

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: Rich Book
 Song Leader: David Turpin
 Lord's Table: David Goble, Bruce Curfman, Alan Springer, Les Smith
 Scripture Reader: Henry Mayes
 Sermon: Marc Curfman
 Closing Prayer: Frank Glover
 PM Song Leader: Ron Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	52	51
Morn. Assembly	82	78
Sun Eve.	23	12
Wednesday	**	**
Zoom Class	**	18
Contribution:	\$2451.00	\$7093.00

Resolution of the Soul

Another year has ended, and a new one is upon us. We like to make New Year's resolutions, or at least some people hold that tradition. I don't think it is a bad tradition, although if you are like me, a lot of them don't work so well. I would like to lose weight, exercise more, study more, and read more books. I hate to admit it but now that most of my years are behind me, I look back and fail to see greatness. On the other hand, I do believe my life has been on a progression spiritually over the years. I have always looked at life as having a purpose higher than I and although so much more could have been, I still can look back and see those ever so slight changes and small deeds that reached upward in a world that often seems not to reach for anything of real value in any direction.

What I like about New Year's resolutions is the felt need internally to do at least a bit better than before. New Year's resolutions are also the hope of new beginnings. Scripture calls that repentance. The more common word today is change. People can change. No one is destined to fail. Everyone can go forward to something better.

But there is part of the problem or barrier we have in life: What is something better? Poor definitions result in errant directions. Errant directions result in poor goals and hopeless destinations. At 68, I will never achieve the strength of a prime athlete. Even so, I'm not sure it was ever a noble purpose for anyone. As Paul says: ***"bodily discipline is only of little profit, but godliness is profitable for all things."***

1 Tim. 4:8.

Not only are some goals in life unachievable, but most of them are also ***"only of little profit."*** It is also a problem when our values coincide more with the failed values propagated in this world or on social media. ***"when they measure themselves by themselves and compare themselves with themselves, they are without understanding."*** 2 Cor. 10:12. Jesus' words spoken in Matthew have never been more true than in today's pop culture: ***"if a blind man guides a blind man, both will fall into a pit."*** Matt. 15:14.

The idea of a better life should be measured primarily from the inside of your soul. Don't use the words happy or sad. Don't think in terms of popular or lonely or rich or poor and definitely don't use words like comfortable. But if you were to turn off all the noise for an afternoon or evening, how would you describe your progress over the past year, your internal, heartfelt or soulful changes? Is your inner being, your soul in a better place today than it was twelve months ago?

I think it is time for change, time for something better, time for a resolution that really matters. Regardless of your education, wealth, popularity, or your health or some special talent you possess, would you describe your life as finding peace or turmoil, deep internal satisfaction or unquenchable hunger? Or maybe you have learned the art of being so busy, that you never have time to think of such things.

Jesus said: ***"My peace I give to you; not as the world gives do I give to you. Do not let your heart be troubled, nor let it be fearful."*** John 14:27.

I truly believe most of us need a new plan, a new approach and a better goal. I also believe that none of us are doing too well on our own. David wrote: ***"On God my salvation and my glory rest; The rock of my strength, my refuge is in God. Trust in Him at all times, O people; Pour out your heart before Him;"*** Ps. 62:7-8.

But notice David's final word: ***"Trust in him at all times, O people;"*** You can't do it alone. I need you and we need one another. Make this year the year of fellowship and a bond together as we seek that better hope. ***"Lead me to the rock that is higher than I."*** Ps. 61:2. Make this the year for a resolution that matters, a resolution that changes from the inside, a resolution of the 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
- 1st-6th** - Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Marc Curfman

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.

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:

Tuesday 12/31 is New Years Eve and the Curfman house is open at 6pm for anyone wanting to come and play games and enjoy the evening. Please let Sue know if you would like to come.

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 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 Anniversaries

12/30 Marc/Sue Curfman

January Birthdays

- 1/1 Wanda Pennington
- 1/4 Les Smith
- 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."