing With God Growing For God

Mark This Event: November 1st and 2nd, "Growing with God and Growing for God". Guest Speaker: Nathan Greene

September Birthdays

9/27 Loralei Mayes & Dominyck 9/30 Lowell Smith

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."