

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



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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:	Tom Mayes
Song Leader:	Ron Smith
Prayer:	Alan Springer
Lord's Table	David Turpin Frank Glover Brent Shafer Keith Pennington
Sermon:	Lowell Smith
Closing Prayer:	Bob Parker
PM Song Leader:	Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	44	39
Morn. Assembly	78	77
Sun Eve.	20	16
Wednesday	**	09
Zoom Class	**	19
Contribution:	\$2307.00	\$2640.00

Optional features?

I don't have a new car. I guess no one does. Five minutes from the dealer's lot and now you own a used car. My car is a lot older than five minutes. Still, I love to look at new cars and see all the optional equipment. You can buy a basic model or upgrade to all the extras. I usually get the basic model. I'm unwilling to pay for all the extras. Some people see faith like that. Their only objective is to do the least amount possible necessary to get to heaven. As such, they focus on grace, saying they really don't have to do anything other than believe (mental agreement) that Jesus is the Christ. You can only arrive at this conclusion with very selective reading. You grab a hold of one verse and ignore the next 1,000 verses... But to be a disciple of Christ is a surrender of body, soul, and mind. Repentance is to pick up that cross daily.

At this point, the naysayers always reach for the extreme. Luke records Jesus' words: **"Whoever does not carry his own cross and come after Me cannot be My disciple."** ^{Luke 14:27}. They will only speak of Roman persecution 2,000 years ago that could result in death. But the words of Jesus don't start with the extremes of a cross, prison or physical martyrdom. Sometimes it is as simple as where you choose to be Sunday morning or how you respond to an angry co-worker, or what kind of music you choose to listen to on the radio. To carry your cross implies a complete surrender to the will of God in whatever situation you encounter.

Paul words it like this:

"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." ^{Rom. 12:1-2}.

Paul's wording has very religious or ritualistic overtones. He uses the idea of a holy sacrifice offered in the ritual of temple worship but then takes us out of the temple, away from the ritualistic religion and places us in daily living. Present your body as that sacrifice. That is true worship, not a special service in a holy building. Life lived daily for God and not for self is how you prove what God's will is all about. Dying to self is the path to that which is good and acceptable and a complete maturation of our purpose in God's kingdom.

Furthermore, Jesus himself tells us not to be flippant or insouciant about faithfulness. Think it through before you make that decision of faith. **"For which one of you, when he wants to build a tower, does not first sit down and calculate the cost to see if he has enough to complete it?"** ^{Luke 14:28}. Have you seriously calculated the daily cost of discipleship? I hope that doesn't sound too demanding or too invasive into your personal life. yet faith and faithfulness as a follower of Christ is demanding and yes, it is invasive. Jesus even calls on us to do the most ridiculous things as his followers. He said to turn the other cheek. He even has the audacity to demand we forgive our enemies as we are forgiven. He demands trust. He expects wives to submit to husbands and husbands to sacrifice for their wives. Jesus tells us that we are our brother's keeper and we must know His message and share His message wherever we go. Keep reading your Bible and see that the list goes on.

So, if you are looking for a gospel that has the basic message for some and optional equipment for a few, I guess you might find a church out there that agrees with you. But in God's kingdom, the basic model of hope includes all.

Faith comes with a cross. marc

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.

June Teachers

Cradle Roll - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Sue Curfman
1st-6th - Marc Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Frank Glover

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



June Teacher
Kacie Schunk

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



June Building & Communion
Tom/Jessica Mayes

Zoom Meetings - every Thursday evening at 7pm. Let Sue know if you want the link to join in.

Announcements:

Libby Watkins is at home recovering from her brain surgery. She is still having difficulties with her hearing and vision. Keep her in your prayers.

Sandra Sena tests showed 2 compression fractures. (T8 & tailbone) She will be going to the doctor on Tuesday morning to see what can be done.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 5/25, 9:30am and Myrna Smith will be teaching.

We will be holding VBS on Monday July 29 – Wednesday July 31st. 5:30pm to 7:30pm. We will be needing your help. Please sign up on the list in the lobby asap or see Lindsey Stith.

May Anniversaries

5/23 Brian/Linda Bukvic
5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith

June Birthdays

6/2 Brian Bukvic
6/4 Bruce Curfman
6/12 Felicia Claire

June Anniversaries

6/3 Frank/Yvonne Glover
6/4 Alan/Debbie Springer
6/6 Keith/Linda Pennington
6/22 Joe/Sandra Sena
6/24 Carl/Donna Beard
6/25 Lowell/Karen Smith

Continue to Remember: Mary Carrothers, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Joyce Warman's sister, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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