

Bro. K says: “The Yankees Don’t Know What They Missed”

Growing up, I knew what I was going to be. There was no doubt, nothing could stop me. I worked, I trained, I prepared. I was going to be the shortstop for the New York Yankees. It was my destiny.

A funny thing happened on my way to the “House that Ruth Built”: a major league tryout camp at Rose State College in 1976. There were scouts from several big league clubs, including my Yankees. After checking in, all prospects assembled on the field. We ran sprints: I did fine. We fielded ground balls: fine. We caught fly balls: again, We threw: I was a little weak (I’ll adjust my dream- I’ll play second base for the Yankees). Then it came time to bat. Three fastballs produced 1 hit. That’s a .333 average and a sure ticket to the Hall of Fame.

Then the batting practice pitcher signaled that he was going to throw a curve. I knew what was coming. The problem was, I couldn’t hit it. He threw five breaking balls in a row and I didn’t come close to any of them. I couldn’t have hit them if I was swinging a sheet of plywood. If that’s what this 60 year-old man’s curve looks like, I wonder what it would be like to hit against Justin Verlander or Clayton Kershaw.

The scouts were very kind. They thanked all of us for our time and effort, and as gently as they could, suggested we look for another line of work. The dream had died.

Many people approach the Christian life the way I approached that tryout. They do their best, but once they find they are overmatched, they give up or give in. If I’ve tried as hard as I can and I still can’t succeed, why try?

God wants every Christian to embrace the idea that we are overmatched. We must realize that we are in over our heads and in our own strength we will quickly be defeated. It is only in that realization that we look to God for the power to live. In Ephesians 1:19 Paul says, “I pray that you will begin to understand the incredible greatness of HIS power for us who believe Him.” Did you notice whose power strengthens us? His.

The Christian life is tough. But it is not impossible. As Rev. Bill Glass, the All-Pro defensive end of the Cleveland Browns has observed, “Neither football nor the Christian life is casual. If you think so, you will get knocked on your casual can.”

So, get in the game and expect a lifelong fight. But remember, you do not fight alone.



Hineni Student Ministry,

Recently I had a discussion with a student, at school, where the following was said: “Why can’t Christians just stop arguing with others? Just let them believe what they want to.” In what could be a job ending move for a teacher, I proceeded to explain to this young man exactly what the Bible said on the subject.

The short version of this conversation went like this: “First off, the Bible made it clear that it would divide houses. Matthew 10:21, ‘brother will turn against brother. And second, the biblical-worldview is the only worldview that makes sense” After explaining the flawed logic of atheist and non-Christian beliefs, the point was made that only God’s way is the right way. Nations rise and fall, but only God’s will is forever. His way has been proven time and again to be perfect. *This God—his way is perfect; the word of the Lord proves true; He is a shield for all those who take refuge in him.*

Psalms 18:30

Raymond Torix

The youth dept. is looking for someone who can make custom t-shirts; preferably not vinyl, something printed. If you know of someone, please contact Raymond Torix.

A Time For Prayer

Our families and our Church face many difficult challenges. God has provided a means of support through prayer. We invite you to join us in prayer each Sunday morning at 9:00 in our Sanctuary.

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6206.47

LAST WEEK: **\$4948.00**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:

MONTHLY BUDGET: \$26,895.00

LAST MONTH: **\$22,706.10**

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: _____

SHBC LIBRARY OPEN

Our Church library is now back up and running full strength! Stop by and look at our great selection of Christian books: fiction, discipleship, devotionals, reference books and commentaries. Also we have a table full of FREE BOOKS! If you have any questions, talk to Gayle Pace. She has done a fantastic job of giving our library a full makeover.



SR. ADULT OPPORTUNITY

We are in dire need of a pianist or a guitarist who can play once a month at the Autumn Hills Nursing Center to help lead worship. We go there on the 3rd Sunday of each month at 3:00. The residents love to sing hymns, and we need to sing with them! See Bro. K if you can make this commitment.

WEDNESDAY NIGHT MEALS

The much anticipated return of our mid-week fellowship meals has happened!

A big thank you to Donnie and Annette Whitson (and their team), Brenda Snyder and Marilyn Hicks (and their team), Stephen and Meredith Garvin (and their team) and our youth department (led by Raymond and Bekah Torix).

THIS WEEK'S MENU: PULLED PORK! BAKED BEANS, CHIPS & DESSERT!

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"Be Warm, Be Filled"

James, the half-brother of Jesus, taught the early Church that Christianity is all about "doing." He affirmed salvation by grace, but also said that once we are saved, we must "do". Jesus said what we do for those around us is also what we do for Him.

The "doing" is called ministry.

Each of us is called to ministry. That is the focus of this morning's service. What is your calling? How has God gifted you to serve His Church and your community?

At the back of the Sanctuary are several tables. On each table are lists of ministries available through our Church. Before you leave this morning, take a moment to look at these tables. Does something jump out at you? Pray about your role in the ministries of SHBC, and then put your name on a few of these lists.

Let God use you to touch others.

