

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 Heigtapist Church as your 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:

SHBC WANT ADS

NEEDED: at least one more **WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEAL COOK TEAM**– We currently have 2 teams serving twice a month. This model is not sustainable. We need another team of 4 **ASAP** in order to continue serving Wednesday night meals. **HELP!**

FIRED UP SPORTS

It's hard to believe it is time to begin preparations for Fired Up Basketball and Cheer. Our first order of business is to secure our coaches. You don't need any experience to coach. You just need to love kids. Please pray about your role in this ministry.

SIGN UP IN THE FOYER!

We will have a **COACH'S MEETING** on Tuesday Jan. 7 at 6:30 pm. Please plan to attend.



WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:	MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:
WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5544.48	MONTHLY: \$24,026.07
LAST WEEK: \$5448.00	LAST MONTH: \$29,874.84

Southern Heights News

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Wednesday we will turn the page on another year. For many, 2024 was not all you had hoped it would be. Illness, finances, relationships, or just life in general, have left a bad taste in your mouth.

A word to you from the God who loved you so much

He sent His son to die for you:

But those who hope in the Lord will renew their strength.

They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow

weary, they will walk and not be faint. – Isaiah 40:31

My prayer for each of you is that 2025 will be a great time of renewal for you.



Bro. K says: **“Looking Forward to 2025”**

Luke 9:62 *“Jesus replied, ‘No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God.’”*

One of the vital lessons a runner learns is to never look back. It doesn't matter if you feel like you are ahead in the race- never look back. Maintaining your pace becomes nearly impossible while glancing over your shoulder. In the precise world of track, where time is measured in milliseconds, that glance back could be the difference between breaking a record and missing qualification.

Jesus cautioned his followers about looking back.

He said that someone consumed by what's behind isn't fit for the kingdom of God. He also warned that when he returns, there's no need for concern about anything behind. In Genesis, after Abraham pleaded for Lot's deliverance from Sodom, God's angels gave this instruction **“Don't Look Back!”** Lot's wife disobeyed and became a pillar of salt in a desert land- worthless and unproductive! When we linger too long on what's behind us, we are ineffective in the present, jeopardizing our futures. Looking backward requires no faith. Being fixated on past glory or failures cripples us spiritually, stunting our growth and straining our relationships.

Dwelling on an unchangeable past wastes our **“right now,”** and undermines the transformative faith that saves us. So, the temptation to look back, whether in grief or reminiscence, steals from our present and diminishes the faith that breathes life into our existence!



It's a busy time of year for our Youth Group. Don't Miss Out!

SUNDAY A.M.: Ms. Cole will teach Bible Study at 9:45.

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS: Youth Sponsors will lead Worship, Bible Study and Shenanigans- Every Wednesday night at 6:00- Dinner at 5:00

There will be no Youth Activities on Jan. 1

Gideon Birthday for Jesus

Today we continue our Gideon Christmas emphasis:

Birthday for Jesus. In the foyer you will find an envelope that presents you an opportunity to donate to the Gideons International. For each \$5 donated, a Bible will be placed in the hands of someone who needs to read it, in the language they speak. The Gideons International is an Association of Christian business and professional men and their wives dedicated to telling people about Jesus through associating together for service, sharing personal testimony, and by providing Bibles and New Testaments.

While Gideons are often recognized for their work with hotels, they also place and distribute Scriptures in strategic locations so they are available to those who want them, as well as to those who may not know they need them. Give generously today.



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.