# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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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: David Goble

Lord's Table. Don Salisbury

Aaron Humphries Rich Book

Ashton Hutchinson

Opening Prayer: Jim Hutchings

Sermon: Tom Mayes

Closing Prayer: Ron Smith

PM Song Leader: Ron Smith

#### Attendance

	Last	Week
	Week	Before
Sun. Bible	53	42
Morn. Assembly	102	79
Sun Eve.	25	25
Wednesday	**	12
Zoom Class	**	**
Contribution:	\$3261.00	\$3131.00

#### The failure of "ought"

When it comes to sin, I am a lot like most people. I want a check list to see how I am doing: don't lie, don't steal, and don't kick the cat. In reality doing God's will is more than a simple checklist. More often than not there are those things that are right or wrong in life that go deeper than a mere checklist. Sin is defined as to miss the mark, to fail in the life in that for which God calls us, that purpose of life that honors God's divine nature and honors men and women created in the very image of God. There are those "oughts" of life that can't always be confined to a short checklist. I guess that is one of the reasons scripture covers 66 books from over hundreds of years of history. Many of man's greatest violations or sins can be defined by what one ought to do living in a fallen world.

"I write so that you will know how one ought to conduct himself in the household of God, which is the church of the living God, the pillar and support of the truth." 1 Timothy 4:15.

Cain ought to have been Abel's protector. The Rich man ought to have reached out to Lazarus. On the other hand, Ruth did what she ought to do when she protected Naomi. Daniel did what he ought to do when he prayed with windows open toward Jerusalem. Then there is that one talent steward ought to have used those resources to create more wealth.

The failure of "ought" seems to be the core problem of a fallen society. We think of the sin of Sodom as sexual perversion and it was. But that doesn't tell the entire story. Ezekiel tells us this: "Behold, this was the guilt of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters had arrogance, abundant food and careless ease, but she did not help the poor and needy." Ezek. 16:49. Paul states: "He who steals must steal no longer; but rather he must labor, performing with his own hands what is good, so that he will have something to share with one who has need." Eph. 4:28. Galatians 6 states a two-fold "ought."

"Bear one another's burdens, and thereby fulfill the law of Christ." Gal. 6:2. "For each one will bear his own load." Gal. 6:5.

And then Paul follows up by saying: "God is not mocked; for whatever a man sows, this he will also reap. For the one who sows to his own flesh will from the flesh reap corruption, but the one who sows to the Spirit will from the Spirit reap eternal life." Gal. 6:6-8.

Life is not a simple checklist, but life is about purpose and duty and obligations to God, to others and even obligations to oneself. Such speaks about our language, our use of money, our work, our responsibility for how we live and how we ought to conduct our lives and how we interact with others and before God's throne.

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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.

#### **November Teachers**

Cradle Roll - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Kacie Schunk
2nd-6th - Sue Curfman

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

Alan Springer

**Wed. Eve.** 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



#### November Teacher

Debbie Colonel

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



## November Building & Communion

Steve/Donna/Kelli Wright

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

### **Announcements:**

We will have Thanksgiving Dinner at the Building on Thursday the 27<sup>th</sup> at 1:00pm. There is a sign-up sheet on the bulletin board if you would like to attend. See Sue for side dishes if you would like to bring something.

Connie Daniel is recovering at home with her infection in her leg.

Volunteers needed for cleaning of the building in December. Helen Weiss is scheduled but we need at least two more to help her in the month of December. See Sue or sign up on Cleaning list on bulletin board.

Wanda Pennington will be having her second knee replacement surgery on 11/11 at Christ Hospital. Keep her in your prayers.

Congratulations to Colin Humphries who was baptized on Thursday night.

#### **November Birthdays**

11/3 Debbie Springer 11/15 Griffin Stith 11/19 Jeremy Schunk 11/21 Rich Book 11/22 Sandra Sena 11/24 Joyce Warman 11/27 Madison Daniel

**Continue to Remember**: Mark Book, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Bob/Mary Parker, Lynn Prickett, Emma Posey and our church family.