

July 17, 2016



HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

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Do you Watch or do you Help?

Have you seen the latest video? There are hundreds of new ones every day on TV, the internet and right there on your phone. It seems that everyone everywhere has a phone to record every event on planet earth from cute puppies to traffic accidents to embarrassing moments in some unfortunate soul's worst day. I guess the ones that bother me the most are videos of some crisis where a person desperately needs help or rescued. Rather than rush to help, it seems more common to just grab that phone and record the struggle. The one I saw today was an elderly man whose car was surrounded by more than a meter of water. Rather than wade in and help, the man recording the danger merely shouted out warnings.

I guess our amateur videographers are the modern version of what James describes; ***"If a brother or sister is without clothing and in need of daily food, ¹⁶and one of you says to them, "Go in peace, be warmed and be filled," and yet you do not give them what is necessary for their body, what use is that?"*** James 2:15.

A strong Christian is one who knows what is right and wrong. We know where to find the scripture to answer most every question, problem or situation life brings. But yelling out words of warning to someone lost in darkness often is just not enough. We must roll up our shirt sleeves, reach out to that person with any help we can offer. It might cost us sleepless evenings, it might mean a sympathetic embrace, it might call for listening for hours upon hours, or it might mean taking out that wallet and doing what you can to help. Love just can't stand at a distance and watch. Love has to get involved. Love will risk, love will sacrifice, and love will place the needs of another first. For God so loved the world that he didn't just send a book. He sent His Son. One of my favorite verses is when Peter describes Jesus to a Roman soldier; ***"You know of Jesus of Nazareth, how God anointed Him with the Holy Spirit and with power, and how He went about doing good and healing all who were oppressed by the devil, for God was with Him."*** Acts 10:38. The Gospel story is not just about doctrine and commandments. The Good News is God through Jesus reaching out over and over again to lift up, to encourage, to heal and to save. Our Lord was so involved in the lives of others, he paid the ultimate price with his life.

In Galatians, Paul writes six chapters, explaining that we are saved by grace and not some check list of works. Yet such should never be understood as saying that we can sit at home and call it faith. God's people are involved; ***"So then, while we have opportunity, let us do good to all people, and especially to those who are of the household of the faith."*** Gal. 6:10.

To go into all the world with the Gospel is know people intimately, to cry with them, to struggle with them and make your life a part of their lives. It isn't always comfortable. It will cost you your time, your strength, your comfort and even your pride. But isn't that what life is all about? Put down the camera, step forward and get involved in life. Isn't that better than just watching some recording of life as it passes you by?

Moses wrote; ***"You shall not see your countryman's donkey or his ox fallen down on the way, and pay no attention to them; you shall certainly help him to raise them up."*** Deut. 22:4- Do you think that might also apply to a Chevrolet or a Volkswagen?

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Elders

Lowell Smith, Morris Wright

Frank Norvell

Minister

Marc Curfman

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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	Marc Curfman
Song Leader	Tom Mayes
Prayer	Frank Glover
Lord's Table Assist	Ron Smith Rich Book Don Salisbury Brian Caldwell
Sermon:	Mike Grose
Closing Prayer:	Harley Carrothers
Song Leader Evening	Ashton Hutchinson

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	**	31
Morn. Assembly	**	56
Sun Eve.	**	25
Wed. Study	**	25
Contribution	\$****.00	\$****.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.

July Teachers

Pre- K thru 5th Jessica Mayes

Youth & Tom Mayes

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



July Teacher:
Sheila Gelter



Building & Communion
Month of July
Ron & Myrna Smith

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

Romanian group will be returning to the states on 7/13.

Sermon notes:

July Birthdays

7/1	Frank Norvell	7/26	Carl Beard
7/3	Cotton Blakley	7/27	Nancy Cassinelli
7/15	Lyman Smith	7/31	Ray Curfman
7/15	Kellie Wright		
7/17	Stefanie Hahn		
7/17	Jean Wilkey		
7/17	Tyler Wright		
7/18	Don Salisbury		
7/25	Elmer Wilkev		

July Anniversaries

7/2 Tom/Becky Wright
7/10 Lyman/Lucille Smith

Prayers: Work of our volunteers in the community with the upcoming VBS in July. Lucille Smith recovery from hip replacement surgery. Mayes dad, Keith Mayes biopsy on a tumor found on his bladder. Mary Carrother's recovery from her surgery 7/5.

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."