

September 3, 2017

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: Lowell Smith

Song Leader: Tom Mayes

Prayer: Jeremy Schunk

Lord's Table: Ron Smith
 Alan Springer
 Caleb Watkins
 Alex Watkins

Sermon: Greg Shea

Closing Prayer: Ashton Hutchinson

PM Song Leader: Lowell Smith

Attendance

	Last Week	Week Before
Sun. Bible	43	36
Morn. Assembly	70	67
Sun Eve.	27	24
Wed. Study	**	16
Contribution	\$1261.00	\$1359.00

"Go and do the same."

"What do you want to be when you grow up?" It is a question we ask children. Yet as believers in Christ Jesus, I think it is a question we should ask ourselves. In Matthew 5:48, in the middle of the sermon of the Mount, Jesus stops and says; **"Therefore you are to be perfect, as your heavenly Father is perfect."** A formidable demand. Who can be perfect? Yet looking into that word "perfect" you will discover its literal meaning in the original Greek means "having reached its end" or the idea of completion and maturity. So what Jesus is really saying is for those who claim faith, who call themselves followers of the gospel, to live the words and teachings we claim. More than just share the message of good news, we must be the message of Christ.

Luke 9 has the story of Jesus sending out the twelve. They have been following for some time, listening to Jesus' words and witnessing the miracles and deeds of the Messiah. Now it is their turn. They are sent, not just with power to bless lives but also with instructions for action. No longer is faith for the disciples a matter of listening and learning only. It is a matter of life lived. They must themselves speak for God and they must themselves act on behalf of God. They must become light in darkness.

The brief campaign is so successful, that everyone is now talking about it. Jesus is known not just because of his words and deeds but because of the lives of those who follow him. From a king in a palace to those of the smallest villages, everyone wants to know more about this Jesus of Nazareth. It is the lesson I think most of us are far too slow to grasp. Like those present in Matthew 5-7, we hear the message, we learn doctrine and even how to debate the various topics of faith. What often fails to occur is that demand of Matthew 5:48. Be perfect, that is; become mature, complete, become what God designed you and I to be. Such only happens when we not only hear and understand but also when we act.

Churches throughout the country seek how to grow in number, how to spread the message and how to convert those of the world to become those of the family of God. So we teach, we publish, we broadcast and maybe even place messages in a newspaper or two. All of this is good but none of it reflects that completeness Jesus speaks of in Matthew 5:48. What we often lack is action. We must be what we believe. We must live what we teach. We must take the message of the light of the gospel into a dark world by our deeds and actions. So the question is not, "what do you want to know when you grow up?" but "what do you want to be when you grow up?" According to Jesus, we want to be like the Father, find that completeness of life as we reach out to this world as Jesus did reached out.

To grow up takes time. Even the disciples themselves stumbled along the way. But in the end, you see them and others living that life of completeness and maturity in Christ. They became what they were designed by God to be. It started by taking that first step, then another and so forth. They found that faith not in a book of information but in a faith that first heard and then acted upon that faith.

In Luke 10, after a hearty discussion about religion and faith, Jesus ends the discussion with these words; **"Go and do the same."** Luke 10:37. It wasn't enough to merely convince others of a position or belief on the issue of "who is my neighbor" but it was now time for such faith to be lived. So as we learn all the different sermons, teachings and pleas of Jesus, we too must **"Go and do the same."**

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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.

September Teachers

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

Sunday Morning Adult classes:
Greg Shea

Young people's class: Tom
Mayes

Wed. Eve. Don Salisbury



September Teacher:
Sheila Gelter



Building & Communion
Les/Lashanda Smith

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

Ladies Class & Breakfast will be Saturday
9/23/17 at 9:30am. Teacher: Ann Shanklin

New Member: Linda Qualters
2536 Swings Corner-Point Isabel Rd
Bethel, OH 45106
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*Game Night after evening services this evening!

*There were two baptisms this past week in Romania.

September Anniversaries

9/2 Larry/Judy Paul
9/5 Ron/Virginia Glover
9/19 Harley/Mary Carrothers

September Birthdays

9/4 Steve Wright	9/24 LaShanda Smith
9/5 Marc Curfman	9/27 Lorelei Mayes
9/9 Ray Cassinelli	9/30 Madi Book & Lowell Smith
9/12 Ashton Hutchinson	
9/12 Nancy Salisbury	
9/13 Farryl Adkins	
9/23 Sheila Gelter	

Prayers: Karen Smith/Donna Beard/Toni Layman's treatment with cancer. Bob Parker's neighbor, Alex Welch has returned home but still no diagnosis to his illness. Brooke Hopkins, member at Jessica's parents congregation is in critical condition due to a 4-wheeler accident. Marc's work in Romania.

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."