

**Bro. K says: “ We Could Use a Miracle”**

A traveler was stopped at the border by a U.S. Customs Officer. Upon inspection, it was discovered that the traveler was carrying a half-gallon bottle in his luggage. The officer asked the man what it contained. He replied, “It’s holy water. I took it from a shrine I visited. They say it causes miracles, and I could use a miracle.”

The inspector was suspicious and opened the bottle and took a sniff. He shouted, “That’s not holy water! It’s tequila!”

The traveler lifted his eyes to heaven, crying out, “Praise God! Another miracle!”

We have been praying for a miracle for these last few months. I mean a real one. We’ve asked God to help us navigate our restoration of ministries within our Church following the Covid19 crisis. No small order. In fact, it is a request that requires a miracle.

God has already begun to work. We have seen miraculous care in our finances. What could have been a disaster, has been turned into a blessing.

There is much work to be done; many obstacles to overcome. But God is faithful. He WILL deliver. Be a part of the miracles to come by joining us each Sunday in prayer, at 10:00 a.m.

**SHBC STUFFS THE BUS IN JULY**

Every July, SHBC collects school supplies for Berryville students who may not be able to afford them. We collect them in a bright yellow school bus in the foyer, and then turn them over to our partners, Bright Futures.

This year we need the following:

**\*Headphones**

**\*Backpacks**

**\*Trapper Keepers**

**\*Zipper Binders**

**\*Shoes (mostly kid’s sizes)**

We are able to limit our donations to these items because the schools have received many other donations already.

**Brandon’s Blurp: ONE MAN’S TRASH IS ANOTHER MAN’S TREASURE.**

The mere mention of COVID raises my blood pressure. I (much like you) am tired of the hour-by-hour and day-by-day changes, the manipulated statistics, the political jockeying of it all. It’s trash to me. I hate what it’s done to our kids, young adults and Senior Adults. It’s just awful. But this terrible tear in the fabric of our culture is anything but trash to some folks... it’s been a treasure. A time of refreshing. A time of study. A time to slow down and draw closer to God.

This virus is awful. I’ve had friends who had it barely made it to recovery. So, I do not mean to downplay its severity. But if you were straddling the fence or looking for an emergency exit out of a situation, COVID was the excuse you likely welcomed.

I’ve had people tell me they can’t go back to work because it isn’t ‘safe’. But a float trip with 10 friends is secure. I’ve had friends tell me they’re worried about school reopening. But a trip to Silver Dollar City is a shielded activity.

We make excuses. Or, we make a way. It’s who we are. Hebrews 10:25 is a direct command for the people of God to *assemble* together. Why? Because as a follower of Jesus, meeting with God’s people is a treasure. It’s trash to those who don’t know Him. But it’s like precious gold for those who love Him. What’s your treasure? We are praying for a time when everyone will feel safe at SHBC.

***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 Sept. 1, if we have enough children’s workers by that time;

\*then return to Sun. evening services shortly thereafter.

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

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

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

Prayer needs: \_\_\_\_\_  
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## 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.

\*Due to the increased emphasis on video streaming our worship services, we need a few more people to ***VOLUNTEER TO BE PART OF OUR TECHNOLOGY TEAM***. We need computer operators, camera persons, sound techs, etc. If you can help in these areas, please give Brandon a call and he can answer all your questions. No experience required.

\*We are in great need of volunteers to help in our Church nursery during Sunday worship. You will only have to work once a quarter if we get enough helpers. Thank you for your support!

## Southern Heights News

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## Hot Dogs & Fireworks!

Next Saturday is Independence Day! We will have our annual July 4th celebration, beginning at 7:00 p.m. with a Hot Dog Feast. We will be eating in the Fellowship Hall (due to the heat). We will supply the dogs and the buns, the tea, water and lemonade, and the condiments. We need you to bring chips, desserts and outdoor games like cornhole, horseshoes, giant ginga and anything else you want to bring. At approximately 9:00, the city (and the neighborhood) will put on the Berryville Fireworks display. You may bring your own fireworks to shoot if you like.

## 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 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 each Sunday at 10:00 for prayer.