

Bro. K says: "LOOPHOLES"

Most people know that W. C. Fields was a lot like the drunken, rascally character he played in the movies. When he was on his deathbed, a friend came to visit him and was surprised to find Fields reading the Bible. He asked, "What are you doing reading the Bible? Are you looking for answers?"

Fields said, "No. I'm looking for loopholes."

Jimmy Fallon frequently does "man-on-the-street" interviews, and one night he collared some young people to ask them questions about the Bible.

"Can you name one of the Ten Commandments?" he asked two college-age women. One replied,

"Freedom of speech?" Mr. Fallon said to the

other, "Complete this sentence: Let he who is without sin . . ." Her response was, "have a good time?" Mr. Fallon then turned to a young man and asked, "Who, according to the Bible, was eaten by a whale?" The confident answer was, "Pinocchio."

As we celebrate this New Year, I am sure many of you have made some sort of "resolution." You know: lose 20 lbs; watch less TV; be a better parent; etc., etc.

One thing we could all add to our list of things to improve on: be better students of the Word.

Biblical illiteracy is at a shocking level within the Church today, and the result is that Church members are easily susceptible to all sorts of false teachings. Rather than make another resolution, instead make a vow to God to join a Bible Study class on Sunday morning; add a few minutes to your personal devotional time; anything to get to know God's love letter to you.

Hineni Student Ministry

Happy New Year Everyone!

As we begin a new calendar year there are many traditions that people love to engage with: such as staying up until midnight to welcome in the New Year, setting goals or resolutions, and for some in the South, eating black-eyed peas to bring luck in the coming year. (To be honest, I never understood that last one.) These traditions, while fun, are superfluous.

Staying up to midnight for the New Year doesn't really matter and, in the case of this year, might have kept you from church. So if you are reading this, let me say thank you for obeying the commandments of God; "Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy." (Exodus 20:8) and "not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near." (Hebrews 10:25)

There is nothing wrong with creating New Year resolutions; however, let us consider that many of our goals should be continuing and never ending. It should not take a New Year to motivate us into reading our Bible daily. As Paul wrote to Timothy, "Until I come, devote yourself to the public reading of Scripture, to exhortation, to teaching." (1 Timothy 4:13) As believers and followers of Christ, let us continue to worship Him, obeying His commandments to us.

Lottie Moon Christmas Offering

Lottie Moon was sent as a Southern Baptist missionary to China from 1873 to 1912. She saw firsthand the world's greatest problem — LOSTNESS. Meeting so many people who had never heard the gospel compelled her to write letters to American churches describing the need for a greater missionary presence.

She pleaded for increased prayer and financial support to send and sustain more missionaries. This challenge became known as the Lottie Moon Christmas Offering.

Each Christmas we collect this offering to directly support Baptist missionaries all over the world.

Please ask God what your gift should be.

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.

Why would we announce it this soon? Because there is a lot to do, and a lot of volunteers needed.

Here's how you can help:

- *Volunteer to help coach a team- It requires no coaching experience, just a love for Jesus and His children-
- *Volunteer to help set up and tear down the facility on Thursday night or Saturday morning-
- *Agree to sponsor a child in our community who otherwise will not be able to attend-

There are sign up sheets at the back of the Sanctuary- Please help us reach the children of Berryville for Jesus-

IN WITH THE NEW, OUT WITH THE OLD

We have a little work to do, Church. **CHRISTMAS IS OVER**, and now it all has to go back in the box. The trees, the wreaths, the lights, the candles...all of it goes back into storage until next November. **PLEASE HELP US THIS AFTERNOON AT 4** to help put it all away. The more the merrier...and the faster.

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| WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS: | MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS: |
| WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6206.47 | MONTHLY: \$26,895.00 |
| LAST WEEK: \$7913.00 | LAST MONTH: \$29970.60 |

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Happy New Year!

This morning we ring in the new year of 2023. What happened to the year 2022?

This morning we want to give you a glimpse of the coming year within our Church. I will be preaching from the 3rd Chapter of John, a passage you are very familiar with. That is significant for a good reason: this will be the simple message of our Church for this year.

We will become much more aggressive in our outreach. Covid has made most of us introverts. That is not the character of a Jesus-follower. We are to take the good news to everyone around us, in ever-widening circles of influence. The message doesn't have to be complicated, but it does have to be delivered.

We will be much more intentional about sending out that message. We will use every media available to us: social media, personal conversations, phone messages, text messages, etc. Before you hear the details, make a conscious decision to be a part of spreading the word this year.