

Bro. K says: **“MY JOHN HANCOCK”**

Americans have a national colloquialism which is frequently used when signing documents. This common practice of asking for a person’s “John Hancock” comes from the most obvious signature on our Declaration of Independence. John Hancock’s name is the only signature that can be easily identified by the casual observer . . . and that’s exactly what he intended. The Declaration was approved on July 4, but it was not signed until August 2. After its initial approval, Jefferson’s words were hand printed on parchment in preparation for being sent to the king. This gave Hancock nearly a month to contemplate his actions in signing. As President of the Congress, he felt responsible to make a clear statement to not only the king, but to his fellow countrymen as well.

Consequently, he was the first to sign, and as all Americans know, he artistically scrawled his name in large, flowing letters. His expressed intent was to make certain King George III could read his name without the aid of glasses. It was a bold declaration of his personal commitment to the cause for which he was willing to die. John Hancock’s overly legible signature hit the target at which he aimed. During the Revolutionary War, King George offered amnesty to all of the Americans who were willing to stop the war. Hancock and a few select others were intentionally omitted from this proposition. His zealous signature informed the king there was no turning back, and the British empire clearly heard that strong message of commitment.

All of us have been asked to give our “John Hancock” in a variety of settings. Among those settings should be the local church. Our “John Hancock” should be next to a specific job in the ministry of our church home. 56 delegates signed the Declaration of Independence, but only one name stands out above the others because John Hancock wanted the king to know where he stood with his country. Has your signature let the king know where you stand with his church?



Hineni Student Ministry,

As I sit here trying to think of what to write, my mind continues to wander back to my students at school, folks I see around town... all these people facing problems and troubles some can't even imagine. As my mind races, one question eats at me, “why can't they see the answer? God, the Bible, Jesus... through them all things are explained. Why can't they see that?”

Here's the hard truth... it's because we haven't told them.

Matthew 28:19-20 is not a suggestion. Jesus said “Go...make disciples...teaching them to observe all that I have commanded”. Jesus didn't ask, He commanded. We should live our lives like Elijah, 1 King 17:3-5. When God told Elijah to run and hide that's exactly what he did. When Jesus called Matthew, Matthew left his wealth and job to follow Jesus. THIS is what we are called to do, these are the people to emulate. God said go, make disciples, and teach... So what's stopping you?

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.

Children's Worship Notes!

By the front door in the foyer we have placed some “Sermon Notes For Kids”. This is a great way for your children to stay involved in the worship service.

Pick one up before the service begins!

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:

WEEKLY BUDGET: \$6206.47

LAST WEEK: **\$6126.00**

MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:

MONTHLY BUDGET: \$26,895.00

LAST MONTH: **\$24,065.20**

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: _____

Dixie Jackson Missions Offering

September is our time to collect for the Dixie Jackson Arkansas Missions Offering.

With the North American Mission Board's decision in 2013 to defund smaller rural Churches, many of Arkansas's Churches have been drastically impacted in a negative way. By supporting Dixie (and our North Arkansas Baptist Association) we offer direct help to our area brothers and sisters in Christ who desperately need it. What will be your gift?



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: SKILLET POTATOES AND SAUSAGE, ROASTED VEGETABLES, ROLLS AND GRAVY CAKE!

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"Doing" Ministry

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. 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.

