

**Bro. k says: "The Offense of the Cross"**

For most of our culture this Friday will be like any other: a rush to finish projects at work; last minute planning for the weekend; making arrangements for date night. Friday will simply be the day you get through in order to get to Saturday. What most of the world will miss is the significance of this Friday.

Some 2000 years ago this Friday, a man named Jesus died on a cross on a hill called Calvary, outside a city called Jerusalem. His death went largely unnoticed then, and it will go unnoticed by most this week. It seems the world is not interested in a story in which God dies in the end. This is not the kind of savior we long for.

The cross is what separates the Christ of Christianity from every other Jesus. In Judaism there is no precedent for a Messiah who dies (much less as a criminal), as Jesus did. In Islam the story of Jesus' death is rejected as an affront to Allah himself. Hindus can accept only a Jesus who passes into peaceful samadhi, a yogi who escapes the degradation of death.

There is, in short, no room in other religions for a Christ who experiences the full burden of mortal existence- and hence there is no reason to believe in Him as the divine Son whom the Father resurrects from the dead. That the image of a benign, living Jesus has universal appeal should come as no surprise. That most of the world cannot accept the Jesus of the cross should not surprise us either. Thus the idea that Jesus will unite the world's religions is inviting, but ultimately impossible.

The Truth of this Friday: The God of the Universe took on human form for the purpose of dying. If you cannot accept that Truth, you cannot know God.

**Brandon's Blurp:** The Enemy's Plan\* Read: John 10:7-10

John 10:10 gives us the clearest description of what Satan does, "He comes only to kill, steal, and destroy." Over the years I have heard well-meaning people say something to the effect of, "You must be doing something right if the enemy is after you so hard." Take a look at verse 10 again. He comes only to kill, steal, and destroy. Satan's interest in your destruction probably has something to do with your impact on the kingdom of God. But Satan doesn't just attack people because they're spiritually awesome or amazing. He's a destroyer! If you're miserable, he wants you totally miserable. If you are worried, he wants you dreadful. If you are in pain, he wants you morose. He only wants the worst for you and those who love the Lord.

Jesus is the exit ramp we all need. Whatever path we're on, He offers a way out. He also extinguishes the lies of the enemy. Listen to His voice and be free.

\*taken from SHBC's Focus Devotion Day 20. If you would like a copy of our Focus Devotional, pick one up in the foyer today.

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**"JERUSALEM"**

This summer's VBS theme has been selected and it will be a great one. We are already hard at work preparing for it. "Jerusalem" will transport our kids to a time long ago, where world-changing events took place that still effect us today.

Mark your calendars for **JUNE 13-19**.  
Please **PRAY** about your part in VBS 2022-

**CHECK OUT OUR VBS NEEDS LIST-**

The **URGENT NEED** right now: **BOXES!!!!!!!!!!!!**

We could use someone to begin **PAINTING** this week.  
If you can paint, see **Bro. K**.

**WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:**

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6206.47

LAST WEEK: \$4465.50

**MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:**

MONTHLY BUDGET: \$26,895.00

LAST MONTH: \$23,063.73

**Welcome to SHBC**  
**About SHBC**

We are a group of Christ-followers who believe in the power of God to change lives. We want to see transformation take place in your life, and in your family's. We see that happening in this Church through the consistent teaching and preaching of God's Word, and through the encouragement and support of fellow believers. Our worship is simple and Spirit-led, meaning God is the focus of everything we do, because He alone is able to help; He alone is able to save; therefore, He alone is worthy of our devotion.

Our activities and teaching are centered around the Biblical directive to "make disciples." Simply put, everything we do is for the purpose of pointing people to Jesus, so they can become more like Him. SHBC is a relatively young Church, but a Church that God has already blessed in miraculous ways. We invite you to become a part of our family, and experience the power of Christ in your life.

**Join The Family**

The only biblical requirements for Church membership are that you are born again and have been baptized. That means that you have publicly professed your faith in Christ and then been baptized by immersion after your salvation. If that is the case, you are eligible for membership.

There are several different ways to join SHBC, depending on your situation. Please talk with our Pastor if you have questions about becoming a member here.

## Thanks for Coming

If you are a visitor in our worship service today, we are thrilled to have you. Our prayer is that you are drawn into the presence of Christ during this time, and your encounter with Him will leave you more transformed into His image. If you are new to our community, or if you don't have a current Church home, we hope you will prayerfully consider Southern Heights Baptist Church as your regular place of worship.

If you are just visiting the Berryville area, we hope you enjoy your stay and will come back soon. In either case, we would like to have a record of your visit, and be made aware of any prayer concerns you might have.

Thank you for being here today.

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about Southern Heights: (Y) (N)

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## What Does Your Church Mean to You?

As we look toward the end of our "Focus" devotional study, we would like to get your Feedback on a very important topic: What does your SHBC family mean to you? How has your life been impacted by your Church?

We would like your opinion in one or more of the following formats:

\*As a spoken testimony during the Sunday morning Worship service (Please contact Bro. k for scheduling)-

\*As a written testimony that might be published in various other formats (again, contact Bro. k)-

\*As a Facebook post that comes in the form of an invitation to attend our Church-

As you prepare this testimony, think about specific incidents where a Church member has directly affected your family. Maybe they helped you in a difficult situation, or perhaps shared with you some wise counsel.

Think of a time when a worship service inspired you to a new level of discipleship; or a time when a message helped you in spiritual development. In a day and time when the world is increasingly hostile to the Church, they need to hear from us her true value.

### SHBC DEACON NOMINEE

The Deacon Body, meeting in Council on Sunday March 20th, voted to nominate Joe Kiegel for the office of Deacon in our Church. Joe will address any questions you may have this evening, and will be presented for approval in the business meeting.

## Southern Heights News

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## PASSION WEEK

It is now Easter season, the time when we commemorate the sacrificial death and the life-giving resurrection of our Savior.

This morning we will observe the **LORD'S SUPPER**.

We would ask that you enter into this service prepared. **PRAY** a prayer of confession and repentance. Take time to **MEDITATE** on the Lord's sacrifice, and the unimaginable love it took to see it through to completion. Pray prayers of **THANKSGIVING** for the grace that was dispensed from that awful cross.

## EASTER SUNDAY

Next Sunday is Easter. There are some things you can do to help make this a great day for visitors and members alike. If you are a member of SHBC, please consider *sitting as far toward the front of the sanctuary as possible*. This will make finding seating less challenging for those who are not members. Also, who do you know that needs to be here? **Invite** them to join you next Sunday.