



# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

**Highway 32 Church of Christ**  
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Where There is Great Reward

In the hall of justice of Nirenberg where the war crime trials against the Nazis was held, you will notice two things on the walls of that hall; The Ten Commandments and a painting depicting the temptation at the Garden of Eden. It was said that the central defense of the Nazi war criminals was that they were acting in accordance with the laws of their land. The question repeatedly came back; "Is there not a law above our laws?"

Evil and good are realities of the world. Hate and love cannot be understood outside of understanding God's divine creative realities. In the Garden, man tried to redefine truth and righteousness. At Mt. Sinai, God called man back to his eternal truths of commitment to what is higher and holier. We live in a world where man is constantly redefining truth. Definitions of truth are one conclusion in one land and another in some other part of the world. We change values according to the weather. The cry of many is that there is no god so there are no absolutes, rather whatever pleases or protects at the moment is all that matters.

The confusion of such philosophies has been catastrophic. Love seems to have countless definitions as one justifies hurtful acts in the name of love and another justifies unrestrained toleration of any and all ways of life in the name of love. Justice is nothing more than an illusion. Right and wrong are reduced to emotions and feelings rather than absolutes.

This humanistic drama lived out today is not new. Man repeats his arrogant claims of ultimate wisdom and understanding throughout the centuries and children are the casualties of such self worship. Only in humbly turning to God is there hope. ***"For as the heavens are higher than the earth, So are My ways higher than your ways And My thoughts than your thoughts."***

Isaiah 55:9.

Wicked men fail to understand God because their worship is their own stomach, their own cravings and lust. But God's ways are not shackles that imprison the soul. ***"The law of the LORD is perfect, restoring the soul; The testimony of the LORD is sure, making wise the simple. The precepts of the LORD are right, rejoicing the heart; The commandment of the LORD is pure, enlightening the eyes."*** Ps. 19:7-8.

Because of our self-worship we as a society want to be the masters of our own fate. Religion is nothing more than an intrusion on our own desires. As such, some reject God altogether. Others fear the great beyond and reluctantly accept the idea of heaven and hell. For this group, God's law is all about getting into heaven and avoiding hell. While there is some truth to this view of eternal judgment, it has nothing to do with what the psalmist declared in Psalm 19. The child of God understands that strength and hope here and now is found in God's design for living. The soul is restored to its God given strength under God's rule. The path of even the simple can be one of confidence when heaven's wisdom is our guide.

The absolutes of life come from God. While people wonder about a judgment that will come one day, God wants you to take hold of life that is here before you this very moment. Take hold not of the deceitful desires of our fallen nature but take hold of the purpose given you and I by God.

You and I are created in the image of God. His word, His commandments are nothing more than a mirror that reflect the image we were created to possess. Such is found only in worship of One higher than I. Not ritual, not ceremony but worship that clings to what is eternal, perfect and more desirable than even fine gold. (Ps. 19:10)

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**Elders**

**Lowell Smith, Morris Wright  
 Frank Norvell**

**Minister**

**Marc Curfman  
 (513) 553-3703**

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

Privileged to Serve

Song Leader	Lowell Smith
Announcements	Frank Norvell
Prayer	Rich Book
Sermon:	Blair Schroder
Lord's Table	Frank Glover
Assist	Ashton Hutchinson Bruce Curfman Tom Wright
Closing Prayer:	Don Salisbury
Song Leader Evening:	Ashton Hutchinson

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	28	33
Morn. Assembly	48	56
Sun Eve.	**	24
Wed. Study	17	12
Contribution	\$840.00	\$1669.00

## ***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.

### **February Teachers**

Pre- K thru 5<sup>th</sup> Karen Smith

Youth

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Marc Curfman

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



**February Teacher:**  
Sheila Gelter



**Building & Communion**  
**Month of February**  
Don Salisbury &  
Coleman

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

We are in need of a teacher for Bible Hour for the month of March.

### **Sermon Notes to Make**

#### **February Birthdays**

2/1 Taylor Hahn  
2/3 Ron Smith  
2/10 Howard Basham  
2/19 Chris Hahn  
2/19 Joyce Norvell  
2/20 Frank Glover  
2/24 Melodie Watkins  
2/27 Kain Girshovich

#### **February Anniversaries**

2/1 Ray/Nancy Cassinelli  
2/24 Les/LaShanda Smith

**\*Please sign up today to teach or clean the building for the 2016 Year.**

**Prayers:** Juanita Benton is having heart rhythm issues. Stefanie Hahn is having arthritic problems. Karen's aunt, Marian Balke is having cancer treatments. Lucille Smith is residing at the Ohio Valley Manor in Ripley, OH in the Willow Wing. Carol Basham will be having knee replacement surgery 3/8/16. Comfort for the family of Joe Bauer who passed away last week,

**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."*