

HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER



Making New Memories

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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

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| Announcements: | Frank Glover |
| Song Leader: | Lowell Smith |
| Lord's Table | Rich Book Bruce Curfman Brent Shafer Griffin Stith |
| Opening Prayer: | David Turpin |
| Sermon: | Marc Curfman |
| Closing Prayer: | Ron Smith |
| PM Song Leader: | Lowell Smith |

Attendance

| | Last Week | Week Before |
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| Sun. Bible | 43 | 48 |
| Morn. Assembly | 56 | 82 |
| Sun Eve. | ** | 23 |
| Wednesday | ** | ** |
| Zoom Class | 15 | 15 |
| Contribution: | \$2465.00 | \$2780.00 |

It seems that the older you get, the more stories you have to tell about past experiences, adventures and events. My great uncle Matt was a man full of such stories. Once, after telling one of his stories, he said; "I've told that one so many times, I'm beginning to believe it myself!"

The past has so much to say about who we are. It is a history with both the bad and the good, regrets and inspirations, weaknesses and strengths. The hope is that we can learn from the past in order to have a stronger future. God's people are a people with a past. We need to remember those ancient stories as a part of building our faith. The problem is far too many have lives with a rich past but very little in the present. Our weekly gatherings are times to remember and reflect but also time to challenge and go forth. If we are merely people with an ancient story then we are not a people who have much to offer people who today, this very minute struggle with the difficulties of life.

The book of Hebrews is a book that calls us to look to the past but live in the present. The word "today" is mentioned eight times in the letter. The writer recalls the history of God with His people but at the same time demands that God's people write their own stories of faith and faithfulness to God. Hebrews is thirteen chapters of encouragement, telling the reader to never give up, never quit and above all else, never live in the past. In the final chapter, the author concludes by saying; "Now may the God of peace who brought again from the dead our Lord Jesus, the great shepherd of the sheep, by the blood of the eternal covenant, equip you with everything good that you may do his will," Heb. 13:20-21.

What that verse tells us (what the book as a whole tells us) is that God has acted powerfully in the past. Especially in the resurrection of our Lord Jesus. Now it is time for you and me to act powerfully in the present. We seek to be equipped by God with everything that is good so that we may do his will.

To live only for the memories is to fail to follow God today. What you did in the past may make for a great story over a cup of coffee, but God needs, God demands people who daily live out that faith. It is that same challenge the Apostle Peter calls us to when he said; "Therefore, prepare your minds for action, keep sober in spirit, fix your hope completely on the grace to be brought to you at the revelation of Jesus Christ." 1 Peter 1:13. Ours is a faith that is active and involved in the lives of people now, today.

We are those who go, who serve, who bless and who live the great stories of faith now and today and tomorrow. It is time that you and I begin to make new memories. May your life today inspire others tomorrow, but may we always remember that love, hope and faith are not mere memories, but life lived this very day.

Marc Curfman

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:

Potluck luncheon and Yearly Budget Meeting will be next week 1/19/25. See you all there. Also an Updated Directory will be passed around for everyone to review their information and write in any changes that need to be made.

Linda Bukvic will be having surgery/biopsy on her parathyroids to help control her high calcium level on 1/20/25. Keep her in your prayers.

Annie Norvell will be having foot surgery on Monday 11/13/25 at 7am.

Mary Parker was in Anderson Mercy and is now home. She has an enlarged aorta, keep her in your prayers.

Kara and Karson Fender were in a car accident a couple of weeks ago, Kara broke her foot and Karson has been admitted to Childrens Hospital dehydrated and losing weight due to the accident. Kim(Fender) Wright has been diagnosed with merkel cell carcinoma which she had surgery to remove but the cancer has spread in her legs and hips. Keep the Wright family 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 prayer.

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
1/6 Audrey Boggs
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, Monty Gillespie, Karen Smith, Carol Basham, Ruth Barnes and our church family.

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