

# 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: Keith Pennington

Song Leader: David Goble

Lord's Table: Don Salisbury  
Rich Book  
Dylan Ruhstaller  
Ashton Hutchinson

Opening Prayer: Lowell Smith

Sermon: Tom Mayes

Closing Prayer: Jim Hutchings

PM Song Leader: Ron Smith

### Attendance

|                | Last Week | Week Before |
|----------------|-----------|-------------|
| Sun. Bible     | 40        | 51          |
| Morn. Assembly | 76        | 87          |
| Sun Eve.       | 18        | 27          |

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Zoom Class \*\* \*\*

Contribution: \$3180.00 \$2715.00

## Better Locks

I recently heard of a church that is spending a massive amount of money to take out all of their windows and replace them with bulletproof windows. I have not heard of such great fear as we have among many believers ever since the apostles stayed in the upper room behind locked doors.

By a miraculous event, Jesus comes into the room. Lock doors don't keep our Lord on the outside. But maybe there is even more to that miracle than the fact that Jesus is God. Perhaps our Lord was telling the disciples to quit relying on locked doors. In fact, Jesus had a completely different commandment for them. He did not tell us to hide and wait until the end came. He told these men who trembled behind a lock door that they were to go! They were to go into all the world. The exact opposite of locked doors. Go into the world and preach the gospel. And he says, as far as your fear is concerned, ***"I will be with you always even to the end of the age."*** They did just that. Soon they're in the streets among the enemy. They preach, they persuade, they share the gospel. They turned the world upside down.

Was everything perfect, no problems whatsoever? No, everything was not perfect. They were arrested, they were beaten, they were threatened. But they kept on preaching. Later, Stephen was stoned, and Christians scattered in every direction. But notice they did not go behind a lock doors, they were scattered, and they shared the message wherever they went. They shared the message among the enemy and they shared the message with the enemy.

As I write this, I can't guarantee what tomorrow will be. What I can guarantee, what I stake my faith upon is that my Lord Jesus will be with me even to the end of the ages. He doesn't tell me to get better locks or to have bulletproof glass, or to hide. He says go into all the world and preach. We share God's word in the daylight and in the darkness, in the calm and in the storm. Remember that time when our apostles were riding a terrible storm in a fragile boat? They were trembling with fear in that boat while our Lord slept. And his response to them was with a question.

***"Have you no faith?"***

Maybe the problem with our modern faith is that the gospel is no longer about our Lord, his death, burial, and resurrection. Maybe today our faith is just about ourselves, our wants, our desires, our fears. Maybe we need to return to the message to the gospel, not just in word, but in our hearts and in our deeds. I don't think we need better locks. Maybe we need a new pair of shoes.

***"So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach."***

***For here we do not have a lasting city, but we are seeking the city which is to come."***

Heb. 13:13-14.

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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.

### **May Teachers**

**Cradle Roll** - Kacie Schunk  
**Pre-K-K** - Nancy Salisbury  
**2nd-6th** - David/Penny Goble

**Sunday Morning Adult classes:**  
David Turpin

**Wed. Eve.** 7:00 pm – Ron Smith



**May Teacher**  
Sandy Turpin

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



**May Building & Communion**  
Glover Family

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

## **Announcements: Happy Mothers Day!!**



**Potluck luncheon** for the month of May will be 5/17/26. (Next Sunday)

**Christian Help Center** in Batavia wants to let you all know how much they appreciated the donated can goods. The specified item for May will be SpaghettiOs. Any questions see Debbie Colonel.

Bob Parker's sister, Dee Jaskowiak, passed away. There will be a visitation on Thursday May 14<sup>th</sup> at the community center in Bethel (129 North Union Street).

Jim Hutchings brother, John is in the hospital with gall bladder issues. Keep him in your prayers.

VBS Sign Up Sheets are on the table in the foyers. Staff needed please sign up. Flyer will come out soon.

Keep Rob Celestino, the Books son-In-Law in yours prayers while he is recovering from pancreatic issues.

Marc made it to Romania and is doing well.

### **May Anniversaries**

5/13 David/Sandy Turpin

### **May Birthdays**

5/2 Daniel Beard  
5/5 Emma Boggs  
5/7 Kelsey Book  
5/8 Mondo Stith & Colin Humphries  
5/9 Frederick Mayes  
5/22 Kacie Schunk  
5/31 Tanya Humphries

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

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