

Bro. k says: “Have You Heard a Lightning Bug?”

Have you noticed? It’s hardly ever quiet anymore. Kids today (oops, I sound like my dad) are destined to grow to adulthood without ever having experienced “quiet.” Kids today (once again, I’m channeling dad) think you must place a finger to your wrist in order to take your pulse. I can remember when a bunch of us would sit around in the back yard and everybody would listen to his own heart for a solid minute. The guy with the newest Mickey Mouse watch would say, “Go!” and nobody would breathe for what Mickey estimated was 60 seconds. Mickey Mouse watches were not so sophisticated as to possess second hands, but that didn’t keep us from depending on Mick to take our pulse. Sometimes my pulse was 31, and sometimes it was 143. I hope the difference was not with my heart rate, but with the guy timing us on his Mickey Mouse watch. But for those few seconds, we could all actually hear our heartbeats. At other times, in the early evenings of summer, it would become so quiet we could hear the lightning bugs switch on and off (No, really).

I would be willing to bet, although it would be difficult to prove, that nobody under the age of thirty has ever heard their heartbeat, or listened to a lightning bug. It is never really that quiet these days. It has been so long since it was quiet, that you can imagine how scary it was at 3:34 yesterday morning. Suddenly the world had gone completely quiet and for a few seconds I could hear my heartbeat. It was almost more than the human body can stand. It lasted until about 3:36 a.m. Then, off in the distance, I heard a siren. Down the street a dog got mad at something and started barking. Everything was back to normal.

Jesus encouraged His followers to set aside a time to be alone with God. “...go to your room, close the door and pray to your Father...” Being such a good teacher, He even followed His own advice: “...He went up on a mountainside *by Himself* to pray.” One of the great tools of Satan is distraction. Noise. Busyness. Hurry. The enemy delights when we hear a thousand voices, because in that cacophony of sound, we cannot hear the One Voice that matters.

Brandon’s Blurp:

Church Family,

I hope you are doing well and off to a great start to the new year. Like many of you, I have set some goals for 2022 that I earnestly hope to accomplish. I lost 35 lbs last year. I’d like to continue getting in better shape. I’ve decided to be more intentional with my musical endeavors. I’m trying to practice my guitar for an hour a day, write more songs, and fine tune some little things that I’ve let slide over the years with my voice and my instrument playing.

Those are great goals and there’s nothing wrong with them. But the greatest goal I have set is to read through the Bible in a year again. The greatest investment any of us could make to our souls is to hide God’s Word in our hearts and minds. So, I’m going to ask you to join me. Would you consider a Bible Reading plan? My favorite plans are found at <https://www.ligonier.org/posts/bible-reading-plans>.

All goals and resolutions will leave us empty if our soul isn’t willed with God’s Word. Let’s be true Bible people committed to the Word of the Lord. I hope His Words runs over our thoughts, plans, and everything we do.



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WATCH PARTY— FEB. 13

This year, due to the easing of Covid restrictions, and the NFL’s new rules against National Anthem protests, SHBC will host a Super Bowl Watch Party on Sunday Feb. 3.

We will provide Chili and stew and all the fixins as a fundraiser for our Youth group. There will be chips and salsa and tea and water and some tasty sweet stuff. Bring board games or cards if you would rather play games. We’ll have a kid’s table to help keep the little ones amused!



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.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

Email: _____

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

Prayer needs:

Sanctity of Human Life Sunday

Today is
"Sanctity of Human Life Sunday".

We must specify "human" life because our culture has already sanctified animal and plant life. If you kill a bald eagle in its egg, you will be fined \$10,000 and sent to jail for 10 years. If you cut down a tree, depending on the circumstances, you can be fined \$500,000. If you kill a child in the womb, you are simply practicing "health care."

So this morning we will examine the biblical position on abortion. What does the Bible say? Because in the end, that is all that matters. If God is for it, we should not oppose it. But if God is against abortion, we should expend every ounce of energy we have to end the practice once and for all.

Since the Roe v. Wade Supreme Court decision in 1973 that legalized abortion on demand, over 65,000,000 children have been killed in the womb. That is ten times the number of people killed in World War II's holocaust.

Is God in favor of this brand of population control? I think you know the Church's position on abortion, but more importantly, do you know the Bible's position? That's what we look for this morning. Please be in prayer, and ask God what we should do.



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FIRE UP BASKETBALL AND CHEER IS BACK

Another Covid casualty over the last year was Fired Up Basketball and Cheer. We are happy to tell you that Fired Up is back by popular demand. Registration begins this week and will continue through the month of January. Final registration will be on Jan. 29th at the Community Center. Pick up a registration form today.

Boys and girls grades K-3rd are eligible.

Practice and games begin Feb. 3.

WE NEED COACHES!
SIGN UP IN THE FOYER-
BE AN INFLUENCE FOR JESUS IN A
CHILD'S LIFE!

