

# 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: Frank Glover

Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Lord's Table: Don Salisbury  
Steve Wright  
Griffin Stith  
Bruce Curfman

Opening Prayer: Keith Pennington

Sermon: Marc Curfman

Closing Prayer: Alan Springer

PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

### Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	44	48
Morn. Assembly	83	84
Sun Eve.	13	29
Wednesday	16	**
Zoom Class	13	**
Contribution:	\$3004.00	\$2661.00



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### Footnotes for the Soul

Religion and Politics! Two topics that can ruin a Holiday. Why? Well, it is more than mere disagreements, but it is the emotional powder Keg that comes with it. And there is the rub! Emotions often cloud judgment or reason. With emotions, we don't need facts. Feelings trump facts every time. You listen to what agrees with your pre-determined emotional state and close your eyes and ears to what might be a good argument against your pre-determined convictions. Like an interview with a journalist who constantly interrupts the respondent when she doesn't like the answers. Or what about those men who stoned Stephen. They covered their ears, shouted and killed the messenger. Today we see this same attitude when it comes to defending our values and virtues.

But what about facts? Recently, I started re-reading a book I had started a few years ago. I soon realized why I put it down and did not finish it. It was about church history. In the first two chapters I found glaring discrepancies in the narrative that do not match the facts. So, I won't be wasting my energies on that book. But here is what I noticed this time that matters: Footnotes! No, not good footnotes but a lack of any footnotes to verify his claims with the recorded history. It was like he was making it up as he went along.

Remember those High School and college papers where the teacher demanded footnotes? Without proper footnotes you are at a loss to know what to believe or trust. No matter how great your essay or report was written, without footnotes you get a failing mark. Today we need to once again apply this same resolve. Verify, verify, verify. Even if it goes against your feelings... *Especially* when it conflicts with your feelings. That means that you verify your opponent's word but especially you verify your favorite sources.

So many discussions on politics are rooted in closed minds who only trust their favorite sources. So many debates in faith come from favorite personalities, doctrinal alliances and not from open Bibles that dig beneath the quote of a passage taken out of context.

Just as those footnotes in school were such a pain, to verify my beliefs and convictions with God's word takes a commitment few believers ever attempt.

Remember what Jesus said to those "Bible experts," the Pharisees: ***"You search the Scriptures because you think that in them you have eternal life; it is these that testify about Me; <sup>40</sup>and you are unwilling to come to Me so that you may have life."*** John 5:39-40.

They were ***"unwilling."*** In other words, it was a matter of the heart, not the mind. And so it is even today. Pride blinds many a heart. Jeremiah said it this way: ***"You will seek Me and find Me when you search for Me with all your heart."*** Jer. 29:13. Do not let your emotions destroy your understanding. Do not let your feelings rule over your obedience to God. Seek God with all of your heart means to not compromise even a fraction of your heart. Facts can confuse an untrained, emotional soul. Make truth your goal. Get those "footnotes." Make God's word your guide in faith, life, family and your daily practice.

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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.

### **January Teachers**

**Cradle Roll** - Lindsey Stith  
**Pre-K-K** - Lindsey Stith  
**2nd-6th** - Sue Curfman

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

David Turpin

**Wed. Eve.** 7:00 pm – Don Salisbury



**January Teacher**  
Sheila/Morgan Gelter

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



**January Building & Communion**  
Brian/Linda Bukvic

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

## **Announcements:**

Updating of the Directory will be going on in January. Please see Sue to have your picture taken or updated, and information updated for the 2026 directory. **You can update your information by scanning QR code and putting it in there for Sue.**

Potluck will be the 3<sup>rd</sup> week of January 1/18/26 so all can present their dates for the 2026 Calendar. Barry Boverie from Midwestern Childrens Home will be preaching that Sunday.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 1/24/26, Sue will be teaching. See you there 9:30am.

There is still room for more people to sign up on the List to take food to our shut-ins. List is on the lobby bulletin board. Sign up today!

### **January Birthdays**

1/1 Wanda Pennington  
1/4 Les Smith & Sheyenne Dingus  
1/6 Audrey Boggs  
1/8 Sue Curfman  
1/18 Helen Weiss  
1/21 Tom Mayes  
1/22 Juanita Benton  
1/28 Jenni Book

### **January Anniversaries**

1/2 Tom/Jessica Mayes  
1/28 Don/Nancy Salisbury

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

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