

May 1, 2016



HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

Highway 32 Church of Christ
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Elders

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Minister

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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	Tom Mayes
Prayer	Ashton Hutchinson
Lord's Table Assist	Les Smith Frank Glover Caleb Watkins Alex Watkins
Sermon:	Marc Curfman
Closing Prayer:	Don Salisbury
Song Leader Evening	Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	48	39
Morn. Assembly	80	63
Sun Eve.	23	30
Wed. Study	22	19
Contribution	\$1428.00	\$1411.00

More Than Five Minutes

A friend of mine recently moved to another state. He called to tell me about a church he attended. The morning service brought in over 5,000 in attendance. He said the building was magnificent. Even the parking lot requires an small army of attendants to help people park their cars. Inside were projectors, screens, a beautiful pipe organ, a small orchestra and a chorus consisting of more singers than many churches can boast of total membership. There were songs, prayers, musical interludes, and even theatrical performances. Finally it was time for the sermon; the imparting of God's word to the people. FIVE MINUTES and the morning's lesson was over. Five minutes to proclaim God's word. Five minutes to call people to understand the will of the Lord. Five minutes to guide souls to the path of eternal truth.

This church spent more than an hour in songs, entertainment, and some prayer. More than an hour went by as the people expressed the feelings of their hearts and minds. God's word, God's will, and the guidance of our Lord and Savior was allotted only five minutes.

It is good for us to remember that God's word changes lives, gives light and hope and direction. God speaks to us primarily through the written word and it is the source of truth, empowerment and salvation for those who understand and trust in the word. When Jesus taught, he did more than impart information and knowledge, his purpose was to change lives, to save and rescue and guide. When we come together as God's people, we share his word, we teach, preach, edify, correct, and by God's word guide people to the hope of eternity with God. It is why Paul told Timothy to "preach the word in season and out of season." It is why God throughout the ages continues to send forth his prophets and preachers. The Great Commission commands us to preach the Gospel. Such treasures cannot be given in five minutes. The Scriptures demand that we; **"give attention to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation and teaching."** 1Tim. 4:13.

Aside from our assemblies, God's word must be a part of our hearts and minds on a constant basis. Deut. 6 tells fathers to speak of God's word when you awake, when you leave the house, in the market place and at home again in the evening. Joshua 1:8 declares; **"This book of the law shall not depart from your mouth, but you shall meditate on it day and night, so that you may be careful to do according to all that is written in it; for then you will make your way prosperous, and then you will have success."** Five minutes just won't do. Faith in God is not about me telling God what I want and demand. Faith in God is hearing his voice, understanding his will and living life not according to my wishes and wants but his guidance and direction.

In a world where truth is decided by a majority vote or popular opinion, the church is the one place where we must take time to listen and learn from the book of ages. In our time together and in the still of the night alone, we must choose God's word. I don't advocate the life of a monk who hides from life as he sits alone with the word but let us give God's word a proper place in our daily lives so that his light will be our path each and every day. And let us come together as his people to sing, to pray, to take of the Lord's supper and to learn the word that imparts life.

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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.

May Teachers

Pre- K thru 5th Sue Curfman

Youth

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



May Teacher:
Kacie Smith



**Building & Communion
Month of May**
Frank/Yvonne Glover
Family

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

Quick Meeting after church service for those who want to help for the upcoming vacation Bible School.

Sermon notes: Divine direction concerning music

From earliest records, God has always been the authority and director of worship directed toward Him. For this reason, Cain's sacrifice was not acceptable and later, the offerings of sacrifices on the high places were also condemned. In today's world, people seem to feel that worship is about what they want rather than what God instructs and demands. But just the word worship itself calls us to honor God rather than please ourselves. Over the next few weeks, we will look at both what God commands and allows and also the response of many groups to this issue of music and worship in God's church. May our first and only choice be that of honoring the God we claim to bow down to.

Old Testament worship and musical instruments.

Psalms 150 is often quoted by those who claim musical instruments are acceptable. Yet we must remember that this is under the Law of Moses and the praise in the Temple built by Solomon. Still, what was God's commands concerning musical instruments?

Two silver trumpets: Commanded by Moses and only used on certain occasions Numbers 10:10; Lev. 23:24.

These instruments were invented by Moses and not copied from the surrounding religious influences or nations.

Instruments in Temple worship: A change in duties as the temple replaced the tabernacle. (1 Chron. 23:35-36; 2 Chron. 29:25-27) Notice the authorization from the prophets and not just a choice of preference of the people. David was the inventor of these instruments (1 Chron. 23:1-5) All was under God's guidance (1 Chron. 28:11-13,19)

Later reforms/restoration of temple worship

Under Jehoiada - 2 Chron 23:18 *according to the order of David*
Josiah - 2 Chron. 35:4,15 *according to the writing of David...*

Zerubbabel - Ezra 3:10 *according to the direction of King David*
Nehemiah - Neh. 12:24. *as prescribed by David the man of God.*

Old Testament worship carefully followed the command. If we were to follow the Old Testament example, only those instruments of Moses and David would be permissible. But we shall look at the church and New Testament example of worship.

May Birthdays

5/2 Daniel Beard
5/4 Coleman Salisbury
5/7 Kelsey Book5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith
5/8 Amy Wright
5/9 Ron Glover
5/22 Kacie Smith
5/25 Judy Shaw

May Anniversaries

Prayers: Work of our volunteers in the community with the upcoming VBS in July.

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."