

# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



## Highway 32 Church of Christ

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### Elders

**Lowell Smith**  
**Ron 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:	Frank Glover
Song Leader:	Lowell Smith
Prayer:	David Turpin
Lord's Table	Jim Hutchings Bruce Curfman Brent Shafer Rich Book
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Les Smith
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

### Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	**	44
Morn. Assembly	**	78
Sun Eve.	**	20
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	**	**
Contribution:	\$2517.00	\$2307.00

### Hope's Cord

In my language, so many words are abused, misused or exaggerated that they tend to lose their meaning. People will say that they are “literally starving,” when it has only been 6 hours since their last meal. Perhaps a video clip is said to be “unbelievable,” when really it just wasn’t something they expected to see. For me, the Loch Ness Monster might be unbelievable if seen dining with a Yeti in Paris.

For Christians, the word hope fails to find its true strength for our lives because again, we miss use the word and misinterpret its God given meaning. Do you hope to go to heaven? So many believers will say that they hope to go to heaven but they really are not 100% convinced. They close their eyes at the end of life with a slight trepidation about what will follow. The Apostle John wrote; **“These things I have written to you who believe in the name of the Son of God, so that you may know that you have eternal life.”** <sup>1 John 5:13</sup>. After all, those first century brothers and sisters did not die for the faith in order to secure their salvation. Instead, they were convinced so much of the hope of eternity with God that death was no threat.

So, what is hope? First of all, do not rush to your dictionary for an answer. Instead, turn to God’s word for God’s definition of hope. The Hebrew writers tells us; **“This hope we have as an anchor of the soul, a hope both sure and steadfast...”** <sup>Heb. 6:19</sup>. In Hebrews 11, the writer intertwines both faith and hope when he says; **“Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen.”** <sup>Heb. 11:1</sup>.

Hope is not just wishful thinking but conviction. Yet there is more to faith than just assurance and conviction.

The Old Testament Hebrew has several words that are translated “hope.” But by far, the preferred word used by those ancient poets and prophets was תִּקְוָה “tiqwâ”. It’s root meaning refers to a cord or rope that connects two things together. In other words, hope ties us or connects us to God Himself.

Psalm 62:5-6 states; **“My soul, wait in silence for God only,**

**For my hope is from Him.**

**He only is my rock and my salvation,**

**My stronghold; I shall not be shaken.”** <sup>Ps. 62:5-6</sup>.

Hope is that which connects the life of the faithful to the God of heaven. To have that cord that secures your life to God is your hope. In other words, hope is a life lived as you embrace God, and your life trusting in God’s ways and loving God’s purpose in life. Hope is not assurance for the one who feels a certain way or claims a particular set of beliefs. If your life does not reflect that connection to God through Jesus Christ His Son, you have cut the cord. You live a false hope. Yet if daily God’s heart is your heart, Jesus’ walk is your walk, then you have a cord that secures you to your Lord and Savior.

Read 1 John. All five chapters lead up to that bold statement at the end where John says; **“that you may know that you have eternal life.”** <sup>1 John 5:13</sup>. More than just the rules and commandments, it is a life that never turns away from God and who walks in His light. You stumble, you are not perfect but what that cord of hope does is never gives up, never turns away but always lives a life joined to God. Hope is that cord that lives in you today and will carry you through eternity.

## 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  
**1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** - 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:

Larry Paul was in Clermont Mercy with Congestive heart failure. He passed away Saturday morning at 7:17am.

Mary Carrothers has been moved to: Villa Georgetown Nursing Home  
8065 Doctor Faul Rd.  
Georgetown, OH 45121

Potluck Luncheon will be next week 6/9/2024.

Summitt Church of Christ will be holding a Stronger Marriage Workshop, Saturday 6/8, 9am-3:15pm. Register online – flyer info sheets are on the table in the lobby. Trey & Lea Morgan from Texas will be putting on the workshop. Kacie Schunk knows them and can give you any info you need. The workshop is for all ages.

VBS - Monday July 29 – Wednesday July 31<sup>st</sup>. 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.

### 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."*