

Bro. K: “Thanksgiving Dinner for the Family”

The Lord’s Supper is many things. It is memory: “As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup, remember me.” It is thanksgiving: “After He had given thanks, He broke the bread.” It is anticipation: “I will not eat this meal with you again until it is fulfilled in the Kingdom of God.” It is proclamation: “As often as you eat this bread and drink this cup you proclaim the Lord’s death until He comes.”

The Lord’s Supper is also a family gathering. What we do here at the Table, we do together. As we share in communion, we hold all things in common. We share together. We rejoice together. We celebrate together. We even weep and mourn together. Paul tell us in 1 Corinthians 11 that the Lord’s Supper should be observed at such a time and in such a way that ALL are a part. Why? Because ALL have been reconciled to God by the same sacrifice. ALL share in the same redemption. ALL entered into new life by the same death.

Those who gather around the table share in common a commitment to God. Our references to each other and to God are spoken in terms of “family.” God is our “Heavenly Father.” Jesus is a “friend who sticks closer than a brother.”

We are each “brothers and sisters in Christ.”
Families operate with such language.

Our Lord’s Supper service this morning is a commemoration of the sacrificial death of Jesus Christ. Those of us who are believers share in that death. As we enter into a season of holidays, we are, each of us, thankful for the cross of Christ. What better way to begin “Thanksgiving” than to offer up thankful prayers to a God who loved us enough to pay a ransom so we could be a part of His family forever!



Brandon’s Blurbs:

I’m the kind of person whose mind idles at a steady 90mph. I can’t shut it off for the life of me. And sometimes... Nope. Most of the time it leaves me drained, anxious, and mentally tired. I’m constantly weighing decisions, outcomes, what-if scenarios, and endless possibilities through the gray matter in my noggin. Oddly enough, I don’t notice it is happening until after I’ve been subconsciously at it for hours and the simple question of, “What would you like for dinner?” leaves me saying, “I don’t know.” because my brain is worn out. Anyone relate?

I’ve talked to those of you who are like me. Being anxious isn’t fun. Worrying isn’t productive. Yet, it rules so many of our minds.

When I read Matthew 6:25 and Jesus says, “Don’t worry about your life.”, I politely look away or study the stitching of my shoes because I don’t like to admit that I am a worrier. Philippians 4:6 says, “Don’t worry about *anything* (emphasis mine), but in *everything*, through prayer and petition with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.”

This year has provided sufficient worry for us all. If you’re like me, that can be troubling. But we have a God who wants us to thankfully bring our petitions and requests and, yes— take away our worries because He loves us.

If you struggle with worry, you’re not alone. Give those worries to God and ask for help. Our God is bigger than anything we could ever dread and He’s happy to help.

Gideon’s Birthday for Jesus

“Birthday for Jesus” gives you a simple and fun way to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and provide for the sending of God’s Word across the Globe. On the table in the foyer you will find a display marked “Birthday For Jesus”. If you would like to honor Jesus by making a gift of Scripture through the Gideons, complete the donation envelope and place it in the offering during one of our worship services. In the envelope you will find a paper Christmas ornament. Put your name and the number of Bibles contributed on the envelope, and put it on the Christmas tree that will be in the foyer from Thanksgiving until Christmas.

Annual Thanksgiving Meal

Today after our morning worship service we will gather as a Family and enjoy a Thanksgiving meal in the Fellowship Hall. If you were unaware of this meal, or you forgot to prepare a dish, it doesn’t matter. We want you to come to dinner. We have plenty of food! So join us. We have so much to be thankful for.

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: _____

Why Am I Here?

These past few weeks we have examined the role of the Church in our lives, and our role in the life of the Church. In the back of the sanctuary are tables with job descriptions of some of the ministry opportunities within our Church. Please read about these ministries and pray about your participation in some of them. If God so leads, put your name on one or more of the sign up sheets.

Christmas at Autumn Hills

Holidays are always difficult for people living in Nursing Homes. Their days are often lonely, without any visitors. Add to that loneliness the complete isolation of a pandemic quarantine, and you have a desperate situation. We would like to help our senior citizens in Berryville's Autumn Hills Retirement Center. We want to provide Christmas baskets for each resident and include things like hand lotion, socks, snack items, candy, pens, nail clippers, etc. In order to insure that all the baskets are the same, we would ask that you donate money so we can purchase identical gifts for all the residents. You may give thru the offering plate (just mark your gift "nursing home", or give it to Rama in the office.)

Thanks for your help.



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HAVE YOU CONTACTED

YOUR ?



We've asked every member and friend of SHBC to pick **ONE** person, and focus your attention on getting them here. This involves making a personal contact with them. Write a hand-written letter; make a phone call; knock on their door; go out of your way to speak to them about what God is doing in our Church, and what God can do in their lives. Just pick **ONE**.

Have You Reached Out Yet?

Christmas Services Coming Up

Next Sunday we begin the Celebration of the Birth of Christ, a joyous time of year. We will place a heavy emphasis on traditional Christmas music, and the retelling of His birth as found in Scripture.

This makes a perfect time for you to invite "Your One" to Southern Heights. People love this season of the year, and are much more likely to accept an invitation when what we are doing is more familiar to them.

Invite them!