



HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

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

Privileged to Serve

Announcements: Frank Norvell
 Song Leader: Tom Mayes
 Prayer: Les Smith
 Lord's Table: Alan Springer
 Don Salisbury
 Frank Glover
 Tom Wright
 Sermon: Marc Curfman
 Closing Prayer: Jeremy Schunk
 PM Song Leader: Caleb Watkins

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	33	47
Morn. Assembly	60	70
Sun Eve.	24	29
Wed. Study	21	22
Contribution	\$1789.00	\$1721.00

Girl Power?

I realize to start with that as a man, my perspective may not be appreciated by all. But I have a complaint. I tire of all the talk of "girl power" we see in the media and on posters and even t-shirts. Our society is trying desperately trying to convince girls that they are just as good as men. If a 10 year old girl can pitch a baseball as good as a boy, she is a news item. If a girl makes as good of grades or better in science than a boy then it is sure to go "viral". In the latest local marathon, all news attention was on the leading female runner and few had any idea of the name of the man who actually won the race as women are told they can do anything.

If you are still reading, good, because I have no prejudice against female accomplishments. I think all of us, male or female should seek success in our lives for the glory of God. What I reject is the idea that men and women are equal. We are not equal, we are different (surely that is not a news flash). God created man and woman and gave us differences that complement each other when both live lives to the glory of God. Man was unfulfilled alone without woman. And that is not totally restricted to marriage. Men and women complement each other in society and life in general.

Modern society judges the God of the Bible as being anti-woman. Nothing could be further from the truth. Men and women may have different roles in life but God is the God of women. Stories of Sarah, Rachel, and Rebekah show just how dependant their husbands were on them. God used Miriam and Deborah to unite a nation. Abigail rebuked a king in such a way that he thanked her for saving his soul. The "beauty pageant" winner, Esther rescued the lives of thousands with her words of wisdom.

In the New Testament we have a successful business woman named Lydia who is the start and basis of a new church. The Apostle Paul constantly praises various women in his letters for their work, ministries and efforts in the furtherance of the gospel. Some were even on his mission team. And Jesus constantly praises the hearts, actions and deeds of women.

My problem with the "girl power" campaign we see today is that deep inside there seems to be an inferiority issue that says girls must compete with "the boys." I know that much of the blame goes to male attitudes that are hurtful and godless (sometimes even in the church). The truth is that God never saw man and woman as in a competition but as two who complement each other in life if and only when we both as men and women live according to God's will, word and design.

It is Mother's Day. A day that mothers get presents, flowers, cards and phone calls and maybe even dinner out. But in God's world as he designed it to be, women are always to be honored, respected and cherished.

So go ahead and wear your "girl power" t-shirt if you want to but remember, when you walk with God, recognizing his precious design of who you are. Then you don't need to win. You have won already.

"Charm is deceitful and beauty is vain, But a woman who fears the LORD, she shall be praised. Give her the product of her hands, And let her works praise her in the gates." Pro. 30:30-31.

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 3rd

4th- 6th Sue Curfman

Sunday Morning Adult classes:

Lowell Smith

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



May Teacher:
Kacie Smith



Building & Communion
May
Frank 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.

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

Ft. Hill work day - June 3rd. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

Ladies Class/Breakfast - Saturday, 5/27/17 - 9:30 am.

Sermon Notes: Romans 3 Oracles of God

Man has always sought to understand the mysteries of life through mediums, wizards, prophets and even science. Yet God has revealed himself to man from the beginning through nature, wisdom and the very design of life. (Acts 17:24-28) Still, man seems to want his own answers to be validated rather than listen to God's truth as revealed through his word.

In ancient times, men would go to special prophets\prophetess to hear the "oracles" of their gods. These "spiritually gifted" individuals claimed to speak with the gods concerning life. In the nation of Israel, God revealed his word to the Jewish nation. They were not the source of the oracles of God but the guardians of such words of life; that is the Scriptures.

Then as today there is a tendency for pride and arrogance when you possess and know the word of God. God sees no reason for arrogance but instead an awesome responsibility and obligation to share such a message with the world. More than just talk, we honor God's word when we live the truth of Scripture.

Paul in Romans reveals how the Jewish nation often failed to be the light of God's word. They failed because no one is flawless. "All sin and fall short of the glory of God." (Rom. 3:23). They also failed because they did not live according to faith in God.

For us as Christians today, the same warning applies. We do not merit, deserve or earn our salvation. Each of us depend on God who saves. Each of us must turn in faith to the Son of God who God offered as a sacrifice on our behalf. By His blood and through our faith we approach the mercy seat of God.

God's law is important. We would not even know what is right or wrong without it. Yet no one, Jew nor Gentile should ever think that the lives we live deserve a place in eternal goodness. We are saved by God's grace, through faith, faith in the Son of God who willingly died on the cross that we might find forgiveness and rose from the grave that we also might overcome death.

We today possess the "oracles of God." May we honor that precious message with our lives that are lived by faith. May those oracles be seen as we shine as lights in a dark world.

May Birthdays

5/2 Daniel Beard
5/7 Kelsey Book
5/9 Ron Glover
5/22 Kacie Smith
5/25 Judy Shaw
5/25 Kevin Little Jr.

May Anniversaries

5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith

Prayers: Karen Smith /Donna Beard/Toni Layman's treatment with cancer. Megan Chapman continues to receive chemo-therapy for leukemia. Gary Ragan, son of Jack & Connie Ragan from Withamsville passed away at the age of 56 from Hodgkin's disease. Robb Hall, son in-law of Kim Fender has stage 4 lung cancer. Thanks to God for Toni Layman's last cancer scan; it was clear of any cancer cells. First time since 2013.

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."