

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



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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:	Frank Glover
Song Leader:	Lowell Smith
Lord's Table	Tom Mayes Griffin Stith Rich Book Bruce Curfman
Opening Prayer:	Jim Hutchings
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Alan Springer
PM Song Leader:	No Pm Service

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	46	50
Morn. Assembly	82	72
Sun Eve.	27	25
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	22	21
Contribution:	\$2629.00	\$3008.00

***“Lovingkindness and truth have met together,
 Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”***

Psalm 85:10.

A common fallacy among many Christians is the idea of kindness without discomfort or pain. It is an emotional response by those who fail to understand the ultimate goal. No one seeks pain and suffering and if you love your neighbor, well why would you want pain and suffering for that on? But every athlete will speak of the weariness, the exhaustion, and the pain as they struggle to achieve their goals. Every dedicated student knows how to turn off the distractions and focus on the project or exam. Men and women learn to work long hours and say “no” to those instant rewards so that one day in the distance they might have a home. Wisdom pursues those ultimate goals of goodness and peace in life, rather than instant pleasure and reward.

But our world no longer believes in the pursuit of happiness but the need for instant gratification and pleasure regardless of the cost tomorrow. Parents don’t exact demands from children but do whatever possible to protect them from disappointment. Churches even preach the worship of I’d rather than the worship of God. These believers believe that God is not to be served but God must serve our needs and wants. To many it sounds like paradise. To the on the spot reporter it looks like chaos and destruction. All you need to do to see how things are working out, look at the results. As Jesus once said: ***“wisdom is vindicated by all her children.”*** Luke 7:35.

The writer of Psalm 85 is living in a time of failure, failure of faith and failure of life itself. He calls for change. What I like about this poem is that there is no one to blame other than self. He connects failed results with failed practices. It is time to return to God’s path, God’s way. Perhaps what we need to embrace more than anything for a good life is that lovingkindness is seen in facing the truth and you find peace not in having your own way but in doing the right thing.

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So many people are told to “follow your heart.” For most, that means do what you want. No one should point out the problems, sins, or wrongness of our decisions. Yet the loving choice is to tell the truth, God’s truth. And we constantly hear people speak of feeling uncomfortable if you confront their lifestyle and life choices. But you cannot have peace of heart without righteousness. ***“Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”*** A beautiful imagery of what the soul must have in order to achieve those goals of a good life.

Truth seems to elude so many of us, even among those who claim faith. The time is upon us to not compare the word of God to the desires of men, culture, or societies ways but God’s word is that plumbline for what is right and wrong. (Amos 7:8) The righteousness we need for marriage, family, and one another must be from the divine, not the profane. I can’t say that most people will agree with such a choice but you do have God on your side. You also have reality on your side. ***“Righteousness and peace have kissed each other.”***

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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.

February Teachers

Cradle Roll - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Nancy Salisbury
1st-6th - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. Suspended until March when time springs forward.



February Teacher

Kacie Schunk

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

February Building & Communion

Keith & Linda Pennington



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

Announcements:

Potluck luncheon and Yearly Budget Meeting will be Today. We will be cancelling evening services due to the long day of afternoon events.

Our Beloved Brent Shafer passed away Saturday morning. He had been sick with the flu this week and passed away in his sleep. Arrangements will be forthcoming.

Linda Bukvic will be having surgery/biopsy on her parathyroids to help control her high calcium level on Monday 2/10/25.

Sandy Turpin's sister Debra Wright passed away this week. She was a long time editor at the Gospel Advocate (30 years) She was 71.

We want to welcome Helen Weiss as a member of Highway 32.

Jo Drott's nephew, Larry Lester is in need of our prayers, he is having a severe reaction to his medication. Also a friend Cathy Boehmer who is a diabetic and trying to avoid bone marrow cancer.

Hannah Myers a 3 year old with down syndrome that has been fighting leukemia is in need of our prayers.

Aaron Humphries cousin Tara Fryman was not able to have her liver/kidney transplant and will be put back on the waiting list. Please keep her in your prayers.

February Birthdays

2/3 Ron Smith
2/10 Howard Basham
2/11 Cade Hutchings
2/19 Joyce Norvell
2/20 Frank Glover
2/24 Melodie Watkins
2/27 Kain Girshovich
2/27 Alan Springer

February Anniversaries

2/24 Les/Lashanda Smith

Continue to Remember: Mark Book, Monty Gillespie, Kim Wright, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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