

Bro. K says: “The Ministry of Load-Bearing”

“We who are strong have an obligation to bear with the failings of the weak.” Romans 15:1

The New Testament doesn't just emphasize the personal faith of individual Christians, but the corporate faith of individual churches. How do you recognize a church that excels in faith? One way is by the works they do, the missionaries they send, and the ministries they sustain. In other words, how do they serve people? We believe God is real, the Bible is true, Jesus is alive, and because of that we plunge into His work with all our hearts. We invest our time, money, and energy in children's ministry, youth ministry, music ministry, benevolence, and global outreach. We demonstrate our faith by our works. We just tear into it, expecting God to bless our efforts. We do all of it because we are loved, and we love.

But the Church is made up of people, and people come in all shapes and sizes, all at different stages of their spiritual development. How do we work together?

Not long before he passed away, I heard Bill Bright speak. He was eighty years old, having walked with God a long, long time. He said, “I'm here to testify that at eighty years of age I still struggle with the flesh.” I thought WOW! All the way down the road, further than I've ever been and he still struggles.

Paul says in the Church body you have people in all sorts of stages of spiritual growth. And he says we who are strong, who are spiritually mature, have a debt that we owe to those who are spiritually weak, those who are struggling on the journey. It's our responsibility to help. The word literally means to pick up and carry their burden. Those who are strong have a responsibility to bear with, to pick up the burden, of those who are weak. The Christian life is not lived in individual isolation. We are connected to each other and we have a responsibility, those who are spiritually mature, to pick up and to carry along those who are spiritually weak, until they can carry themselves.

Hineni Student Ministry

This week I will be preaching on what exactly a Biblical home should look like. During this sermon I will refer to a number of Scriptures, so in order that you might know where I'm speaking from and if you want to remember these for later, below you will find a list of the Scripture we will be reading:

- Ephesians 5:22-6:4 (God's design for marriage and a family)
- Genesis 2:18 (Men and women were made for each other)
- Genesis 2:24 (The structure of marriage)
- Mark 10:6-10 (Jesus's confirmation that marriage is between a man and woman)
- Romans 1:18-32 (Condemnation of homosexuality and other forms)
- Matthew 7:12-14

There is always a chance that I add or speak on more than just these. I will make a point to state where I do, but on the chance I do not cite or if you have questions please speak to me anytime.

Raymond Torix

SHBC WANT ADS:

***We are in need of a teacher for the 2 & 3 year old Sunday School class– No experience required.**

***We are looking for someone to work in our Church Nursery on Wednesday nights taking care of our babies. This position will pay \$25 per night.**

If you're interested, contact Rama or Debbie. These jobs are crucial to our Church's next growth step.



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: _____

FIRED UP BASKETBALL AND CHEER RETURNS

Southern Heights' Children's **BASKETBALL AND CHEER CAMP** is set to return the month of February at the Community Center. The camp is for kids grades **KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 3RD GRADE**.

There are registration forms in the foyer. Sign your kids up today. **REGISTRATION ENDS ON JANUARY 25-** There is an announcement on our Facebook page. Please share it to your own page to reach as many as possible. Tell your friends, neighbors and co-workers. **THERE IS STILL A NEED FOR VOLUNTEER COACHES.** Please sign up today.

FIRED UP COACHES MEETING

THERE WILL BE A **COACH'S MEETING AT SHBC** ON TUESDAY **JAN. 24 @ 7:00 PM-** WE NEED ALL OUR COACHES THERE, AS WE HAVE MADE A FEW CHANGES TO OUR PRACTICE SCHEDULE-

FIRED UP PARENTS MEETING

THERE WILL BE A **PARENTS MEETING AT SHBC** ON THURSDAY **JAN. 26 @ 7:00 PM-** WE WILL GO OVER THE PRACTICE & GAME SCHEDULES, PLUS OTHER INFORMATION YOU WILL NEED

2023 BUDGET APPROVED

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:	MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:
WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5544.48	MONTHLY: \$24026.00
LAST WEEK: \$8723.00	LAST MONTH: \$29,970.60

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"You Must Be Born Again"

Those were Jesus' words in John 3 when a confused and discouraged Nicodemus came to Him, seeking answers to questions he had long struggled with, but found no help .

There are many people around us that have similar questions: "How can I know God?", "Is there more to life than this?", "If I fail, how can God still love me?"

Church, we hold the answer to those questions. We are the receivers of the kind of grace they need so desperately. We have been "born again." Now we need to take the message of John 3 to them. We are the only messengers who can reach them.

So, how are we instructed to help? Scripture has many different names for us:

***Ambassadors-** we represent Him to the world

***Messengers-** we are to take His message to the world

***Light of the World-** a light to their darkness

Each of us should be thinking now, "Who do I know that needs to hear His story?" Would you take this first step, and identify the people in your life who need Jesus?