

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



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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: Ron Smith
 Song Leader: Tom Mayes
 Lord's Table: Les Smith, Bruce Curfman, Steve Wright, Cade Hutchings
 Opening Prayer: Frank Glover
 Sermon: Marc Curfman
 Closing Prayer: Rich Book
 PM Song Leader: Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	48	52
Morn. Assembly	82	82
Sun Eve.	23	23
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	15	18
Contribution:	\$2780.00	\$2451.00

"This I know, that God is for me."

Ps. 56:9

If there was ever a good year to turn off the news or toss away that smartphone, 2024 might have been that year. It hasn't been all bad news, but very little hopeful reports, stories or posts seem to reach my device or TV screen. Maybe someone needs to post more about puppies and kittens than politics and social crisis. The most prevalent catch phrase for 2024 has been "mental health crisis." Sometimes it makes you wish for a cabin on the side of a mountain or a tropical deserted island.

The truth about fear is that fear is always based on the unknown. The fact of hunger today bothers me, but the possibility of hunger tomorrow frightens me. The same could be said about loneliness, health, security and so forth. We don't lock the door because yesterday we were robbed. We bolt the door for fear of tomorrow.

In Psalm 56, David has been through some tough times. He has been on the run from his own people, living in the hills and caved and Philistines were threatening his life. At this point, David writes this psalm, lamenting his woes but he is also concerned for his tomorrows.

"You have taken account of my wanderings; Put my tears in Your bottle. Are they not in Your book?" Ps. 56:8.

But David puts his trust in God. Twice in this psalm David declares: ***"In God I have put my trust; I shall not be afraid. What can man do to me?"*** Ps. 56:4,11.

Then in verse 9 David boldly declares ***"This I know, that God is for me."*** That statement alone settles all fears, worries and concerns. Will tomorrow be carefree? Will the years to come be smooth and easy? That is not the question. But regardless of the difficulties and threat of life, ***"God is for me."***

The writer of Hebrews quotes this psalm in Hebrews 13:6. His call is for us to not let the world cause us to stray from our purpose but to trust in God, what can man do to us.

The year before us will be filled with unknowns. What is certain is that God is for us. Perhaps Paul was referencing this psalm also when he wrote: ***"What then shall we say to these things? If God is for us, who is against us?"*** Rom. 8:31. But such words from both David and Paul were not just words of quiet comfort but a sort of battle cry. As we look to the new year, as we walk into the future, we walk into God's design and purpose. While others allow the winds and waves to dictate their lives, we have put our trust in God. ***"This I know, that God is for me."*** The new year will have all the distractions of the old year. And the new year brings its own "unknowns." But God's people walk on a different plane than the world. For us these words are our battle cry. Make this a year that you seek your purpose for God even among all of the unknown future. May our message be seen and heard as we make live this new year of God's purpose and the message of our Lord who had every reason to fear tomorrow if he focused on the past. But we are told to ***"lay aside every encumbrance and the sin which so easily entangles us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, fixing our eyes on Jesus"*** Heb. 12.

May the world this year see our conviction: ***"This I know, that God is for me."***

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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.

January Teachers

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

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Marc Curfman

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



January Teacher

Sue Curfman

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

January Building & Communion

Brian/Linda Bukvic



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

Announcements:

Madison Daniel will be having wrist surgery on 1/6/25. Madison also has a new number: 513/692-8920 to change in the directory.

Linda Bukvic will be having surgery/biopsy on her parathyroids to help control her high calcium level on 1/6/25. Keep her in your prayers.

Dwayne Morton is home from the hospital recovering. He is on a medicine to help his kidneys work. Keep him in your prayers.

Donna Wrights angiogram revealed no blockages but she has to be careful for the next 5 days. Keep her in your prayers.

Don and Nancy Salisbury are still recovering from the flu and covid.

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

Sign up sheets for 2025 still has vacancies.

The sign up sheets are on the bulletin board for 2025 teaching. We are in need of teachers for the third quarter please sign up so the yearly calendar will be filled. Also there are 6 empty spaces on the Bible Hour Sign up sheet. Lets get it filled so all areas are covered.

January Birthdays

1/1 Wanda Pennington
1/4 Les Smith & Sheyenne Sebastian
1/8 Sue Curfman
1/21 Tom Mayes
1/22 Juanita Benton
1/28 Jenni Book

January Anniversaries

1/2 Tom/Jessica Mayes
1/28 Don/Nancy Salisbury

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."