



HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

Highway 32 Church of Christ
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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

Song Leader Bruce Curfman
 Announcements Frank Norvell
 Prayer Rich Book
 Sermon: Lowell Smith
 Lord's Table Don Salisbury
 Assist Harley Carrothers
 Larry Paul
 Steve Wright
 Closing Prayer: Bob Parker
 Song Leader Evening: Ashton Hutchinson

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	33	38
Morn. Assembly	56	67
Sun Eve.	24	27
Wed. Study	12	17
Contribution	\$1669.00	\$1405.00

Revealed in Prayer

Proverbs 23:7 tells us; *"For as he thinks within himself, so he is."* The late 20th Century author A.W. Tozer would often say; *"As a man prays, so is he."* It is a powerful statement from a man very dedicated to a life of prayer. Tozer, himself was always known as a man of prayer. As a young man, living in a crowded home, Tozer found privacy for prayer in the basement behind the furnace. There he prayed daily and even kept a journal of both his prayers and God's answers.

The statement; "as a man prays, so is he" is a powerful insight to our lives. Our prayers reveal so much about our character, our values and our faith. To begin, if daily prayer is not a part of our lives, it might be good to question if faith is a daily part of our lives or if faith really has any place in our lives at all. Prayer is your time to speak to God. Prayer is the anchor of your relationship with God the Father. No relationship could be possible without that communication or conversation. God speaks to us through His word. We can only have God in our lives by knowing His word and speaking to Him in prayer. As in any relationship, it is often better to listen than speak.

Prayer also reveals who we are by what we pray about. Prayer reveals our character. Are you thankful and gracious? It will be evident in your prayers. Are you selfish and self-centered? That too can be heard in your prayer. Humility or pride, repentant or stubborn, listen to your prayers and understand more about yourself and your view of faith. Prayer also reveals so much about our values. It is a powerful lesson of faith to read the prayers of God's people in the pages of Scripture. Moses prayed for Israel even when they were at their worst rebellion. Paul prayed for courage. David prayed for forgiveness for himself while Stephen prayed for those who took his life.

Today we hear more prayers for the economy than for holiness, more prayers for soldiers than missionaries, more prayers for protection from suffering than from sin and more prayers for health than for righteousness. It truly does say a lot about our values. Far too many Christians keep their focus on earth and far too few reach for heaven. As Tozer said; "as a man prays, so is he."

We debate concerning God's answers to our prayers. Rarely do we discuss the prayers we place before the throne of God. Does God answer prayer? Well, yes and no. James 1 tells us that prayers must be offered in faith. Paul tells us that prayers must come from holy hearts (holy hands - 1 Tim. 2). Peter even tells husbands that if they fail to honor and love their wives, then their prayers are hindered, that is, you have hit the pause button on prayer.

Will God heal me when I'm ill? Maybe. Will he help me win a fortune in the lottery? I seriously doubt it (see James 4:3). Will God increase my faith if in true sincerity I ask? Undoubtedly. Will He provide opportunities when I ask to serve Him? Always! Will God guide my heart into truth? When I humbly allow Him to speak in His word and in my life, surely the answer is yes.

The primary blessing of prayer is a changed life. I know that one can honor God in good health or poor, in wealth or poverty, in freedom or even in prison. I also know that no one can honor God without trust and obedience. Who you are is not seen in a bank account, a wheelchair or diploma on the wall. Who you truly are.. God sees, He sees it in your prayer.

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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.

February Teachers

Pre- K thru 5th 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 6th grade may attend.

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

Sermon Notes to Make

Title: When Jesus Comes Into Your Home: By Lowell Smith

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. The Frank Glover family are all down with colds. 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. Karen Smith is also home sick.

Continue to remember: Joe Bauer, Mark Book, Joe Cassinelli, Mary Chapman, Megan Chapman, Mary Carrothers, Josh