

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



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If there is one singular issue with our present generation, it may be our lack of desperation. I’m not saying that there are no desperate lives. The news cycle is replete with what Thoreau calls “quiet desperation.” But we seem to lack that drive or hunger for what really matters. You may say that you can’t find a job because the employer doesn’t respect your time off. You can’t find that “soul mate” because of unreasonable demands you read in Cosmo. Some can’t even find the energy to make their bed in the morning. In the end, you hear people say: “What does it matter?” or “Who cares anyway?” Apathy has become the new cultural anthem. We live in a world where people care about saving the planet but are unwilling to do what could actually give their own lives to a place of meaning and purpose. Personal effort seems overrated. Most demonstrations in the streets are about what we want others to do for us, and not what we are willing to do for ourselves.

That spirit of the driven boxer in the ring or the grit of wrestling who struggles for the prize seems to allude far too many. Where is that **“hunger and thirst”** for purpose and a reason for awakening each day? God’s word speaks of life with purpose and meaning from cover to cover. Within those two greatest commandments is more than a rule for the religious but our duty to pursue lives of purpose and conviction. But I do not believe such eternal purpose and meaning for our existence can be found unless we have that hunger and thirst for what is right and what ought to be. That moral compass of life seems to elude most people. And one hour a week just doesn’t change a life.

In ancient Philippi, a retired soldier was picking up extra money to live on while working as a prison guard. Life had lost any real meaning and was just about paying tomorrow’s bills. It wasn’t until that midnight earthquake that his soul quickened and in desperation, he cried: **“what must I do to be saved?”** This unnamed Jailor’s story is repeated time and again in the gospels and the book of Acts. Confronted with the emptiness and hopelessness of his own life, he begs for what could be. How many stories in the gospel are cries for such mercy and meaning? Remember that young man lowered through the roof before Jesus? There was a desperation for something better. Even his four friends joined in the quest.

Then there is the thief on the cross. There is often too much discussion concerning the “logistics of how he was saved. We ask: why no Baptism? After all, Jesus commands baptism for salvation (Mark 16:16)? There are others who reduce the story to a story of cheap grace and easy salvation, saying that all you have to do to be saved is ask! We cheapen the man’s story. Maybe what we are missing is that this crucified thief’s hope is tied to his desperation. From the depths of his soul, he needed salvation. Begging Jesus, he cries for hope.

People today will **“try”** Jesus and see how it goes. Others ask him to come in, pray a prayer or maybe even obey the command to be immersed in baptism. What few seem to do is hunger and thirst for life, for righteous life. What God calls us to is to have that hunger and thirst for righteousness, life as life was meant to be. God blesses the life that is so driven to find eternal purpose that they are more than willing to sacrifice the temporary, mortal and futile path of life. I believe that is part of the reason for baptism. It is that moment of a choice to die to what has failed and be resurrected to what should be, that is a life with God. Ask yourself: Is my faith one that is driven by God or like the fallen failed world, am I just going through the motions?

“For it is for this we labor and strive, because we have fixed our hope on the living God, who is the Savior of all men, especially of believers.” ¹ Tim. 4:10. Do you labor and strive or does such dedication just seem overrated? I pray that you labor and strive, that you hunger and thirst. If you do, Jesus calls you **“Blessed.”**

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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.

September Teachers

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

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

David Turpin


Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury - 7:00pm



September Teacher
Sue Curfman

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

September Building & Communion
Steve/Donna/Kelli Wright

A small illustration of a broom and a dustpan.

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

Announcements:

Edna Bradshaw's son Jim had a stroke this past week and is in the hospital please keep him in your prayers.

Bryan Basham will be in Madagascar for 2 weeks with the World Christian Broadcasting. Keep him in your prayers that all will go well.

Hannah Myers, a 3 year old of a preschool teacher at Georgetown who has down syndrome has been diagnosed with Leukemia. Keep this family in your prayers.

Marv & Wanda's 70th wedding anniversary event 9/14. Please no gifts.

For those of you who know Edna Bradshaw, she will be 90 on 9/6; if you would like to send her a card here is her address: 6209 Huckleberry Ridge Flowery Branch, GA 30542

Potluck Luncheon for the month of September will be 9/8/24, see you all there.

Dwayne Morton is in Sunrise Nursing home in Amelia for one more week to receive his antibiotics for his infection.

LADIES DAY – This Saturday 9/7/24 – 10am – We have invited many congregations in the area. Sue Curfman will be teaching and you can pick up a schedule in the lobby. Simply Jesus will be our subject. Breakfast & Lunch will be served. Come and enjoy a time of study and fellowship. 10:00-1:00.

September Anniversaries

- 9/11 Marvin/Wanda Pennington
- 9/12 Jim/Laura Hutchings
- 9/19 Harley/Mary Carrothers

September Birthdays

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| 9/1 Brent Shafer | 9/17 Elizabeth Schunk |
| 9/2 Rebecca Shafer & Margo Stith | 9/23 Ron Carter & Sheila Gelter |
| 9/5 Marc Curfman | 9/24 LaShanda Smith |
| 9/12 Nancy Salisbury | 9/27 Lorelei Mayes & Dominyck |
| 9/13 Farryl Atkins | 9/30 Lowell Smith & Madi Book |
| 9/15 Liz Brose | |

9/6 – Edna Bradshaw will have a 90th birthday

Continue to Remember: Mary Carrothers, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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