

Bro. k says: "A Distant Thunder"

"From the throne came flashes of lightning, rumblings, and peals of thunder." Revelation 4:5

As a child there were few things more frightening than an Oklahoma thunderstorm. There is no place on earth where Mother Nature puts on such an awesome display as in my home state. And for a child, that display can be terrifying. I'm sure we all remember similar stormy nights. Perhaps you spent some of those evenings crowded into your parents bed. But you remember, even now. And all it takes is a darkening sky to bring back those memories.

Lying in bed, you see the flash of lightning and you begin to silently count in your head, "one, two, three, four..." and then comes the loud rumble of thunder. Another flash, and again you count, "one, two, three..." and the awful thunder rattles the windows, and you know: the storm is getting closer.

If you listen very closely today, you can hear thunder. It may be distant, but if you're counting down, you know: it's closer. The storm approaches. Scripture says be watchful for its signs. Be vigilant in our preparations.

And unlike those awful Oklahoma furies, this storm will be welcomed. On these clouds rides our Bridegroom. He is coming in the skies to retrieve His Bride, the Church. So we long for the thunder. We look forward to the day when Christ will step out of the eastern sky and once again appear to the world and take us home.

In the meantime, make preparations. Prepare yourself, and prepare those around you, for whom these clouds bring judgment, not rescue. Even so, Lord Jesus, come.



Brandon's Blurp: Compromise is defined as "settling a dispute via mutual concessions." God **does not compromise.**

The Bible guarantees that followers of Christ will go through seasons of suffering and hardship. In the Beatitudes, Jesus says, "Blessed are those who are persecuted because they do what God requires." (Matt. 5:10)

You can avoid conflict with the world... you just have to compromise your values, truth, morality, etc. But you should know that God does not, nor will He ever, compromise. And you and I have no concessions to make on His behalf. We don't have that authority.

Some Christians compromise in order to "reach" lost people. But God says that friendship with the world is to be an enemy of God (James 4:4).

So, be bold in your faith. Be not ashamed and make no compromises. The Lord deserves our all. Make no concessions.

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"JERUSALEM"

This summer's VBS theme has been selected and it will be a great one. We are already hard at work preparing for it. "Jerusalem" will transport our kids to a time long ago, where world-changing events took place that still affect us today.

Mark your calendars for **JUNE 13-19.**
Please **PRAY** about your part in VBS 2022-

CHECK OUT OUR VBS NEEDS LIST-

The URGENT NEED right now: BOXES!!!!!!!!!!!!

We could use someone to begin PAINTING this week.
If you can paint, see Bro. K.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6206.47

LAST WEEK: **\$9143.01**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:

MONTHLY BUDGET: \$26,895.00

LAST MONTH: **\$23,529.52**

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:

Wednesday Night Meal Need

We are in need of **ONE MORE FOOD PREP TEAM** for our Wednesday night meals. This has been a tremendous success, and we would like to keep it going. We currently have 3 teams, but we need to spread the workload out a little more, so **FOUR** teams would be optimal. Please consider joining this ministry.

Deacon Ordination Service

Tonight at 6:00 we will ordain Joe Kiegel to Church ministry in the role of Deacon. Please plan on being a part of this very meaningful worship service as we cover Joe and Dodie in prayer for the task ahead.

SALT TRIPS ANNOUNCED

(SENIOR ADULTS LEAVING TOWN?)

Signup sheets in the foyer-

May 5: Down Home Country– \$11.25

Leave Church at 8:30 am

June 23: **Beacon Park, Triumphant Quartet**

Leave Church at 5:00 pm

June 25: **Beacon Park, Mark Trammel Quartet**

Leave Church at 5:00

**YOUR WORLD NEEDS
THE CHURCH.
YOUR CHURCH
NEEDS YOU.**

Southern Heights News

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What Does Your Church Mean to You?

As we look toward the end of our "Focus" devotional study, we would like to get your Feedback on a very important topic: What does your SHBC family mean to you? How has your life been impacted by your Church?

We would like your opinion in one or more of the following formats:

*As a **SPOKEN TESTIMONY** during the Sunday morning Worship service (Please contact Bro. k for scheduling)-

*As a **WRITTEN TESTIMONY** that might be published in various other formats (again, contact Bro. k)-

*As a **FACEBOOK POST** that comes in the form of an invitation to attend our Church-

As you prepare this testimony, think about specific incidents where a Church member has directly affected your family. Maybe they helped you in a difficult situation, or perhaps shared with you some wise counsel.

Think of a time when a worship service inspired you to a new level of discipleship; or a time when a message helped you in spiritual development. In a day and time when the world is increasingly hostile to the Church, they need to hear from us her true value.