

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. 12: Young at Heart Christmas Party– 6:00 PM
- Dec. 14: Women’s Candy Making Party– 9:00 AM
- 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: 271st 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 IN THE FOYER!**

WEEKLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:	MONTHLY FINANCIAL NEEDS:
WEEKLY BUDGET: \$5544.48	MONTHLY: \$24,026.07
LAST WEEK: \$2629.10	LAST MONTH: \$29,874.84

Southern Heights News

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A Classic Christmas... with a Living Nativity

Next Sunday evening, December 15, 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 horse and some chickens. Yes, I know there probably weren't pigs in Bethlehem, but this Nativity is in Arkansas.

Here's what we need from you: *old wooden fence slats, *square straw and hay bales, *lots of prayer.



Bro. K says: "Sar-Shalom"

Isaiah 9:6 "For to us a child is born, to us a son is given, and the government will be on his shoulders. And he will be called Wonderful Counselor, Mighty God, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace."

In Hebrew, the term "Prince of Peace" translates to "Sar Shalom." "Sar" signifies a leader with a military association, like a "war-lord." "Shalom" encapsulates the concept of completeness, wholeness. When Jesus came to earth, His purpose was to lead a broken, sin-laden world toward restoration and wholeness.

"Sar Shalom" is an intriguing phrase; we are more familiar with the term "Prince of Peace." This label carries profound implications about the nature of God. It depicts a figure, like a "war-lord," overseeing peace. In the historical context between Isaiah's prophecy and Luke's account, the Romans touted their version of "peace." However, theirs was a peace enforced through brute force, leaving devastation in its wake for any who dared to oppose it.

At the time of the first Christmas, the world longed for genuine peace. The Romans boasted of Pax Romana, the supposed peace of Rome, but it was a facade, a political maneuver. The Greek philosopher Epictetus remarked, "While the emperor may give peace from war on land and seas, he is unable to give peace from passion, grief, and envy. He cannot give peace of heart, for which man yearns more than even for outward peace." The world was in dire need of a Savior who would bring true peace.

This "war-lord" of peace did not arrive like any other worldly leader, past or future. He didn't come to fight against people, but He also wasn't a pacifist. Though mankind declared war against God and rejected Him, He came as a ruler who was willing to give His own blood for them. He came as a baby.

His entrance was accompanied by a heavenly chorus singing praises, his humble birth taking place in a simple stable. He didn't come to wage war against people; His battle was against sin. He didn't brandish a sword; instead, He bore the weight of a cross.



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 Stuff

CHRISTMAS PARTY- Wed., Dec. 18-

\$10 gift for the name you drew- \$5 Dirty Santa Gift- Dinner provided- Gingerbread Races (?)- Games- Shenanigans galore-

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)



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.