

Bro. k says: “On Unrequited Love”

It’s a common story: Boy meets girl; boy loses girl when she goes home to Sweden; boy (who is 15) hitchhikes and flies 2700 miles to see his 17 year-old dream girl. Think of it as having faith– faith that the romance was destined to survive; faith that his true love was pining for him just as he was pining for her; faith that no mountain range, ocean or international border would stand between them. Or...just consider the whole thing a really bad idea.

The boy was just 13 miles from his Swedish dream girl’s home when the police picked him up. A quick flurry of phone calls followed, and the girl’s father picked the young man up and deposited him at the airport for a sad flight home. Why? Because in spite of the young man’s faith in romance, the girl had already decided enough was enough. She didn’t want to see him again.

Is faith really enough to move mountains? Or at least soften a Swedish girl’s heart? Sometimes we confuse an intense desire to get what we want, with an intense desire to do what God wants. They’re not the same. And if mountains are going to be moved, it won’t be because those mountains are between us and our goals. They’ll be moved because God wants the mountains moved and we’re cooperating with his mountain-relocation program.

Is there a mountain in your life you’d like moved? Pray this: “God, let me see clearly if this is a mountain you want moved. Help me cooperate with your purposes.”

Brandon’s Blurp: “I can’t go with you guys tonight because I have Catechism Class”. Those were the words of my high school friend, Debbie Smithson, after we invited her to go bowling my sophomore year of high school. I had some questions: “What is a catechism?” “Why do you have to go to a class for it?” “Why is this more important than bowling?”

Debbie was Catholic. As a Southern Baptist kid, I had no idea what happened outside of Southern Baptist life. I was raised to believe that ‘we’ were right and everyone else was wrong or, worse, damned. In the coming years I would learn there were traditions, sometimes ancient, outside my Southern Baptist upbringing that were beautiful and instrumental for sanctification and discipleship. A good catechism was one of those traditions I learned to appreciate.

A catechism is a collection of Questions and Answers designed to teach someone what they believe and to clearly articulate *why* they believe it. I was shocked in Bible College to find out that this method of discipleship was used by the Church for over 1500 years and that Baptists had their own catechism! I found a Christian Book Distributor catalog and ordered three things: 1) The 1689 London Baptist Confession of Faith, 2) The Westminster Confession of Faith, and 3) the Shorter Baptist Catechism.

The first question was so simple, yet prolific: **Q)** What is the chief end of man? **A)** To glorify God and to enjoy Him forever. The second question elaborates: **Q)** What has God given us to rule over and direct how we may glorify Him and enjoy Him? **A)** The Word of God, which is contained in the Scriptures of the Old and New Testaments, is the only rule to direct us how we may glorify and enjoy God.

80% of Southern Baptist teenagers will leave for college and stop attending church for most of the rest of their lives. Less than 20% of catechized children will leave. I think we can learn from that and start teaching this at home, Sunday School, and in our worship. If you’re on Amazon, check out the New City Catechism. It’s a great place to start. And btw, the app is free!

Bible Reading Plan

As a continuing effort to become more and more a “People of the Book”, we would like to offer each member or friend of SHBC a study plan to help you read through the New Testament in one year. It is a very simple plan and requires less than 10 minutes per day to complete. Copies of this reading plan are available in the foyer.

YOUR CHURCH NEEDS YOU. YOUR WORLD NEEDS THE CHURCH.

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: _____

SHBC IS FEEDING BHS

THIS TUESDAY, August 3, Southern Heights is **FEEDING THE BERRYVILLE HIGH SCHOOL BAND** during their "Band Camp" week.

They will be practicing every day in the hot sun, and really need to be fed and hydrated well. That's where we come in. The Church will supply the meat, veggies and drinks, and would **ASK IF SOME OF YOU COULD SUPPLY THE DESSERTS.**

We are expecting around 70 students, so we could use a bunch of desserts.

We could also use some **ASSISTANCE IN PREPARING AND SERVING THE MEAL.**

If you can help, please contact Brenda Snyder, or call the Church office.

Thank you in advance for your gracious help.



Quarterly Business Meeting

Tonight at 6 we will hold our quarterly business meeting, covering the months of April, May and June. Financial statements will be available at the meeting.

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COVID ROUND 2 PRECAUTIONS

With each passing day, new cases of Covid (be it 19 or the new variant) are popping up around us.

This is how we will proceed:

*We will NOT close down our Church, period.

*We will take the same precautions we took during the height of the previous Covid scare.

*We will provide masks and hand sanitizer to anyone who needs them; we encourage their use if it comes to that level of threat.

*We will offer socially distanced seating if conditions warrant
*Mostly we ask that we all use the same common sense approach that got us through the prior outbreaks over the past year and a half.

*If you have any symptoms, simply stay home.

*If you are aware of having had contact with someone testing positive for the virus, stay home for a week or so.

I am aware of the controversial nature of Covid protocols. But I would urge those who have not yet had a vaccine to get one. 92% of new cases over the past 60 days have been among those who have not been vaccinated. We have an opportunity to eradicate this disease in much the same way we have polio, small-pox and a host of other diseases removed by vaccines. I make this suggestion because I love my Church, and want to see the end of the disruption caused by this disease. Having said that, the best thing any of us can do is to follow the common sense guidelines we have in the past, which have proven 100% effective over the course of this year and a half long pandemic.