

## 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.

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

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

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

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

Prayer needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
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# THANKSGIVING DINNER

Sunday the 19th we will have our annual Church Thanksgiving Dinner at noon, after our worship service. The Church is buying 7 turkeys, but we need 7 people to take them home next Sunday, cook them, then bring them back on the 19th. Everyone else bring thanksgiving side dishes and dessert. A sign up sheet for the turkeys is in the foyer.



## The Need: Part 18

As you are by now well aware, we have critical needs in our Children's Department: Teaching positions in Sunday School, Children's church in worship, and expanded nursery help, also at 11.

Barna surveys tell us that, after the quality of preaching, children's programs are of utmost importance to families looking for a Church home. This means our future growth depends on a fully staffed, vibrant Children's Department. This moment of choice can have two outcomes: 1) you will respond by volunteering to help in one of these areas (once every 6-8 weeks), thus maintaining a level of excellence that will be attractive to area families; or 2) you will not respond and our Children's programs will flounder, with a corresponding negative impact on our future. I believe you will meet this need. If you can help please see Debbie ASAP. Thank you.

<b>WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:</b>	<b>MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:</b>
<b>WEEKLY BUDGET:</b> \$5544.48	<b>MONTHLY:</b> \$24,026.07
<b>LAST WEEK:</b> \$4353.00	<b>LAST MONTH:</b> \$26,458.00

## Southern Heights News

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# A Time For Prayer

The Church of Christ is facing more opposition than ever before. This battle is fought on several fronts. Sometimes it comes as direct violence against God's people, as we see in oppressive regimes all over the world. Sometimes it is more subtle, taking the form of government over-reach, seeking to take away our constitutional freedoms. Other such opposition is more localized, more direct.

Southern Heights finds itself in just such a situation. False accusations, slanderous gossip, and threats stand to damage the reputation of this local Body, hurting her financially and relationally.

What can we do to protect ourselves? There is a time-honored, Biblical means of protection available to us: Prayer.

This is a Call to Prayer for the members and friends of SHBC. Join us Sunday mornings at 9:00 for Corporate Prayer in our sanctuary. This is not just our best hope, it is our only hope.

*"The earnest prayer of a righteous person has great power and produces wonderful results."* James 5:16

**Bro. K says: Created For Connection”**

*“Jesus replied: ‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.’ This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’”*

**Matthew 22:37-39**

Gathering around a table, enveloped in laughter, surrounded by friends, and savoring delectable food for hours- this is the epitome of pure joy! Time glides by, weaving new memories and rekindling old ones. It's a testament to our innate need for community and connection, a purpose woven into our very existence by God's own hand.

Our Creator, God, designed us for a life shared with others. Not only are we meant to walk alongside fellow humans, but we need to walk with Him. This signifies that our yearning for nurturing, mutually beneficial relationships transcends mere desire; it is a reflection of our profound purpose. We were not simply crafted with community in mind; we were crafted because of it.

**We were made for Him and by Him.**

However, our quest for fulfillment often takes a misguided turn. We frequently seek from people what only God can provide. This misconception lies at the heart of much of our discontent with one another. We place our hope in flawed, imperfect beings. Yet this hope can only find its true fulfillment in God Himself. As Ecclesiastes 3:11 tells us, eternity is embedded in our hearts, signifying that only a relationship with an eternal God can truly satisfy our souls.

Maybe you are seeking fulfillment from a person, or a group, versus fulfillment from God. Only He can satisfy. Ask Him into your life. Seek Him with your whole heart.

**Hineni: “Why Do We Doubt?”**

We see miracles every day. Just the fact we are able to wake up and breathe is a daily miracle and gift of God. Because of our very nature we sometimes only see the major miracles, such as when God heals, provides and guides. When you consider the miracles and wonders of the Old Testament, what the Hebrews of old saw, it makes one wonder why do we doubt the power and majesty of God.

Upon gaining their freedom from Egypt, which included a number of miracles, Israel saw the parting of the Red Sea, food and water from heaven, the guidance of God in fire and cloud (EX. 7:31). And yet...Israel time after time complained and were upset with God. In their sinful impatience, while Moses was receiving the Ten Commandments mind you, they demanded a golden calf be made that they could worship (EX 32:1-6). It's easy to read this account and think “what a bunch of dummies.” After all the wonders of God they had seen, how dare they turn to idols. However, make no mistake, we are no better. We have seen miracle after miracle in our lives; we have the Gospel of Jesus Christ gifted to us (the entire New Testament), yet the modern Church, like Israel of old, still turns to our idols. We become impatient, distracted, and allow ourselves to prioritize everything but the most important element of being a follower of Jesus: actually following Christ. Luke 9:23

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## **Hmmm, Hmmm, Good!**

**WEDNESDAY MEAL: CHICKEN & DUMPLINGS!!!!!!**

**CORNBREAD & BREAD PUDDING!!!!!!**



## **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.