

Bro. K: “Overs”

If you’ve ever been on or around a school yard you have heard the word: “Overs!”

Kids have a tendency to make up their own rules to most any game. I think the concept of “overs” started on a playground somewhere because adults...well, we just make things too complicated. Really, we make everything too complicated.

When I was in grade school, our version of “overs” had to do with baseball. In our rulebook, if you struck out or got caught stealing, you had the option (once a game) to wipe the slate clean and start over. Strike three? No problem, just say “Overs!”, and you got a new at-bat. What a great concept: wiping away the past.

It has a great ring to it, doesn’t it? Ever wished you could start over? Would you like to walk away from the mistakes of yesterday and begin again? That hope is at the heart of our New Years Celebration. “Ring out the old!” Who doesn’t want to do that?

There is biblical precedent for this tradition. Every year on the Day of Atonement, the High Priest of Yahweh would enter the Temple’s Holy of Holies, the inner sanctum where the presence of God was thought to dwell, and raise up an offering to seek God’s forgiveness for the sins of the past year. Once the offering was accepted, the slate was wiped clean. Everyone got to start over.

If that is your desire this New Years, the same opportunity is yours. David (a guy who sorely needed a chance to start over), once wrote that “God’s mercies are new every morning.” That means you don’t have to wait for New Years, or a High Priest...you don’t have to wait for anything. All you have to do is call on the God who loves you, and cry out, “Overs!” Strike three is forgotten, and you can begin again.



Brandon’s Blurb:

When I think about beginning a new year at SHBC, the mantra that comes to mind is *Changed Lives*.

I am convicted and convinced that we will see many lives changed in the upcoming year. God is regenerating and reviving churches all across America. Churches that have proclaimed that Jesus is Lord are having to now act in obedience to that claim. Jesus rules over all and is subservient to no one.

What will it take to see Changed Lives here at SHBC? First, we must heavily invest ourselves into our children’s ministries. Children must become our focus. Families will do what is best for their kids. When we serve and disciple children, we serve and disciple parents. Those parents invest in family, neighbors, co-workers, etc. This investment has a ripple effect on the entire church.

Secondly, we must find a way to invest in those in need of recovery from addiction: alcohol, pornography, food, prescription drugs, materialism, sex, etc. When the church becomes a hospital for the sick, God sends help and brings healing throughout the church.

Let’s dedicate 2021 to the Lord and commit to seeing changed lives for His glory. Would you pray? Would you prioritize your calendar? Would you resolve to participate in the mission God has called us to: Go into all the world making disciples, baptizing them, and teaching them all that Christ commanded. If we do this, we’ll see changed lives like never before.

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. Inside the envelope you will find a paper Christmas ornament. Put your name and the number of Bibles contributed on the paper ornament, and hang it on the Christmas tree in the foyer (we even provide the ornament hook). Share the gift of God’s Word this Christmas.



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?

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.

AN IMMEDIATE CRITICAL NEED:

Southern Heights has a couple of immediate needs in our Children's Sunday School area. We do not have enough teachers to staff the grades. In fact, since we have re-opened our Sunday School, we have not had a full roster of teachers yet. Please pray about your role in teaching our children about Jesus. There can be no greater reward than leading kids into the presence of God.

Contact Bro. k if God is leading you to this vital ministry of our Church.

Annual Business Meeting Jan. 3

Southern Heights Annual Business Meeting will be held next Sunday, January 3 at 6:00 p.m.

We will decide on an yearly budget, and make some other decisions critical to the future of our Church. If you are a member of SHBC, you should be there.

DEACONS MEETING

Our monthly deacon meeting will be January 3 at 5:00 p.m. This will make up for the meeting we lost due to snow earlier in December.

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LOTTIE MOON CHRISTMAS OFFERING FOR INTERNATIONAL MISSIONS

Each year at Christmas we take up an offering that is earmarked for global missions. The offering has been given the name "Lottie Moon Christmas Offering" in recognition of Southern Baptist's most celebrated missionary. This offering goes directly into the hands of missionaries overseas in the form of direct support, education, church training, etc. None of it ends up in the infamous "administrative cost" category. When you give to Lottie, you can know that within one month, every penny of your offering is in the hands of someone who is spreading the gospel in another country.

