

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

Highway 32 Church of Christ

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Elders

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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: Frank Glover
Bruce Curfman
Griffin Stith

Opening Prayer: Aaron Humphries

Sermon: Kirt Martin

Closing Prayer: David Turpin

PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	44	**
Morn. Assembly	76	**
Sun Eve.	**	24
Wednesday	**	11
Zoom Class	**	13
Contribution:	\$3952.00	\$1200.00



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It is Finished

I think a lot of us are kind of envious of Methuselah, he lived a long time. But that was before fast-food. Jacob complained to Pharaoh : ***"The years of my sojourning are one hundred and thirty; few and unpleasant have been the years of my life."*** Gen. 47:9. Hezekiah begged God for more time. God gave him fifteen more years but I know of nothing accomplished in that time. Then there is Jesus. Jesus' life goes by so quickly. At the age of twelve, he is discussing scripture with the rabbis. At about 30 He is baptized. By about age 33 he is on a cross and his last words were: "It is finished." John 19:30.

What exactly did Jesus mean with these words? We assume that the plan of salvation had been complete. But that really isn't true. Our hope is not just in the death of Christ but also in his resurrection. Simply put, Jesus finish or completed what he came to earth to accomplish. From the manger to the wilderness, to his ministry among people to his teachings and life and to his faithfulness even on the cross, Jesus completed what he came to do. In thirty-three short years Jesus changed eternity and gave hope to untold generations.

What about you and I? When that final day comes, short or long, will we be able to look back over our lives and also say "It is finish?" No, not in the sense that we will turn the world upside-down or solve world hunger, but will we be able to look back and say that our lives had meaning and purpose before our God? Far too many see life as a gift (and so it is in a way) rather than a calling from God. For most people alive this very moment, life is all about "me" and so little about God. Throughout scripture we are called to a higher purpose. Those stories of Abraham, Joseph, David, Ezekiel, Peter, John, Paul and so many others are not stories of the exception but the rule, the call of each one of us.

In Hebrews, after the writer recalls so many heroes of faith, he then says: ***"Therefore, since we have so great a cloud of witnesses surrounding us, let us also lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus..."*** Heb. 12:1-2a. In other words, what about you? Each of those great stories of faith could also have as an epitaph "It is finished." Lives were use to God's glory.

Not perfect lives. Many of those "heroes" had a fair share of stumbling. But they were lives of purpose and meaning and direction.

It's not too late to start (It took Moses 40 years to get off the ground). But at the same time, you do not want to be in those final years or moments of life and look back and sound more like Solomon's lament: "vanity of vanities..." I prefer the voice those early saints who sang:

***"For if we died with Him, we will also live with Him;
If we endure, we will also reign with Him; If we deny Him, He also will deny us;
If we are faithless, He remains faithful, for He cannot deny Himself."*** 2 Tim. 2:11-13.

What started out as a cry of "What must I do to be saved?" ended with ***"I have fought the good fight, I have finished the course, I have kept the faith; 8in the future there is laid up for me the crown of righteousness, which the Lord, the righteous Judge, will award to me on that day; and not only to me, but also to all who have loved His appearing."*** 2 Tim. 4:7-8. I guess that was Paul's way of saying: "It is finished." How about you?

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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.

January Teachers

Cradle Roll -

Pre-K-K -

2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

David Turpin

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



January Teacher

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



January Building & Communion

Brian/Linda Bukvic

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

Announcements:

Prayers for the Smith/Mayes family on the loss of Myrna's sister Fran and husband Tim Kipp. They were in a car accident on their way to Florida and passed away.

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 will be the 3rd week of January 1/18/26 so all can present their dates for the 2026 Calendar.

There are many places to be filled for Bible Hour and teachers on the sign up sheet please do that today so the new years sheets can be printed and put up. Sign up sheets are on the bulletin board in the lobby.

December Birthdays

12/28 Morgan Gelter

December Anniversaries

12/30 Marc/Sue Curfman

January Birthdays

1/1 Wanda Pennington

1/4 Les Smith & Sheyenne Dingus

1/6 Audrey Boggs

1/8 Sue Curfman

1/18 Helen Weiss

1/21 Tom Mayes

1/22 Juanita Benton

1/28 Jenni Book

January Anniversaries

1/2 Tom/Jessica Mayes

1/28 Don/Nancy Salisbury

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."