

**Bro. K says: “ Baseball (and other) Heroes”**

*Whatever you have learned or received or heard from me, or seen in me, put it into practice.”*  
*Philippians 4:9*

As you have no doubt surmised, I am a baseball fan, and for good reason. Everything that matters in life can be illustrated by a baseball game. It is no wonder that most of the boys of my generation chose as their heroes the great baseball players of the '50s and '60s. We worshipped at the shrines of Willie Mays and Mickey Mantle. Players like Babe Ruth and Lou Gehrig (from the 20s and 30s) took on mythical status. They became our role models. I, of course, chose Mickey Mantle as the one person whose life I would replicate. I would be like him. Mickey Mantle tied his shoes in back instead of in front like mere mortals. I thought that was cool. So I started tying my shoes in the back. I wanted to be like Mickey. He wore number 7; I wore number 7. He wore one wrist band; I wore one wristband.

Toward the end of Mantle's career stories began to circulate that his personal life did not measure up to his professional success. He had a drinking problem. He had a “fidelity” problem. He wasn't the greatest role model. It was sometime during this age of revelation that I got very sick. “Tonsillitis”, they called it. As I was lying in bed, my throat killing me, I realized it wasn't my hero, Mickey Mantle, who came to my room to take care of me. The Mick didn't bring me chicken soup or read me stories or pray with me. My parents did that. Mickey could hit a baseball a country mile, but he wasn't there to show me love and teach me life. That job fell to mom and dad, and they were very good at it; you might say even heroic.

That's when I began to understand the difference between heroes and role models. I stopped looking to baseball players to pattern my life after. Instead, I tried to emulate the people with the strongest character I knew: my parents. The thing about heroes: It is those you look up to that determines who you will become. Choose your heroes well...or not at all. Instead, choose true role models. So, on this day when we honor our “honorable” fathers, remember all your role models.

### **Brandon's Blurb:**

Amanda and I hosted a BBQ at our house last Sunday night for our Student Fellowship Ministry. We had fun. But as I stood on the deck grilling at 5pm all I could think was, “Wow! It is HOT!”

I later told Keith that with all the craziness from COVID19 I had forgotten that it was summer! As a matter of fact, we would be leaving for Falls Creek Camp tomorrow if it wasn't canceled and VBS would already be over!

With big changes like we've experienced, it's easy to let important things slip through the cracks. Our class of 2020 graduates will graduate on July 17th. We don't want to miss out on congratulating these young men and women for crossing the finish line. We will have baskets out in the foyer from June 28th-July the 19th. We will recognize our graduates on the 19th of July.

If you can, write some congratulations cards and maybe buy some gift cards for our grads.

**Our 2020 graduates are: Austin Woods, Colton Record, CJ Escobar, Destiny Morris, Haydon Williams, Jacey Howerton, Jordan Estopp, Kate Powell, Kelton Davidson.**

**Congrats, Class of 2020! Your church family is so very proud of you!**

## ***WHAT'S NEXT AT SHBC?***

We are thrilled to be gathering to worship today. But we know there is a long way to go before we can incorporate all of our ministries back into our weekly calendar.

Here is how we will proceed:

- \*We will slowly phase in our ministries, keeping watch on the advance or decline of the virus;
- \*we hope to return to our Sunday School classes in the near future; this may involve combining some classes and meeting in a larger venue to properly “social distance”;
- \*we hope to return to our Wednesday evening Bible Studies by Aug. 1, if we have enough children's workers;
- \*and then return to Sunday evening services by the time school starts.

The reasoning behind that “order of things” is that we need to limit the number of people in small spaces, necessitating the delay of moving back into small groups on Sunday mornings. We are anxious to resume all of our ministries, but we must be prudent in the way we do it. Thank you for your patience, your prayers and your grace.

## ***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.

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PHONE: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

I would like more information about Southern Heights: (Y) (N)

Prayer needs: \_\_\_\_\_

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# Covid 19 Guidelines

Covid 19 has forced many changes on all of us. Southern Heights is no exception. In response:

- \*there are sanitizing stations in the foyer and sanctuary;
- \*there are masks if you want to wear one;
- \*we closed off all of the building except for our sanctuary;
- \*we will seat families together, but 6' apart from others, and will do the same for individuals;
- \*we will collect our offerings in the foyer after the service so there can be no cross-contamination;

Thank you for your patience during this difficult time.

## SHBC Want Ads:

\* We need 6-8 happy, friendly people to serve as ***GREETERS ON SUNDAY MORNINGS*** before S.S. and Church. We will be making a few changes to our system, and would like a team of people to do this on a rotating basis. Contact Bro. k if you can help.

\*SHBC would like a team of people to handle the ***LAWN CARE ON OUR PROPERTY***. We have a nice mower, and we will supply all the tools needed. You would only have to mow once a month. Contact the Church office if you are interested.

\* ***CAMERA EQUIPMENT***- The streaming of our worship service has met with great success. We are reaching well over 1000 viewers each week with our videos. We intend to continue this ministry, but in order to do it well (good sound quality, clear picture quality) we need to make a couple of technology purchases. We don't want this to come out of an already tight budget, so we are asking for your help in the matter. Contact Brandon or the Church office if you can support this ministry.

Thank you for your gracious support.

# Southern Heights News

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## Welcome to SHBC

We are glad you have chosen to worship with us today. We hope you enjoy your time with us and will consider joining us again. Southern Heights is a growing Church that is representative of the Berryville community. We are a mixture of all ages and cultural backgrounds. We are natives of this area, and we are folks who just got here. What we share in common is a passion for Jesus Christ. That is played out in conservative theology, passionate Biblical preaching and a blended worship style. Enjoy...and come back soon.

## An Urgent Call to Prayer

Our Church faces many difficult challenges as we begin the task of "starting over" amidst a continued threat of Covid19. In making some very difficult decisions, we are presented with a steady stream of conflicting information, much of which has been proven wrong and revised multiple times in just the span of three months. What are we to do? Your staff has met on multiple occasions with various groups within our Church, seeking wise counsel.

The consensus of opinion is: we need to pray. So we are calling our Church to pray, every Sunday morning for the next month, meeting together in the Sanctuary at 10:00. We are asking God to provide us with His plan for reopening; His resources to make it happen; and His influence to make it a success. Please join us next Sunday at 10:00 a.m. for prayer.