



# HIGHWAY 32 MESSENGER

**Highway 32 Church of Christ**  
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**Elders**  
**Frank Norvell**  
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**Minister**  
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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: Ron Smith  
 Prayer: Lowell Smith  
 Lord's Table: Tom Mayes  
                   Jeremy Schunk  
                   Ashton Hutchinson  
                   Caleb Watkins  
 Sermon: Blair Schroder  
 Closing Prayer: Bob Parker  
 PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

**Attendance**

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	36	43
Morn. Assembly	68	79
Sun Eve.	28	33
Wed. Study	17	23
Contribution	\$1496.00	\$1614.00

**Finding More Priests**

In Wittenberg, Germany during the early days of the reformation movement, there was a sharp division between what was known as the priesthood and the laity. It was the will of many of these new church reformers to eliminate the priesthood completely. Martin Luther strongly disagreed. It wasn't Luther's goal to eliminate the priesthood in the church but instead he fought to eliminate the concept of the laity. Martin Luther knew that Scripture calls upon each one of us to see ourselves as the priesthood of God for this world.

The Apostle Peter tells us; ***"But you are a chosen race, A royal priesthood, a holy nation, a people for God's own possession, so that you may proclaim the excellencies of Him who has called you out of darkness into His marvelous light;"*** <sup>1 Peter 2:9.</sup> Our Lord declared to the Apostle John; ***"He has made us to be a kingdom, priests to His God and Father—to Him be the glory and the dominion forever and ever. Amen."*** <sup>Rev. 1:6.</sup>

In God's kingdom; the church, there are no part-time believers nor second class saints. Of course there are those in leadership according to God's design. A strong healthy church should have elders and deacons and evangelists but each one of us is called to be a part of the priesthood of believers.

By simple definition, a priest serves God and is one who calls men to know God and worship him. In the Old Testament, the priests not only served in the temple but in the community. The church, being made up of believers who have accepted the work of God are God's priests who reach out to this world with the message of God, the ministry of God and the heart of God. What we find described in Scripture is often difficult to find in practice. In today's churches, the work is often done by a few or sometimes just one as everyone else in the congregation sees their role to be the ones served rather than those who serve.

In Ephesians, Paul tells us; ***"He gave some as apostles, and some as prophets, and some as evangelists, and some as pastors and teachers, for the equipping of the saints for the work of service, to the building up of the body of Christ;"*** <sup>Eph. 4:11-12.</sup> Pay close attention to the second part of that reading. God did not give these apostles, prophets, evangelists, pastors and teachers so that they could do all of the work of the church but instead ***"for the equipping of the saints for the work of service..."*** Those leaders are those who train the rest of us for the work. Christians are those who do the work of the church, not those who observe. It is what priests do.

It is time for the church to return to a more biblical identity as each of us must understand that God has a purpose for our lives. It may be in teaching or it may be in serving. Some have that gift of compassion or the gift of encouraging. Even giving is mentioned as a God given gift in the church. I am not recommending that we embark on a search for our gifts but that we search out the needs of the church, the community and those around us and do what any good priest would do; we serve.

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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.

**June Teachers**

**Pre-K thru 3rd**

4<sup>th</sup>- 6<sup>th</sup> Sue Curfman

**Sunday Morning Adult classes:**

Lowell Smith

**Wed. Eve.** Don Salisbury



**June Teacher:**

Sue Curfman



**Building & Communion**

**June**

**Tom & Jessica Mayes**

Note: Children will go to Bible Hour during the song before the morning lesson. Children ages 2 thru the 6<sup>th</sup> 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 3<sup>rd</sup>. Sign up sheet on the bulletin board.

**Ladies Class** - Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup>  
9:30am - Teacher: Ann Shanklin -  
**Worshipping God with our Lives**

**Sermon Notes:**

\*CONGRATULATIONS TO **SAVANA BEARD** ON HER GRADUATION FROM HIGH SCHOOL. LUNCHEON DETAILS ARE SOON TO COME.

**June Birthdays**

**6/1 Savana Beard**

**6/4 Bruce Curfman**

**6/8 Jaylee Little**

**May Anniversaries**

**5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith**

**June Anniversaries**

**6/22 Joe/Sandra Sena**

**6/24 Carl/Donna Beard**

**6/25 Lowell/Karen Smith**

**Prayers:** Karen Smith /Donna Beard/Toni Layman's treatment with cancer. Megan Chapman continues to receive chemo-therapy for leukemia. Marc Curfman & Kirt Martin while in Romania running Creation vs. Evolution Conference.

**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."*