

April 9, 2017



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

Announcements: Rich Book
Song Leader: Tom Mayes
Prayer: Jeremy Schunk
Lord's Table: Alan Springer
Don Salisbury
Les Smith
Harley Carrothers
Sermon: Lowell Smith
Closing Prayer: Frank Norvell
PM Song Leader: Bruce Curfman

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	30	32
Morn. Assembly	62	60
Sun Eve.	23	23
Wed. Study	**	14
Contribution	\$1412.00	\$1411.00

"I will praise the Lord as long as I live"

Ps. 146:2

The preacher prepares with a prayerful heart. The songs are chosen to lift up voices to the heavens. Prayers are solemnly spoken as one leads on behalf of the congregation and the cup and bread call us to recall the source of our hope. Yet surely someone will say "I just didn't really get anything out of church today." So the preacher hopes to inspire more the next week. The song leader doubts his ability to lead. The young man new to the faith is too timid to lead that prayer next week. And several seem more interested in playing with that smart phone than to involve themselves in worship.

I am one who hopes to always see our corporate worship become more inspiring. Better, more thought provoking preaching is always a must. Singing should be powerful and beautiful. Prayers should never be monotonous but should move our hearts to greater faith. Yet we are people and not always so talented, insightful or inspiring. Still, I often think that what we forget is what it means to worship.

I realize that nowhere in the New Testament is our weekly gathering actually referred to as worship. Worship is what a Christian lives daily (Rom.12:1-2). Yet when we assemble together as God's people there is that extra sense of worship that takes place. It is a time where we do our best to put aside the distractions of this life and focus on God. We worship our Lord. As such we must remember that it is not all about me or you. It is all about God.

Heb. 10:25 tells us we come together; **"encouraging one another..."** 1 Cor. 11 reminds us that what we do is a remembrance of our Lord.

The focus of our time together each week is on our Lord and the encouragement of one another. Worship is all about one greater than ourselves. Even the ancient Hebrew word for worship means "to bow down." In other words, in worship, we openly acknowledge that God is worthy of our praise, our prayer, our adoration and our very lives.

Too often I become weary. Too often I can be discouraged. I thank God for you who encourage me to lift up my heart to the heavens. I thank God for you who sing those songs that redirect my spirit. I thank God for prayers that take my focus off of myself to consider those around me and even those far off and especially to focus on the God of my salvation. And the reading and study of God's word direct my life when it is so easy to forget why we exist.

So each week, let us all remember that it isn't about self. We praise God. It is what our Lord deserves morning, noon and night. We will do our best to bless one another but we will know that God is worshipped by those who have given their lives to him.

Marc

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.

April Teachers

Pre-K thru 3rd

4th- 6th Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



April Teacher:
Sheila Gelter



Building & Communion

April

Farryl Adkins/Donna Beard

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

VBS Youth group will arrive July 15-21. We will be serving food to them as last year.

Ladies Class/Breakfast - Saturday, April 29, 2017, 9:30am.

Directory Inserts of new members are available in the back - also directories for new members.

Sermon notes: Life's Anchor

April Birthdays

4/8 Caleb Watkins & Robb Nash
4/18 Annie Norvell & Harley Carrothers
4/19 Yvonne Glover
4/25 Karen Smith
4/29 Lindsey Smith
4/29 Jean Little

April Anniversaries

4/17 Steve/Donna Wright

Prayers: Karen Smith/Rob Nash/Donna Beard/Toni Layman's treatment with cancer. Megan Chapman continues to receive chemo-therapy for leukemia. Alan Springer's mother in-law, Mae Kirchner fell and hurt her head.

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."