

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: Keith Pennington

Song Leader: David Turpin

Prayer: Jim Hutchings

Lord's Table
 Lowell Smith
 Don Salisbury
 George Smith
 Griffith Stith

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Bob Parker

PM Song Leader: Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	39	31
Morn. Assembly	77	65
Sun Eve.	16	**
Wednesday	09	10
Zoom Class	19	17
Contribution:	\$2640.00	\$2536.00

"what am I still lacking?" Matt. 19:20

In Matthew 19 we have the encounter with that young guy driving a Tesla. Well, we at least know he was doing well in life. But there was a nervousness about his soul, a kind of insecurity about life. So, he asked Jesus the question of all questions: ***"Teacher, what good thing shall I do that I may obtain eternal life?"***

Matt. 19:16. At first Jesus merely gave a good bible school lesson: "...Don't steal, don't lie..." To this day I wonder why Jesus answered this way. I assume Jesus was already anticipating the successful man's next question. So, our wealthy young man said: ***"All these things I have kept; what am I still lacking?"*** Matt. 19:20. The answer is one that broke the boy's heart. Jesus said to get rid of all he owned, give it to help the poor and come follow Jesus.

At this point, we condemn the rich because after all, "I don't have a Tesla or BMW, not even last year's model. Those rich people just need to humble themselves before Jesus." The part we don't seem to grasp is the last part: ***"come, follow Me"*** Matt. 19:21b.

What Jesus was saying was not concerning a philosophical choice or an emotional bond. Jesus literally wanted this man to put aside his Armani suit and walk the roads of Galilee and Judea, to heal the sick, feed the hungry and preach God's word even where people don't want to hear God's truth. Jesus was telling this man that the path to eternal life would one day lead to a cross.

That is where we need to listen and make a choice. You can't follow God and stay where you are. To walk with Christ is to always be going forward, seeking the next task, trusting in God while choosing to walk on troubled waters and to choose a life that cannot settle for yesterday's faith but goes with God where he leads us, even when that may be the valley of the shadow of death!

Today's churches are filled with complacent attendees and not dedicated followers. We have believed the lie that salvation is a matter of saying the right words, observing a couple of rituals and maybe even put folding money in the basket. I truly believe that God's people today need to ask that very same question of that young man: ***"What am I still lacking?"*** Immediately, I can hear the protest! "I'm saved by grace! Not works!" But the question has nothing to do with your achievements or merits. Instead, we need to seek God's purpose for our lives. You can't be salt of the earth or light in darkness when your feet do not follow Jesus. You can't live for God without walking the paths of Jesus, speaking the words of our Lord and doing the deeds of our Lord. It is not a demand beyond our abilities but a calling of life. The best advice I can give is the command Jesus gave in the upper room: ***"For I gave you an example that you also should do as I did to you."*** John 13:15.

I am not seeking to be what people define as a Christian. That is a word defined by men. Instead, I want to be a follower, a disciple. That is what Jesus calls his people. Christians can be defined by an hour a week and a few creeds. A disciple is defined by his words, his feet, his hands and his heart.

You cannot follow God and stay where you are. So, look in the mirror and ask that same question: "What am I still lacking?" The answer will demand your feet, your hands and your heart.

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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.

May 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



May Teacher
Sue Curfman

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



May Building & Communion
Frank/Yvonne Glover

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

Announcements:

Graduation Luncheon for Melody Watkins and Jose DeLeon is TODAY. They graduated from Live Oaks on 5/14/24. Stay and enjoy lunch after services and celebrate with us the accomplishments of these two.

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 Birthdays

5/2 Daniel Beard
5/5 Emma Boggs
5/7 Kelsey Book
5/9 Frederick Mayes
5/22 Kacie Schunk

May Anniversaries

5/13 David/Sandy Turpin
5/23 Brian/Linda Bukvic
5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith
5/14 Isaac/Felicia Rice

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."