

Bro. K says: “On Conference Realignment”

The 11 teams in the Big-10 have now become the 14 teams in the Big-10, taking one of the teams from the Big-12, and 2 from the Pac 12. The 8 remaining teams in the Big-12 then lost another team to make 13 teams in the Pac-10. The 7 teams in the Big-12 have now found 4 teams from the MAC, while the 14 teams in the Big-10 may want one more team from the Big-12, giving the Big-10 13 teams, and the Big-12, 10. The Pac-10 would like to take 4 more teams from the Big-12, making 15 teams in the Pac-10, 13 teams in the Big-10, and 5 teams in the Big-12, but wait, the Big 12 is adding more, giving them anywhere between 9 and 13 teams. Oh, and the SEC takes 2 more from the Big 12. The MAC will more than likely dissolve, adding an additional 8 teams to the mix. The ACC will add the MAC leftovers giving them 20 teams. This will give the ACC 4 divisions of 5 teams, or 2 divisions of 10 teams. Got it?

Life can be confusing sometimes, and it doesn't take NCAA bureaucrats to mess things up either (although they certainly aren't helping). Life is complicated. It is messy. In this information age, when new things come at us at break-neck speed, we are asked to make split-second decisions about issues we don't fully understand. Usually, these decisions have greater consequences than where OU and AR play football (seriously, the SEC?). Our choices can make or break relationships, can build up or tear down churches and communities, can alter the eternal destiny of someone around us. Even if we don't have all the information we need to make those decisions, we are still forced to make them. How do we do that? That is an awesome responsibility.

Jesus was faced with a great decision. He had to choose twelve men (do you hear that, conference commissioner? Twelve) to be His disciples. His choices would shape the future of the planet. What did Jesus do, make a conference call amongst the other religious leaders of the day? Did he raid the Sanhedrin and take some of its members (are you listening, Big-10 commissioner?)? Did he evaluate the impact of revenue sharing among the twelve while negotiating a TV deal to make them economically viable versus their competitors?

“One day soon afterward Jesus went to a mountain to pray, and He prayed to God all night. At daybreak He called together all of His followers and chose twelve of them to be apostles.” Luke 6:12-13

Hmmm...He prayed. Didn't wring His hands, look to consultants or actuary tables. He prayed. Very simple.

Now, if we could just get one team to join the SEC, and another in the Big 12, then everyone would have enough teams, unless Missouri bolts to the Big-10, and that would leave the SEC with only 15...

Hineni Student Ministry

“The Only Answer Is God”

There is a cultural battle happening right now in America, those that know God and those that think they know better. We've all heard the arguments; “well life exists because of evolution” or “life exists because of energy and balance”. But as followers and believers in the One true God, when asked ‘why does life happen?’, we can answer confidently, the only answer is God.

Paul explained it like this; *“For what can be known about God is plain to them, because God has shown it to them.”* (Romans 1:19) To put it another way, the complexities of life can only be explained through a sovereign and powerful God. Life, that is human, plant, and animal, is such a complicated system that the odds of it happening by random are beyond impossible. “Take a silver dollar, put a red dot on it. Now put it in a pile of coins two feet deep and make the pile the size of Texas. Find the silver dollar. That's the odds that evolution would make life as we know it.” (Aaron Hopkins)

There is no logical explanation for how our world is, the way it is, except through the majesty of God. When John wrote about Jesus, he described him thus; *“All things were made through him, and without him was not any thing made that was made. In Him was life, and the life was the light of men”* (John 1:3-4) Our existence was not some cosmic accident, the only answer is God.

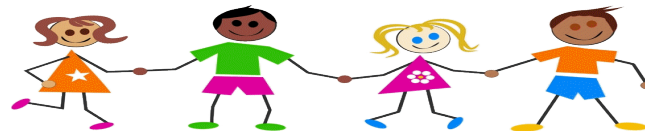
Raymond Torix

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.

THERE WILL BE A **COACH'S MEETING AT SHBC** ON TUESDAY **JAN. 24 @ 7:00 PM**

SPECIAL CALLED BUSINESS MEETING

This morning at the conclusion of our Worship Service we will hold a Special Called Business Meeting to vote on our 2023 Proposed Church Budget. Last Sunday night the budget was presented to the Church in our Annual Business Meeting, followed by a question and answer time. Per our constitution, our vote will be without further discussion. A reminder, you must be a member of SHBC in order to vote.

A budget represents the Church's approval of funding for ministry. We would ask anyone who would vote to approve this budget, please covenant with God to tithe toward the budget's fulfillment. If you are not going to tithe this year, please vote "no" on the budget.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:	MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:
WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6206.47	MONTHLY: \$26,895.00
LAST WEEK: \$5285.00	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?