

# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



**Highway 32 Church of Christ**  
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**The Cattle on a Thousand Hills** Ps. 50:10

**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:            Lowell Smith  
 Song Leader:                Tom Mayes  
 Prayer:                        Jim Hutchings  
 Lord's Table                Frank Glover  
                                       Cade Hutchings  
                                       Les Smith  
                                       Griffin Stith  
 Sermon:                        Bryan Basham  
 Closing Prayer:              Alan Springer  
 PM Song Leader:            Lowell Smith

**Attendance**

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	51	50
Morn. Assembly	78	75
Sun Eve.	12	18
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	18	22
Contribution:	\$7093.00	\$3563.00

This time of year is a time with little sunshine. It gets dark early and the sun seems to take its time rising in the morning. It can be a time of year that can be a struggle. And on top of that, there is the fact of winter cold. In ancient times, if you have not stored up for such months, life could be extremely difficult. But these are also days of joy and thanksgiving and of giving. Why? Because we choose to make it so. I have heard that the holidays can be the most lonely, depressing days for so many people. Yet on the other hand, the holidays can be the most exciting, joyous times. Some might claim that it is all a matter of circumstances. But in truth, it all seems to be a matter of choice.

In Psalm 50, Asaph writes about thanksgiving and the true meaning of gratitude. It all begins with God and recognizing his sovereignty and wisdom and goodness in this universe. We give our offerings to God, not because we are paying a debt nor because God is in need. He owns everything from the cattle on a thousand hills, to goats and even the birds of the sky. God takes nothing from the one who offers sacrifices because nothing belongs to us in the first place. So, what do we offer God today? Today you might give money, share a meal, clothes or housing for that one in need. You give God your worship, your time and your heart.

Did you ever think to realize that when all belongs to God, that also includes your time? To be too busy for God is to behave as if you own the clock, not God. And a heart given to God seeks to express thanksgiving in all one has, including obedience, time, and the very thoughts of your soul.

So, Psalm 50 also compares those who lack thanksgiving. Asaph talks about those who claim God's covenant (claim to be religious), yet reject discipline. Their time belongs to them, not God. The result is they make their own choices and seem to sympathize with rule breakers more than rule keepers. They are those who think God is okay with their path because they get away with such insolence. ***"These things you have done, and I kept silence; You thought that I was just like you."*** Ps. 50:21.

In times like the holidays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, and New Years, many people spend the time in joyous thanksgiving, realizing just how good God is to us and sharing that joy with others, family, friends and even strangers. The thankless see the holiday times asking, "what is in this for me?" Happiness is not in giving but in taking. No wonder that for some it is the loneliest time of the year. The instant pleasure of getting or receiving last a mere moment. On the other hand, the joy of thanksgiving has legs that walk with you in life not just in these days of celebration but throughout the year.

Recognize that God is good. Recognize God's goodness not with mere words but with gifts of thanksgiving. Understand that God owns everything in this universe including your time and your very soul.

***"He who offers a sacrifice of thanksgiving honors Me, I shall show the salvation of God."*** Ps. 50:23.

Choose to recognize the goodness of God by choosing to give to God what already belongs to God, that is your very soul.

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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** - Lindsey Stith
- Pre-K-K** - Jessica Mayes
- 1<sup>st</sup>-6<sup>th</sup>** - Sue Curfman

**Sunday Morning Adult classes:**

Bryan Basham

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



**December Teacher**

Kacie/Kaleigh

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

**December Building & Communion**

Griffin/Lindsey Stith



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

# **Announcements:**

Dwayne's surgery went well and he is home at the Glover's recovering.

Madison Daniel will be having wrist surgery on 1/6/25.

Monty Gillespie from Withamsville Church is in need of our prayers; he is in his third month of cancer. He has had his kidney and right ureter removed and is now starting chemotherapy. He says it is a very stubborn cancer so please keep him on your prayer list.

**Next Year Sign Up Sheets are ready to be filled**

The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board for teachers, bible hour teachers and cleaning of the building for next year 2025. A few changes have been made to the cleaning of the building sheet. Check to see if it works for you. Also if you see just one or two people on a month and you can sign up to help them please do.

Wednesday night services will be suspended until the time springs forward in March.

**December Birthdays**

- 12/1 Libby Watkins
- 12/6 Paula Craycraft
- 12/7 Huey Jones
- 12/8 Donna Wright
- 12/9 Marian Blakley
- 12/18 Jessica Mayes
- 12/21 Becky Wright
- 12/23 Linda Shinkle
- 12/28 Morgan Gelter

**December Anniversaries**

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

**Continue to Remember:** Mark Book, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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