



HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

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Sunday Bible Class 10:00AM
 Sunday Morning Assembly 11:00AM
 Sunday Evening Assembly 6:00 PM
 Wednesday Bible Study 7:30PM

Privileged to Serve

Announcements: Lowell Smith
 Song Leader: Bruce Curfman
 Prayer: Landon Dillie
 Lord's Table: Frank Glover
 Assist: Caleb Watkins
 Alex Watkins
 Harley Carrothers
 Sermon: Marc Curfman
 Closing Prayer: Don Salisbury
 Song Leader Evening: Alex Watkins

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	38	39
Morn. Assembly	74	72
Sun Eve.	25	19
Wed. Study	13	10
Contribution	\$1417.00	\$1656.00

"Let us go to the house of the LORD."

Psalm 122:1

The image of people coming together to worship God should stir up warm and beautiful thoughts. The people of Israel had the Temple of the Lord in Jerusalem to go to and offer their praise to God. Today we assemble in churches throughout the world as we come together to praise, pray, listen, learn and fellowship with one another. It is not our desire to forsake the assembly but to encourage one another all the more ^{Heb. 10:25}. Yet in truth, our corporate worship is only one part of what Scripture calls worship. As Christians, we do not go to the temple. We take the temple with us through life.

Paul reminds us; **"your body is a temple of the Holy Spirit who is in you, whom you have from God, and that you are not your own?"** ^{1 Cor. 6:19}. It isn't necessary to go to Jerusalem (nor is it possible) in order to enter the temple of God. Each of us live as God's temple. ^{James 4:5}. In fact we are told that **"we are the temple of the living God; just as God said, "I will dwell in them..."**" ^{2 Cor. 6:16}. Imagine God in you right this very minute. That is what Scripture declares.

More than just that wonderful time we spend together each week, worship is that beautiful pursuit of life itself, a pursuit that is guided by God and honors God. Each moment and each aspect of life is a call to worship. In fact, religion was never meant to be a separate part of our lives. Even under the Law of Moses, the people were told; **"These words, which I am commanding you today, shall be on your heart."** ^{Deut. 6:6}.

We present even our bodies as a living sacrifice. It is our spiritual service of worship ^{Rom. 12:1}. Not just some emotional ecstasy but as we choose God's path rather than our own wants, we daily choose worship of God rather than being **"conformed to this world but.. transformed by the renewing of your mind, so that you may prove what the will of God is, that which is good and acceptable and perfect."** ^{Rom. 12:2}. The will of God is plainly taught in Scripture. When we worship with our lives, then our lives show the world that perfect and acceptable will of God.

Furthermore, worship will not take you away from life. Instead, worship is making the godly choice in the midst of life. The Christian husband shows God worship by how he treats his wife. The Christian son or daughter honors God by honoring one's parents. A Christian truck driver honors God's will even when he is a thousand miles from home. A Christian lawyer, housekeeper, bricklayer or computer analyst honors God even while those around only honor themselves. There is nothing mystical about such worship. Of course, such worship of God is rarely practical. The Christian worships as he/she walks the same roads that all people on this earth walk. The difference is that the Christian chooses a different direction, and a distinctly different goal. Those who worship with their lives honor God and heaven's eternal hope. Those who do not follow our Lord choose that which is temporal, earthly and usually the easiest. To honor God doesn't ask if it is practical, easy or profitable. Instead, we only ask if God is glorified.

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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

Pre-K thru 3rd Jessica Mayes
4th- 6th Kacie Smith

Sunday Morning Adult classes:
Tom Mayes

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



December Teacher:
Karen Smith



Building & Communion
December
Lynn Prickett

Note: Children will go to Bible Hour during the song before the morning lesson. Children ages 2 thru the 6th grade may attend.

Ladies Class/Breakfast - Mark your calendars for Saturday January 28th for 9:30am.

Sermon notes: Philippians 2:12-16 Fear and Trembling

Everyone wants to be a winner! So how do we achieve that? One group says to try harder while the other says to just make it easier. So we lower standards, and give everyone a ribbon or trophy. While that might be Okay for toddlers, it really just doesn't work in the real world. Of course, in terms of faith and God, can't we all be winners? So you hear people say that all you need to do is believe, say yes to Jesus. But what does that "belief" mean in practice? Others say that once you are saved, you are always saved. So the "easy faith" or "cheap grace" seems the most popular.

As Paul wrote the Philippians, he calls them to **"work out your salvation with fear and trembling."** To a church that was losing hope, direction and commitment, Paul

calls them to seriously take responsibility for their own walk of faith and not give up regardless of the pressures of life. Again and again, Paul has told brothers and sisters in Christ that we must hold on to that faith or risk losing everything (Rom. 11:22; 1 Tim. 4:1; 1 Cor. 10:12...)

In Philippians, Paul is not warning us to fear God but to fear what we could lose by not holding on to the treasure of Salvation. Life is hard. We must work out that salvation with fear and trembling. The good life of hope is one that takes our whole heart and life.

2:13 But what about God? **"it is God who is at work in you, both to will and to work for His good pleasure."** He freely gave grace to those who live that trust. We do not earn salvation but we are called to hold on to what God has given us. Our God goes before us like a warrior. Isaiah 42:13.

2:14-16. But what does Paul list as the great threats to our faith? Is it sword, famine, or persecution? After all the warnings of losing our hope, Paul warns the brothers not to grumble or argue. The attitude of the heart in even the simplest relationships is perhaps the greatest threat. Instead, we are **"to be blameless and innocent... as lights in the world."**

2:16. Finally, Paul tells us it takes more than a commitment for good. God, the author of life has given us the book of life, the Bible as our guide. Not as we see fit but as God has ordained. Living life according to His word is our only hope. Yes, there are absolutes in life and in His word, we see the only path to hope (John 8:31-32; 12:48...) Life is too precious to not be lived right.

December Birthdays

12/1 Libby Watkins
12/19 Cristina Pugh
12/6 Paula Craycraft
12/7 Huey Jean Jones
12/8 Donna Wright
12/9 Marian Blakley
12/10 Mary Carrothers
12/18 Jessica Mayes
12/21 Becky Wright
12/26 Teri Gilliam

December Anniversaries

12/13 Howard/Carol
Basham
12/25 Kris & Cristina Pugh
12/30 Marc/Sue Curfman

Prayers: Our upcoming year and how we can serve our Lord.

Continue to remember: Mark Book, Joe Cassinelli, Mary Chapman, Megan Chapman, Mary Carrothers, Josh Cornett, Karen Creamer, Ray Curfman, Sara Davis, Maralah Morgan, Clayton Wagner, Laura Wilkey, Our church family.

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