## Jhanks 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:



This year's VBS theme will be our biggest and most ambitious yet! Our kids will learn about God's amazing ability to create big and small...especially creating a BIG faith in Him. We will be building a pre-historic jungle, complete with life-size dinosaurs, gigantic trees. and a treehouse.

### WE NEED YOUR HELP & YOUR STUFF!!!!!

Your bulletin insert contains a list of items that we will need to create our set. We are collecting now!



WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5544.48 | MONTHLY:

**LAST WEEK:** 

\$24,026.07

\$5894.15 LAST MONTH: \$23,220.97

## **Southern Heights News**

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# RESURRECTION

We could say that Thomas should have known better, but we have been there and done that. He was there when Jesus stilled the storm, healed the blind and lame, and even raised Lazarus from the dead. But right now, those memories are overpowered by the "reality" of Jesus' death. He ran away when Jesus was arrested because he feared his own arrest. If they could falsely accuse Him, and torture Him, and crucify Him, what might they do to Thomas? Now ten of his best friends want him to believe that what he fears is but an illusion. Jesus is alive, even though He was dead. And He wants to see Thomas. In spite of his doubts, they meet; and fear melts away as faith is reborn.

Faith is not just a feeling. It is a willingness to embark on a sacred journey full of fantastic adventures in trusting Him. Thomas left that night free of his fear and spent the rest of his life helping others discover how to live with, and for, Jesus. When we let Jesus dispel our fear and turn it into faith, we enter a new reality. The resurrection

promise: this is not the end, but a new beginning.

### Bro. K says: "Easter Eggs"

Little Philip, born with Down's syndrome, attended a third-grade Sunday School class with several eight-year-old boys and girls. Typical of that age, the children did not readily accept Philip with his differences, according to an article in Leadership magazine. But because of a creative teacher, they began to care about Philip and accept him as part of the group, though not fully.

The Sunday after Easter the teacher brought large plastic Easter eggs. The children were told to go outside on that lovely spring day, find some symbol for new life, and put it in the egg-like container. Back in the classroom, they would share their new-life symbols, opening the containers one by one in surprise fashion. After running about the church property in wild confusion, the students returned to the classroom and placed the containers on the table.

Surrounded by the children, the teacher began to open them one by one. After each one, whether flower, butterfly, or leaf, the class would ooh and ahh. Then one was opened, revealing nothing inside. The children exclaimed, "That's stupid. That's not fair. Somebody didn't do their assignment."

Philip spoke up, "That's mine." "Philip, you don't ever do things right!" the student retorted.

"There's nothing there!"

"I did so do it," Philip insisted. "I did do it. It's empty. the tomb was empty!" Silence followed. From then on Philip became a full member of the class.

He died not long afterward from an infection most other children would have shrugged off. At the funeral this class of eight-year-olds marched up to the altar not with flowers, but with their Sunday School teacher, each to lay on it an empty plastic egg.

Hineni: "He Lives"

Today, on this Resurrection Sunday, let us remember that Christ is alive.

"But the angel said to the women, "Do not be afraid, for I know that you seek Jesus who was crucified. He is not here, for he has risen, as he said. Come, see the place where he lay." Matthew 28:5-6.

Never forget this fact, Christ our God lives. There is no other religion in the world where this fact is true. No myth in which their god is still alive. Buddha is dead. Muhammad is dead. The Greek legends are gone. But Jesus, He lives.

So today as we celebrate and remember the death and resurrection of our Lord and God Jesus Christ, never forget there is no other like him.

## Sunday Night Bible Study

We are going to attempt to re-start our Sunday night activities soon. We have sorely missed this time together, and we would like to pick up where we left off when Covid left us high and dry 4 years ago. We will begin with a video-driven study based on "The Chosen".

Here's the catch: For this to happen we have to have children's workers for the nursery, and for 2 groups of elementary students. Please tell us if you can help. We'd like to begin soon.

## Hmmm, Hmmm, Good!



# 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.