

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: Keith Pennington
 Song Leader: David Turpin
 Lord's Table Lowell Smith
 Rich Book
 Alan Springer
 Don Salisbury
 Opening Prayer: David Goble
 Sermon: Jim Hutchings
 Closing Prayer: Les Smith
 PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	26	48
Morn. Assembly	32	79
Sun Eve.	**	**
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	**	22
Contribution:	\$1455.00	\$3058.00

No is a Blessing

I once knew a young mother who announced to everyone that no one was allowed to say “no” to her children. I guess she had been reading some psycho-babble on the best seller’s list that year. The idea was that a negative that will negatively and adversely affect a child. But we all know that the word “no” is vital for life. “Can I pet the tiger?” Can I cross the street alone?” “Can I go on a date with....?” (You know his/her name). Limits and barriers are not punishments but safeguards and protection.

But when God tells me “NO” I am not so understanding. Why? Because like you, I know what’s best for my life and God just needs to join “team Marc.” But over the years I have learned that it is better for me to go with God than call on God to go with me. When God leads, things go so much better than when I lead.

Another harsh reality is the word chastise or chastisement. It is one thing for God to say “no.” It is quite another to suffer the consequences of my disobedience. Our world seems to believe in zero punishment and zero consequences for our actions. We prefer say, maybe a nice lecture with plenty of supportive and encouraging words, but not to be chastised or actually punished. But the God of love and mercy is also the God of justice and often punishment. Often God is the God who chastises even His children. The psalmist speaks repeatedly of “equity.” But that word doesn’t mean equal salaries, or everyone gets a golden sticker for participation. The word refers to “smoothness” or an evenness. Psalm 99:4 says, “ ***The strength of the King loves justice; You have established equity;***” It other words, no special favoritism. Just because you are God’s child doesn’t mean that the rules do not apply to you.

Then in that same psalm, he speaks of Moses, Aaron, and Samuel, three great heroes of Israel’s history.

“O LORD our God, You answered them;
 You were a forgiving God to them,
 And yet an avenger of their *evil* deeds.” ps. 99:8.

Even these heroes of faith were both blessed by God but also chastised by God when needed. To be chastised is to be loved. We need to understand that with God and even in society and families. To turn a blind eye is not to bless. To lecture is often insufficient. To chastise is to redeem the soul. If God were to ignore our rebellions, failures and sins, we might be lulled into a false security of the soul. Chastisement is a quickening of the soul. Awakened to reality, you can choose to change or continue to rebel. But silence is a false message when we need change. Personally, I prefer sunshine and happiness all the time. But God give me the humility to recognize needs for change. Help me recognize that “NO” is a blessing.

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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:

We want to welcome Helen Weiss, Robyn Cassidy, Herb Moyer and Aaron/Tanya & Colin Humphries as members of Highway 32.

If you haven't had your picture taken for the directory please see Sue Curfman after services in the lobby to get your picture taken.

Carol Basham is home from Anderson Mercy recovering from sepsis pneumonia.

The Glover family is home with the flu.

Joyce Warman's sister Ruth Barnes has been in the hospital with the flu and pneumonia. Hospice care has been called in.

Cade Hutching's new address: SR (Last name, First name, MI)
ROMEO 206 SIERRA 206
USCG Training Center
1 Munro Avenue
Cape May NJ 08204 5083

Send him a card and let him know we are thinking & praying for him.

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 & David Goble

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."