

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:	Ron Smith
Song Leader:	Tom Mayes
Lord's Table	Frank Glover Steve Wright Bruce Curfman Keith Pennington
Opening Prayer:	Alan Springer
Sermon:	Lowell Smith
Closing Prayer:	Aaron Humphries
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	41	42
Morn. Assembly	75	71
Sun Eve.	14	16
Wednesday	04	11
Zoom Class	14	17
Contribution:	\$3158.00	\$2428.00

Who is your Rahab?

If you have a casual knowledge of God's word, you might know of Rahab the harlot who welcomed the spies and was blessed. Her name means "to make room" which is appropriate in her case. But did you know there is another Rahab in Scripture? A slightly different spelling in Hebrew but it refers to a mythical beast or dragon. Often time, God calls Egypt Rahab, that powerful, yet elusive monster. In Isaiah 30:7 Isaiah states: ***"Even Egypt, whose help is vain and empty. Therefore, I have called her 'Rahab who has been exterminated.'"*** Isaiah 30:7

You see, God's people had abandoned God's path and thought that hope and protection and life could be found in Egypt. So God nicknames Egypt "Rahab," that powerful but mythical creature who in truth is nothing more than an empty dream. So, I ask, Who is your Rahab?

We live in a world where the elusive Rahab, that all powerful beast is sought after in so many ways. Sometimes a broken, desperate girl thinks that if she could just catch the right man, she would find happiness, not realizing that she must be whole to even be worthy of the pursuit of a good man. The same can be said for men. Then there are those who seem to take a lot of selfies in front of luxury cars or then there is Photoshop, another form of "Rahab." If the police are doing a missing person's search and all they have is an online photo, that person will never be found. Those photoshop images are those who worship even false appearance over living reality.

For some, their Rahab is the right career. For others it is a religion that looks good on the outside but changes nothing on the inside. After all, Rahab is that elusive power or hope that was never real. Our younger generations have become addicted to Rahab's promises as they have closer relationships with internet friends who live hundreds of miles away yet cannot communicate with people in their presence. Between mythical friends online who present a false persona or online video gaming, we have an entire generation whose lives are consumed by the mythical while real life, real purpose slips through their fingers. Months, and even years of wanderings.

God refers to such empty dreams as Rahab. For the Israelites, that was Egypt, who caused Israel to lose 40 years and an entire generation as they rejected God and dreamed of those slave masters in Egypt. So, I ask again, who or what is your Rahab. That prophecy of Isaiah found in chapter 30 started out by stating the real issue:

***"Woe to the rebellious children," declares the LORD,
"Who execute a plan, but not Mine,
And make an alliance, but not of My Spirit,
In order to add sin to sin;"*** Isaiah 30:1.

God has a plan for your life. But you have your own dreams. The result? ***"In order to add sin to sin."*** Or perhaps a better way to say it for today's understanding: ***"In order to add failure to failure."*** Yet as long as your heart is your own and not given to God, then that mythical promise, those "Rahabs" will be hard to resist. But our Lord never seems to give up on us. ***"Therefore the Lord longs to be gracious to you."***

Is. 30:18.

But you have to turn loose of those promises of Rahab, you have to have a new heart and a real purpose.

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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.

June Teachers

Cradle Roll - Kacie Schunk
Pre-K-K - Lindsey Stith
1st-6th - Penny Goble

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Tom Mayes

Wed. Eve. 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



June Teacher

Kacie Schunk

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



June Building & Communion

Mayes Family

Zoom Meetings – Marc will start up a zoom meeting Thursday 5/15.(II Kings)

Announcements:

Myna Smith is in rehab recovering from her fall.

Her address: Monarch Meadows
299 Commerce Dr.
Seaman, OH 45679

Lynn Beard fell and broke some ribs, keep him in your prayers.

The hiking trip has been rescheduled for June 7th. Meet at the church at 9am.

A memorial service will be held for Kim Fender here at the building on Friday, 5/30, starting at 11:00. Service will begin at 1:00pm. We will be supplying a Potluck luncheon for the Wright family after the service. If you can help with the luncheon, please let Sue know asap. Foods can be brought in by 11am and lunch will be served by 1:45pm.

Marc is still progressing. Blood levels are slowly rising, but they are rising. Energy levels are working their way back but also slowly.

May Birthdays

5/31 Tanya Humphries

June Birthdays

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

May Anniversaries

5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith

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: Mark Book, Monty Gillespie, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Ruth Barnes, Paul Sena and our church family.

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