

July 6, 2025

# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



## Highway 32 Church of Christ

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### Elders

**Lowell Smith**

**Ron Smith**

**Marc Curfman**

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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
Lord's Table	Don Salisbury Griffin Stith Rich Book Bruce Curfman
Opening Prayer:	Les Smith
Sermon:	Jim Hutchings
Closing Prayer:	Frank Glover
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

### Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	38	40
Morn. Assembly	73	80
Sun Eve.	**	16
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	**	**
Contribution:	\$2484.00	\$2336.00

### Will the real me step forward

Imagine arriving at church one morning but the entrance is blocked by a prophet, a real prophet sent from God. Before you walk in and "praise God" you have to deal with who you have been all week, what you have said and what you have done. If my week has been all about me, my feelings, my wants, and my own pride, then I won't be let in to worship.

That is what Jeremiah was demanding of the people in Jeremiah 7. They came to the temple and felt protection because of the temple. They came to praise and worship, not realizing that true worship is who we are 7 days a week, 24 hours a day.

***"Will you steal, murder, and commit adultery and swear falsely, and offer sacrifices to Baal and walk after other gods that you have not known, <sup>10</sup>then come and stand before Me in this house, which is called by My name, and say, 'We are delivered!'—that you may do all these abominations?"*** Jer. 7:9-10.

In other words, will you live by God's virtues, or do you think you can be selfish, egotistical, prideful, arrogant, hurtful and still stand before God in confidence as you sing songs, take the Lord's Supper and say a few prayers?

Imagine that you could not gather with the church and praise God unless first your life that week was revealed for all to see! Many would not even want to approach that church gathering. Imagine if your posts, your texts were for the world to see? But the unfortunate reality is sometimes we don't even feel the guilt or shame as we attack and devour one another. Jer. 8:12 speaks of such "religious people" ***"They did not know how to blush."***

Imagine of a church group chat was published for the entire country to see. Would those seeking to find God even think of approaching our group? Or would they see the same hostile attitudes they can find in the world without adding to it in a church?

***"Therefore I, the prisoner of the Lord, implore you to walk in a manner worthy of the calling with which you have been called, <sup>2</sup>with all humility and gentleness, with patience, showing tolerance for one another in love, <sup>3</sup>being diligent to preserve the unity of the Spirit in the bond of peace."*** Eph. 4:1-3.

This is Christian worship. True worship is not those songs you sing or taking of the Lord's Supper. What we call worship is what God calls a reminder of why we worship daily, and in every conversation, action or deed.

Here is the "Christian" definition of worship: ***"present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship. <sup>2</sup>And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."*** Rom. 12:1-2.

I think far too many people in church think their self-righteousness justifies their heartless words and actions. Far too many people in church have their own way of practicing their form of righteousness. For them, They have their own version of Ephesians 4:1-3. It goes something like this: "Therefore... walk in a manner of pride... with arrogance, harsh words, snap judgments, not caring about the pain inflicted by your words as long as you think you are right. And be diligent to eviscerate anyone you disagree with."

Yes, we can be right in our understanding but completely damned by our attitude.

Worship is our love for God and our love for one another. Jesus himself said that is the foundation of life with God.

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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.

### July Teachers

**Cradle Roll** - Libby/Melody  
**Pre-K-K** - Nancy Salisbury  
**1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** - Jessica Mayes

### **Sunday Morning Adult classes:**

Frank Glover

**Wed. Eve.** 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



**July Teacher**  
Morgan Gelter

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



**June**  
**Building & Communion**  
Linda Shinkle/Betty Sutton

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

## Announcements:

VBS will be July 28-30. 5:30-7:30pm. Ages 6 months to 6<sup>th</sup> grade. Please see Lindsey to sign up for VBS. Flyers will be available to pass out.

Myrna Smith passed away Sunday 6/22/25, she was 85 and we will all miss her. There will be a celebration of Life held on 7/19/25 at 11:00 at the Xenia Church of Christ 444 Country Club Dr., Xenia, OH. 45385 Keep this family in your prayers.

Bob Parker is in Morris Nursing home in Bethel and would love visitors.

Marc/Sue/Lowell will be returning home Monday 7/7. All went well once they got their luggage on Tuesday.

### **July Birthdays**

7/4 Connie Daniel & Kirt Martin  
7/7 Adeline Mayes  
7/15 Kellie Wright  
7/18 Don Salisbury  
7/22 Lynn Beard  
7/25 Keith Pennington  
7/26 Carl Beard  
7/27 Betty Sutton

### **July Anniversaries**

7/23 Lynn Prickett

**Continue to Remember:** Mark Book, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Ruth Barnes, Paul Sena and our church family.

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