

# 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:	Ron Smith
Song Leader:	Tom Mayes
Lord's Table:	Steve Wright Griffin Stith
Opening Prayer:	David Turpin
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Alan Springer
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

**Attendance**

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	39	53
Morn. Assembly	63	96
Sun Eve.	19	28
Wednesday	**	14
Zoom Class	15	16
Contribution:	\$1776.00	\$2550.00



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How worthy are you?

There is an exercise/game played in sociology circles called “Lifeboat.” Basically, you have a boat for only 6 passengers, yet there are eight people in the water, who do you choose to survive: a doctor, or teacher, the young or the older, the good person or criminal...? I never cooperated well with the professor in such a game. But it is a game that asks the question of who is “worthy?” Such a discussion stirs up controversy around the water cooler. After all, are we not all created equal and therefore equally worthy? Then you come to scripture and see that word “worthy” in lives of people. In Luke 7 people plea on behalf of a Roman Centurion, saying: **“He is worthy for You to grant this to him; for he loves our nation and it was he who built us our synagogue.”** Luke 7:4. The Centurion himself is more humble, saying: **“...I am not worthy for You to come under my roof; for this reason I did not even consider myself worthy to come to You.”** Luke 7:6-7.

So, who is worthy? In Matthew 10 we find the word “worthy” used repeatedly. The verse that captured my attention was Matt. 10:11. Jesus tells the twelve: **“And whatever city or village you enter, inquire who is worthy in it, and stay at his house until you leave that city.”** Matt. 10:11. Imagine yourself as one of those twelve, arriving in a village and your first task is to ask around and find out who is worthy in it. How would you go about this task? What would you ask? What exactly would you be looking for?

That word “worthy” actually means value or weight. Again, what kind of person do you seek out? Are we not all of value? You are not looking for the richest man, not the one with the most diplomas on the wall. I doubt that you would be looking for the most talented or skilled person. Instead, Jesus wanted them to find out who in that village was one of worth, value or weight for the community. Which one was the one others could depend upon to do what is right and needed.

**“If the house is worthy, give it your blessing of peace. But if it is not worthy, take back your blessing of peace.”** Matt. 10:13. Take these words of Jesus and apply them to today. We don’t want hollow lives that cannot be relied upon. We are not looking for mere claims of godliness but lives of weight, spiritual value and dependability. We all know people who you can depend upon in a time of need. There are those who will see the task through. There are also those voices who speak the loudest but are never the ones to take on the task. You can find them on social media voicing complaints and calling for change. What you don’t find is these same voices actively helping, working, and rolling up their shirt sleeves as they do God’s work rather than just talk, criticize and complain.

That leads us to the next question: Am I worthy? Am I someone whose life has substance, true value in the moment of need? Am I one others know they can depend upon? If one of the twelve apostles came to your neighborhood, inquiring who was worthy, would people point to your domicile? Or would those Apostles walk past you seeking another?

Personally, I can name names of those I can and do depend upon. When a task is presented, I know who I can depend upon and I also know of others who I would not even disturb. It has nothing to do with wealth or diplomas. It has little to do with talents. But those who are worthy are those whose lives reflect substance, courage, dependability, and actions. That Centurion was known as worthy not because of his position or title but because of what he did. So, are you known as worthy? The answer is seen in your choice, your life, your character. How worthy are you?

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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.

### **December 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



### **December Teacher**

Sue Curfman

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

### **December Building & Communion**

Helen Weiss &  
The Humphries Family



**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.

**Don't miss the December 14<sup>th</sup> potluck! It will be 2026 Calendar Planning Time. Everyone's input is needed to plan out our next years events. Also a Seniors meeting too!**



### **Upcoming Sunday Morning Adult Class starting 12-21. "How We Got the Bible – From Manuscripts to Translations"**

What is the Bible? How did we get it? Why should we believe it? Who decided which books should be in it? How was it transmitted through the centuries? Is it truly inerrant? Is it complete or are there missing books? Do we really have today what was written in the first century? These and many other questions will be discussed and answered in this class as we trace the wonderful journey of God guiding the creation of his wonderful word from manuscripts to translations. Please join us for this study. David Turpin

Sign up sheets for 2026 Sunday School Classes, Bible Hour, Assistants, and cleaning the building are on the bulletin board in the hobby. We would like to have all next year assignments completed before 2025 is out. Thank you.

### **December Birthdays**

12/1 Libby Watkins  
12/6 Paula Craycraft  
12/7 Huey Jones  
12/8 Donna Wright  
12/9 Marian Blakley  
12/16 Kaleigh Hodge  
12/18 Jessica Mayes  
12/23 Linda Shinkle  
12/28 Morgan Gelter

### **December Anniversaries**

12/13 Howard/Carol Basham  
12/30 Marc/Sue Curfman

Special Collection today: If you are able to help the family financially who lost everything due to the fire please mark your contribution to go there. Frank Glover will see that it gets to them.

Austin and Tonya had a baby girl, (Brielle) last Sunday, 7 lbs 3 oz.

**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."*