



# 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    6:00PM  
 Wednesday Bible Study       7:30PM

**Privileged to Serve**

Announcements:    Ron Smith  
 Song Leader:        Tom Mayes  
 Prayer:                Harley Carrothers  
 Lord's Table:        Don Salisbury  
                               Larry Paul  
                               Alan Springer  
                               Rich Book  
 Sermon:                Lowell Smith  
 Closing Prayer:      Frank Glover  
 PM Song Leader:    Alex Watkins

**Attendance**

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	47	36
Morn. Assembly	72	68
Sun Eve.	22	28
Wed. Study	13	17
Contribution	\$1496.00	\$1614.00

**Faith Among Monsters**

Most of us are raised to believe in God. As a child, we hear stories of Jesus, Moses, and David who trusted God and did what was good and right. We don't always tell the stories to our children of the dark days and the storms of life they endured. Jesus was faced daily with those who hated him, who tried to tear him down, who finally found a way to murder him. David stood strong against the giant but had years of testing of his faith and faced rejection, loneliness and hatred from those he trusted at one time. Moses had so many troubles to deal with as he led the Israelites in the wilderness, I wonder if he had a hard time walking out of his tent each morning, wondering what trouble the new day would bring. We don't often hear those stories as children. Just the happy courageous stories as they did great things for God.

So as we grow, often our faith has not grown with us. We still have those stories for children yet we are facing adult problems. We believe that God exist but those stories don't seem to connect to our problems, our challenges and our doubts. We conclude that in this life we are on our own. We find our own solutions and often those solutions do not reflect the heart and wisdom of God. They reflect the ways and ideas and values of a godless world. We feel left on our own and we just hope God will understand our decisions and ideas. So what we really need to do is go back and open your Bible and let God speak to you for today, not just your childhood. Walking continually with God's word, allowing God's word to guide, correct and encourage you as you face the monsters of life.

An example of this can be found in 2 Kings 18 & 19. Good King Hezekiah. He became king as a young man. The nation was surrounded by godless men and worldly values, yet king Hezekiah, at the age of 25, this youthful leader pledged his life to God, God's words, and God's commands. It was the opposite of all of those who surrounded him and even many of his own people who did whatever was easiest, convenient and acceptable in the sight of man. Such a commitment of faith was courageous.

In the years that followed, Hezekiah was successful and blessed in all that he put his hand to do. God was with him. Doing things God's way was a good choice. But then one day a monster appeared at his gates. Not a dragon but an army, the Assyrian army that had decimated every kingdom they confronted. They were like an unstoppable plague of locust. Solutions were easy; bow to their god's, honor their king and pay the ransom demanded. Such a decision would protect Hezekiah but he would have to turn his back on his God and inflict hardship on his own kinsmen.

Other nations gave it or were destroyed. None of this was unknown to the people nor to the godly king Hezekiah. Faced with this decision, it was as if there was no hesitation in the King's faith. 2 Kings 19, the great royal king tore his clothes, humbly wore sackcloth and entered the house of the LORD in prayer. He asked God to guide him, deliver him and protect him. He did not assume it would work, but he saw no other choice for a man of faith.

God did intervene and no battle ever took place. All that the king feared, God took care of for him and the people. Because Hezekiah trusted in God's path even in the face of the "monster," he was protected and blessed and is one of those heroes of faith for us today.

Will God give us the answers to all of our demands? Often the answer is no. Yet God will be with us if we will be with Him. And in the end, for those who turned away from the world and faced every monster of this life with God as our protector, these will find hope, victory and what Jesus calls, the Abundant 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.

**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:**

Ann Shanklin



**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.

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

**Sermon Notes:**

**\*GRADUATION LUNCHEON** FOR 2017 GRADUATING SENIOR **SAVANA BEARD** WILL BE JUNE 11 AFTER CHURCH. MAKE PLANS TO STAY AND CELEBRATE WITH SAVANA ON HER ACCOMPLISHMENTS.

**June Birthdays**

**6/1 Savana Beard**

**6/4 Bruce Curfman**

**6/8 Jaylee Little**

**May Anniversaries**

**5/30 Ron/Myrna Smith**

**June Anniversaries**

**6/3 Frank/Yvonne Glover**

**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."*