

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: David Goble
 Lord's Table Don Salisbury
 Alan Springer
 Les Smith
 Griffin Stith
 Opening Prayer: Rich Book
 Sermon: Marc Curfman
 Closing Prayer: David Turpin
 PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	35	43
Morn. Assembly	72	73
Sun Eve.	16	**
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	17	18
Contribution:	\$5719.81.00	\$3279.00

Scriptures from an Electronic Age

“But no one can tame the internet; it is a restless evil and full of deadly poison. With it we bless our Lord and Father, and with it we curse men, who have been made in the likeness of God; from the same electronic device come both blessing and cursing. My brethren, these things ought not to be this way. Does a fountain send out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water? Can a fig tree, my brethren, produce olives, or a vine produce figs? Nor can salt water produce fresh.” (James 3:8-12 21st century paraphrase)

I question the validity of our lives. I don't question our religion. We all can quote verses, walk with a Bible under our arms, and defend our beliefs. But can we walk in love, agape love that “does not seek its own, is not provoked, does not take into account a wrong suffered” 1 Cor. 13:5?
 It often seems that church for some has become a fountain that sends out from the same opening both fresh and bitter water. Sometimes they are words over coffee, other times a posting on the internet or a reactionary text to some alleged offense. We can post anger from a distance online words we would never stand before the church and announce out loud.

One person defended a divisive post by saying: “well I just said what was on my heart.” Maybe we need to re-read Jeremiah's words: **“The heart is more deceitful than all else And is desperately sick; Who can understand it? “I, the LORD, search the heart, I test the mind, Even to give to each man according to his ways, According to the results of his deeds.”** Jer. 17:9-10.

The Lord doesn't justify my words because of the convictions of my heart but by his commandment. My heart might be offended and hurt. The word of the Lord ignores my feelings and commands me to love my neighbor.
 “For the mouth speaks out of that which fills the heart. The good man blogs out of his good treasure what is good; and the evil man brings posts and texts of his evil treasure what is evil. But I tell you that every careless text or email that people post, they shall give an accounting for it in the day of judgment. For by your hand held device you will be justified, and by your electronic tablet you will be condemned.” (Matt. 12:34-37 internet paraphrase)

Psalm 120 is a frustrated “posting” (psalm) of a man on his way to worship. His is surrounded by hateful words. His inbox must have looked like a crime scene. But those “psalms of ascent” are to be sung on your way to worship. Putting the evil of the godless world aside as you join in with brothers and sisters of faith. But what if when you come to church, you are surrounded by the hate, the lies, the attacks you saw in your inbox that morning?

May God forgive me for my words that hurt and don't heal. My God forgive me for using my feelings as a license to unleash those **“sharp arrows of the warrior”** Ps. 120:4. Let us see one more verse from the 21st electronic Bible paraphrase. Ps. 19:14
 “Let the text of my email and the postings of my heart Be acceptable in Your sight, O LORD, my rock and my Redeemer.”

May we bless even when our heart is troubled. May our words reflect a love that gives rather than consumes. Let us live life as intended by God and not use our religion as an excuse for failed hearts, hateful postings.

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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.

March Teachers

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

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve.



March Teacher

Lindsey Stith

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

March Building & Communion

Sheila Gelter/Linda Shinkle



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

Announcements:

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.

Potluck luncheon today after services, plan on staying.

Ladies Class will be Saturday 3/29/25 at 9:30am. Connie Daniel will be teaching.

We still have many sick to keep in your prayers; Karen Smith, Linda Bukvic, Helen Weiss, and Carol Basham.

March Birthdays

- 3/2 Joe Sena & Jo Drott
- 3/6 Laura Hutchings
- 3/18 Karson Fender
- 3/22 Kara Fender
- 3/22 Dwayne Morton
- 3/24 Leann Smith
- 3/29 Graci Book
- 3/30 Henry Mayes

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."