

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!**

December Church Calendar

Dec. 15: Caroling at Blossoms Nursing Center– 3 PM

Kidz Praze Christmas Pageant– 6:00 PM

Dec. 18: Kids Christmas Party– 6:00 PM

Dec. 19: Community Blood Drive– 11:30-5:30

Dec. 22: 185th Annual Ugly Christmas Sweater Contest

Dec. 25: No Wednesday Activities

Dec. 25-27: Church Office Closed

Jan. 1: No Wednesday Activities

Jan. 1: Church Office Closed

FIRED UP SPORTS

It's hard to believe it is time to begin preparations for Fired Up Basketball and Cheer. But it is. 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**



WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5544.48

LAST WEEK: **\$3173.00**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:

MONTHLY: \$24,026.07

LAST MONTH: \$29,874.84

Southern Heights News

December 15, 2024

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A Classic Christmas... with a Living Nativity

This evening at 6:00, our kids will present a Living Nativity, straight from Scripture... It will be a traditional Christmas Pageant with live animals, and live kids! There will be baby goats, mama goats, baby pigs, mama pigs, puppy dogs, a couple of horses and some chickens. Yes, I know there probably weren't pigs in Bethlehem, but this Nativity is in Arkansas.

Tell your friends and neighbors. This should be highly entertaining!



Bro. K says: "John 3:16"

On a bitterly cold Christmas Eve in 1930, the city of Chicago felt the sting of winter's chill. The wind howled and the temperatures plummeted. In this icy setting, a young boy, ill-equipped for the elements, shivered on a street corner, his coat barely providing any warmth. Hunger gnawed at him as he stood outside a restaurant, gazing longingly through the window.

A policeman noticed the boy's plight and advised him to go home. However, the boy, with nowhere to call home, shared his predicament. The officer pointed to a house and said, "Go to that house, knock, and say 'John 3:16.' They will let you in." Following the officer's instructions, the boy hurried to the front door of the house.

An elderly lady answered his knock and welcomed him in when he uttered the code, "John 3:16." Seated on a cushioned rocker, the boy contemplated, "John 3:16—I don't understand its meaning, but it has certainly thawed out a cold boy like me."

As the lady asked why he was there on such a harsh night, the boy, looking down at his worn-out shoes, revealed, "My parents were killed. I am an orphan." She offered him food, and he again thought, "John 3:16—whatever it means, this meal tastes like nothing I've ever had before."

Growing drowsy, the boy was led to a bathroom with a large tub filled with warm water and bubbles. Expressing gratitude, he remarked, "I don't think I ever had a real bath like this before. 'John 3:16' makes a dirty boy like me clean." The lady provided clean pajamas and guided him to a bedroom with a featherbed, tucking him in. As she kissed him goodnight, he mumbled, "I don't remember anyone kissing me except my mother," and drifted off, a tear rolling down his cheek. In his thoughts, he pondered, "John 3:16—I don't know why, but it sure makes you feel loved."

Descending the stairs on Christmas morning, he discovered a lavish breakfast prepared just for him. Doubts crept in, whispering that he wasn't good enough, an orphan undeserving of such kindness.

However, the lady opened the door, revealing presents under the Christmas tree. Overwhelmed, the boy unwrapped toys and clothes, contemplating, "John 3:16—must be wonderful because it's taken a poor, hungry orphan like me and given me all these things."

With tears in her eyes, the lady offered him more than gifts; she asked if he wanted to move in and live with her. Overjoyed, he exclaimed, "John 3:16 answered my prayers, but I still don't know what it means." Seated together, she read the verse, explaining that it was not just a door code, but the key to heaven. She shared the profound truth that God sent his Son to die for sinners and orphans out of love. The boy realized that he could accept this free gift of salvation. "John 3:16" changed his life and continues to change ours.



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

YOUTH CHRISTMAS PARTY— Wed., Dec. 18-
\$10 gift for the name you drew- \$5 Dirty Santa Gift-
Dinner provided— Gingerbread Races (?)- Games-
Shenanigans galore-

YOUTH BRANSON SCAVENGER HUNT Fri. 20th
Leaving from Church at 4:00— Eating Dinner in Branson
Wear Christmas stuff (PJs if possible)- Bring \$10 for
food (there will be shopping time, so bring more money
if shopping is in your wheelhouse)

Gideon Birthday for Jesus

Today begins our Gideon Christmas emphasis: Birthday for Jesus. Within this bulletin 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.



Blood Drive!

Our Community Blood drive will be held December 19, from 11:30-5:30 in the Fellowship Hall. The old saying goes: "You can't get blood out of a turnip." You are not a turnip.

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.