

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

Privileged to Serve

Announcements: Ron Smith
Song Leader: Tom Mayes
Prayer: Alan Springer
Lord's Table: Les Smith
 Jeremy Schunk
 Ashton Hutchinson
 Caleb Watkins
Sermon: Lowell Smith
Closing Prayer: Harley Carrothers
PM Song Leader: Alex Watkins

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	**	36
Morn. Assembly	**	67
Sun Eve.	**	20
Wed. Study	**	18
Contribution	\$****.00	\$1287.00

Seen in Heaven

How should we report events in the church? "Recently an evangelist came to the country and two more precious souls were added to the kingdom of God. Thank God for that evangelist!" Such a report would be so lacking in truth and reality. Yes, there were two souls baptized for the remission of their sins and clothed that very day with Christ. But how did all of it take place? The details are more than I personally comprehend. But well over twenty years ago, churches were planted. Men and women spent great portions of their lives teaching, encouraging and training others in the message of the cross. Buildings were built. Monies were raised. Sacrifices on both sides of the ocean were given in terms of money, time, prayers and commitment. Some invited others. Some welcomed visitors. Some made the church family a place of acceptance and compassion. Sermons were preached week after week. Children's classes taught, buildings cleaned and prepared. And how many other things could I mention that go on often unnoticed; the Lord's Supper prepared, taxis, schedules of duties and needs. Some of those who have made what we now see a reality have themselves gone on to be with our Lord. One page cannot cover all that was involved in the baptism of these two souls. It must always be remembered that we are a family, the body of Christ, the citizens of the kingdom and the army of our Lord. No one is more important than the other. None are dispensable. First and foremost, it is God who adds to our number those that are being saved (Acts 2:47). If the Lord does not build, those who labor, do so in vain (Psalm 127:1). All praise and honor go to His name. And each of us are vital in the work of the Lord. In the Parable of the King who entrusted Minas to each of his ten servants, each one was called to use what had been given him by the king. No condemnation was given to those who failed to accomplish what others were able to do. Instead, the judgment was against the one who never even tried but sat aimlessly awaiting the Master's return (Luke 19)

To those unsung saints who labor and are never recognized for their labors, the Lord sees and you are honored in the heavens. We who are here often cannot comprehend just how vital your efforts are to the kingdom and the redeeming of souls. Yes, we need more teachers, yes we need better preachers and yes we need more and more work in the harvest. But remember the words of Jesus; ***"Then he said to his disciples, "The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few; therefore pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into his harvest."*** - Matthew 9:37-38. Notice that Jesus didn't ask for more preachers, evangelist, missionaries or teachers. He said to "pray earnestly to the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into the harvest." In fact, those words from Jesus came as Jesus had been spending his days ***"in their synagogues and proclaiming the gospel of the kingdom and healing every disease and every affliction."*** - Matthew 9:35. In other words, as Jesus spent his time saving, serving and loving people. What better description could we ever give of the church than that? The words of the Apostle Paul come to mind; ***"I thank my God in all my remembrance of you, always in every prayer of mine for you all making my prayer with joy, because of your partnership in the gospel from the first day until now."*** - Philippians 1:3-5. Thank you for your undying love for our God, the church and for people.

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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.

July Teachers

Pre-K thru 3rd Myrna Smith
4th- 6th Ann Shanklin

Sunday Morning Adult classes:
Ron Smith

Young people's class: Tom Mayes

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



July Teacher:
Kacie Smith



Building & Communion

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.

VBS Youth group will arrive July 15-21. We will be serving food to them as last year. Myrna Smith has put up a sign up sheet on the bulletin board in the back for volunteers to help.

Ladies Breakfast/Class - Saturday, July 29th - 9:30am - Teacher: Ann Shanklin

Sermon Notes:

July Anniversaries

7/2 Tom/Becky Wright
7/12 Steve/Teri Gilliam

July Birthdays

7/1 Frank Norvell	7/15 Lyman Smith	7/15 Kellie Wright
7/16 Heather Nash	7/17 Jean Wilkey	7/18 Don Salisbury
7/25 Elmer Wilkey	7/26 Carl Beard	7/27 Nancy Cassinelli
7/31 Ray Curfman		

Prayers: Jean Glass/Karen Smith/Donna Beard/Toni Layman's treatment with cancer. Megan Chapman continues to receive chemo-therapy for leukemia. Annie Norvell is at home recovery from a broken foot. She will be in a cast for 1 more week. Nancy Cassinelli's daughter Mary is in the hospital.

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."