

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Highway 32 Church of Christ

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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:	Ron Smith
Prayer:	Don Salisbury
Lord's Table	Les Smith Griffin Stith George Smith Rich Book
Sermon:	Jim Hutchings
Closing Prayer:	Keith Pennington
PM Song Leader:	Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	37	40
Morn. Assembly	70	61
Sun Eve.	18	23
Wednesday	22	10
Zoom Class	21	19
Contribution:	\$2417.00	\$2405.00

Hands that Worship

This afternoon I was on my back deck with a cup of coffee and slice of cherry pie, (don't comment, I have a bathroom scale for that). I also had a book where the author was talking about the devastating poverty and starvation of the Island nation of Haiti. He spoke of how most churches spend the vast majority of their donations not on starving children but on self, with nice buildings that have climate control and comfortable seating. Then he quoted Matthew 25; ***“Truly I say to you, to the extent that you did not do it to one of the least of these, you did not do it to Me.”*** Matt. 25:45. I guess the question is: How do I live with myself? Some might absolve their conscience with coins in a jar at the supermarket or maybe an annual church contribution to send to the needy. Others might sell all they have and give to the poor. I wish it were a simple answer. I wish that my own response was not skewed by my own personal feelings or failings. And I do not have a “one size-fits all” solution. The task is more than daunting, it is overwhelming like a flood that creates overpowering whirlpools. As Jesus himself once said: ***“For you always have the poor with you, and whenever you wish you can do good to them;”*** Mark 14:7.

I truly believe that each one must look into his/her own heart and reach out, bless, and perhaps save a few. Large charitable organizations don't seem to be the answer, as many of these “non-profit organizations” fail in stewardship. But to do nothing, to pull the shade on the window cannot be the answer. We must have hands that worship. How can we meditate on God unless we see God on the faces of each person we encounter. The author the book reflected on Matt. 25:40,45 and named that starving child Jesus. As I was reading, and twisted in my soul about the unfathomable challenge of helping the poor and needy, I also thought of the gospel message. As horrific as the plight of poverty is in our world, the devastation of a lost soul is even greater. We claim Jesus as Lord and Savior based on the gospel message. Yet billions. BILLIONS have not heard. How insurmountable is the challenge to spread the good news, to send light into the vast, endless darkness! Should we put coins into a plate? Do we support some missionary or mission work in a far off country? Or do we sell all we have and go to a distant land? Again, there is not one-size-fits all answer. All of the above choices are clearly godly and biblical. But again, worship must have hands, feet, a voice and ears that hear. How can we meditate on God unless we see God on the faces of each person we encounter? Again, we turn to the voice of the Master: ***“The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore beseech the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.”*** Luke 10:2.

Our purpose as followers of Jesus is to seek and save the lost, to feed, to clothe, to comfort, to protect, to heal. Our purpose is to be hands that worship, feet, voices, ears that hear and eyes that cannot help but see. Before I can worship in the nave of a cathedral, I must learn to worship among God's precious children, saved or lost, filled or hungry.

“Therefore I urge you, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living and holy sacrifice, acceptable to God, which is your spiritual service of worship.” Rom. 12:1. Such worship cannot be accomplished among stained glass and prophetic preaching. Such worship must take us out there. ***“So, let us go out to Him outside the camp, bearing His reproach.”*** Heb. 13:13. Let us have hands that worship.

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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.

July Teachers

Cradle Roll - Yvonne Glover
Pre-K-K - Kacie Schunk
1st-6th - Ron/Myrna Smith

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Frank Glover

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



July Teacher
Connie Daniel

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

July Building & Communion

George Smith



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

Announcements:

Joyce Warman is at home recovering from a fall which cause a fracture in her shoulder. She took another fall due to the weak shoulder so she is at home recovering and cannot drive.

Felicia Rice will be having a total thyroidectomy July 9th due to a papillary thyroid carcinoma. It is a less aggressive type of cancer. Keep her in your prayers.

Dwayne Winn's mother passed away this passed week. Keep this family in your prayers.

Ft Hill Camp under the direction of Tom Mayes will begin June 30 through July 6th. If you are interested check with Tom for any info.

Area Wide Singing will be hosted by Highway 32 next month on Sunday 7/21 from 5pm-7pm. There will be a dinner afterwards instead of the monthly potluck. A menu has been placed on the bulletin board so please sign up and plan on attending the singing we will be hosting. Flyers have been sent out to area wide congregations. There are more on the table in the lobby to invite family and friends.

VBS - Monday July 29 – Wednesday July 31st. 5:30pm to 7:30pm. Invite all you can to attend.

VBS MEETING: For all interested in helping out at VBS please remain after services next Sunday 7/7/24 for a brief meeting with Lindsey Stith. Schedules/Flyers will be available, and any questions answered at this time.

Directory Change: Madison Daniel has a new phone number – 513/692-8695.

July Birthdays

7/4 Connie Daniel & Kirt Martin
7/6 Ammon Adams
7/7 Adeline Mayes
7/15 Kellie Wright
7/18 Don Salisbury
7/22 Lynn Beard
7/25 Keith Pennington
7/26 Carl Beard
7/27 Betty Sutton

July Anniversaries

7/23 Lynn Prickett

Continue to Remember: Mary Carrothers, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Joyce Warman's sister, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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