

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:	Rich Book
Song Leader:	Lowell Smith
Lord's Table.	Don Salisbury Steve Wright Alan Springer David Turpin
Opening Prayer:	Keith Pennington
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Griffin Stith
PM Song Leader:	No Pm Service

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	**	39
Morn. Assembly	**	63
Sun Eve.	24	19
Wednesday	11	14
Zoom Class	13	16
Contribution:	\$1200.00	\$4734.00



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Happiness

One of the words that needs to be profoundly explored and understood is the word happy or happiness. Webster's Dictionary (1913) defines happiness as: Good luck; good fortune; prosperity.² An agreeable feeling or condition of the soul arising from good fortune.

Dictionary.com says:

Synonyms: satisfaction, enjoyment, delight, contentedness. The problem with the definitions is that neither are necessarily based in reality. In thought and in life we have what we call abstract and concrete. Look up the word "abstract" and you will find even further confusion. So, what about a good definition of happy or happiness that fits your world, your perceived reality? What does it mean for you and me to be happy in life?

One person is poor and another wealthy. But which one is happy? One lives in a bustling crowded city while the other on a farm. Which one is happier because of where they live. Obviously, it is a complex, complicated topic or formula. But I recently heard a definition of happiness that seems to fit well. Yet it will not necessarily make you happy to hear. Today life has never been objectively better and subjectively worse. Our desires are mimetic. How happy are you? It can be measured by your quality of life minus your envy.

Now go back again to the story of the Garden and the forbidden fruit. It was envy that made Eve dissatisfied while living in Paradise! And it is envy that makes the most blessed among us to be unhappy. It is the lack of envy that makes the most difficult lives embrace happiness.

I realize the reality of happiness is more complex than this but take this singular truth and meditate on it in terms of your own life. How have our expectations affected our lives for either good or ill? How has our envy of "what could be" changed or warped our outlook on life? How has envy thwarted our understanding of who we are and what is our purpose in life? Most people seem to think that their purpose in life is to be "happy." Then, any aspect of life that derails or prevents our desires causes us anger, depression or anxiety. Maybe our choice of fairness in life or our envy might explain how Cain could be so angry with his brother Abel. While on the other hand while Noah saw all the corruption surrounding him and built an Ark. In Acts, Simon the Sorcerer envied the power of the Apostles all the while the Apostles rejoiced when they suffered unjustly for preaching hope. It is why a poor man on the street may sing with joy all the while a fashion model with paparazzi may struggle with each new day's demands.

So, are you happy or unhappy? The answer might not be as simple as I have presented but if you are honest about your joy or angst, ask yourself about that ancient enemy called envy. It might change everything.

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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:

David Turpin

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



December Teacher

Sue Curfman

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:

Thank you to everyone involved with the Christmas Cookie Boxes yesterday. We put a lot of sweet smiles on many faces. There are extra boxes on the table in the lobby for you to take home and enjoy.

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.

Potluck after services this morning. It will be 2026 Calendar Planning Time. Everyone's input is needed to plan out our next years events. Also a Seniors meeting too!



Remember there is no PM Service today due to Potluck/Meeting.

Sign up sheets for 2026 Sunday School Classes, Bible Hour, Assistants, and cleaning the building are on the bulletin board in the hobby. We would like to have all next year assignments completed before 2025 is out. There are places to fill please check out the list today.

December Birthdays

12/1 Libby Watkins
12/6 Paula Craycraft
12/7 Huey Jones
12/8 Donna Wright
12/9 Marian Blakley
12/16 Kayleigh Hodge
12/18 Jessica Mayes
12/23 Linda Shinkle
12/28 Morgan Gelter

December Anniversaries

12/13 Howard/Carol Basham
12/18 David/Penny Goble
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."