

Jesus Centered - Word Driven

#### **DECEMBER 2022**

Sundays: Bible Study 9:30 AM ♦ Worship 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM
Wednesdays: Prayer, Bible Study, Youth, RA's, GA's, Mission Friends 6:00 PM, Worship Choir 7:15 PM



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Hi All! Normally this page is reserved for the Pastor's message but this month I was not given one to share with the congregation. I decided to do some research and I am sure some of you read the newsletter for some spiritual guidance and encouragement. Please note I am not a Pastor, nor do I have any formal education in Pastoral Studies other than classes I took while attending the University of the Cumberlands. Today's article came from reading chapter 1 of Luke and some takeaways I got from it.

Allen Howard recently had a message sent out regarding accepting the challenge to read all of the Book of Luke. He said if you start on December 1<sup>st,</sup> you could have it completed by Christmas eve. I said OKAY I am currently reading Deuteronomy because I heard my Pastor say in the last few weeks ago that of all the New Testament books Jesus quoted from it was Deuteronomy he quoted from the most. I was like is that so and if so I guess I need to investigate this book. But I'll work to fit Luke into my readings.

So, what about Luke chapter 1? Man, what an opener! We first learn about John the Baptist parents and how they were up in years and his mother was barren but because they had kept the commandments and were blameless would soon have a child. Not only a child but a child who would prepare the World for the Messiah. "For with God, nothing shall be impossible." Wonder what would happen in our lives if we keep the commandments could the impossible happen to us too? Wow, the possibilities. So strive to keep the commandments so that God can work in your lives.

Another takeaway I got from the chapter was his father's doubt and how that cost him his voice for a while could you imagine something so great as speaking to an angel and getting an impossible blessing to not be able to talk about it, shout about it,

etc? I mean if something you thought good could NEVER happen for you and you couldn't express it vocally. I don't know about you but I think I would burst if I couldn't express myself vocally. See his father had doubts and lacked faith and as a result lost something when he could have had faith and expressed joy. When we don't have faith we miss out, are a hindrance to God's will for our lives, and as a result, can miss the blessings he can provide us but also to others through us. So keep the Faith!

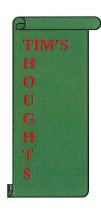
Now John the Baptist what did it say about him being great "for he shall be great in the sight of the Lord and shall drink neither wine nor strong drink." Sounds like God wanted someone who did not drink and could be great in the sight of the Lord to prepare the World for the Messiah. I wonder does this means if one drinks, he could not be great or just a conscience that was in the same verse. I don't know about you, but I'll keep alcohol off my lips if he didn't want it for John the Baptist it's not for me either.

So now on to Mary... She also had a visit from an angel to tell her about the child she would soon conceive and bore. She unlike John the Baptist's father did not doubt but asked how. She keeps the faith even when to man it would be impossible for a virgin to conceive a child.

I have way more takeaways from what I can write in this article, but I'll leave you with the last takeaway I got from the chapter. "To give light to them that sit in darkness and in the shadow of death, to guide our feet into the way of peace." Who is this talking about why Jesus Christ the Messiah. Does this not want to make you turn the page or what to learn more about the child who can guide our feet into the way of peace. Not A way of peace but THE way of peace. Want to learn more how this is possible? Turn the page (Luke Chapter 2) .....

Until Next time Goodnight John Boy, Goodnight Everybody!

Written by- Shannon A. Parker



I am looking forward to a wonderful Christmas season! Our students are still studying the Book of Acts on Wednesday evenings. We are about halfway through. On Sunday mornings I am taking them through the Bible study "Experiencing God for Youth."

I cannot tell you how much it has meant to me to be able to have this experience with the youth of Southern Heights! The potential in this group is great and I know that in time they will be moving in the right direction.

We will be having a Christmas wrapping fundraiser followed by the Youth Christmas party on Friday, December 16th. We will be wrapping presents for a donation for next year's summer camp. We are asking folks to bring in their presents from 5:30-7:30 PM.

It has been a joy serving as your Interim Youth Pastor. As I've stated in the past, my last day will be Christmas Sunday, December 25th. That will make approximately 4 months serving as an interim. Of course, if the church calls a new youth pastor I will simply bow out of my role and hand it over. Please continue to pray for God to send the right person to take the youth into the future.

Pam and I want to wish everyone a very

**Merry Christmas!** 



Love you all,

**Pastor Tim** 



Dear Wonderful Friends at Southern Heights,

It has been in my heart for several months to write to you, precious folks. I had the privilege to get to meet some of you at the Grand Opening, of the new wing of our Christian school, here at Harlan.

I felt an instant loving Christlike bond. You have warm and kind hearts. The students and I enjoyed our classroom so much! It's dressed up in a Patriotic theme of red, white, and blue.

How can we express our happiness for your generosity? We now have a roomy closet for all our backpacks. We even have storage for books, supplies, and a student mailbox! It has sure helped us from tripping overcoats and belongings.

I have 11 precious students, that are soaking up English, U.S. History, and Reading. Grades 5, 6, and 7. These kids are enjoying lively, fun learning, but most of all, learning each day about our Lord Jesus. Thank you for your investment in our little rag-tag group of precious souls. They are respectful and grateful kids. Many could not be here without your generosity.

I was so amazed when receiving my check, and there was extra, and it was from you! **Thank** you so much.

I will be 71 in 2 days and have taught both in Christian and Public Schools. I have a Master's in education, and this is my 21<sup>st</sup> year of teaching. What a heartfelt blessing it is to be here. **May the Lord richly bless you for your kindness.** 

Please pray for each of my dear students to know and learn to walk with God.

In Christ- Jane Schwenke

# December 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27 1st Sunday Advent 9:30am Bible Study 10:45am Morning Worship 6:00pm No Evening Service	28	29 2:00pm SHBC @ Northpoint Nursing Home 7:30pm Diamond Plus, Fellowship Hall (7:30-9:30p)	6:00pm Children in Action (1-5th gr.) 6:00pm Mission Friends (preschool) 6:00pm Prayer, Bible Study 6:00pm Youth 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir	1 10:00am Art Class in Fellowship Hall (Barb Riddle) 10- 11:30 6:00pm Round Dancers, Fellowship Hall, 6-10p	5:00pm Lamplighters Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall	3 4:00pm Reserved for Caterers and Hospitality Team- Bill Boldt Retirement Celebration is the following day
4 No EVENING Service 9:30am Bible Study 10:45am Special Morning Service with Guest Speakers from KBC & SBC 12:00pm Retirement Celebration Pastor Bill Boldt	5:00pm Go-Getters Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall	6 2:00pm SHBC @ Northpoint Nursing Home 7:30pm Diamond Plus, Fellowship Hall (7:30-9:30p)	7 6:00pm Children in Action (1-5th gr.) 6:00pm Mission Friends (preschool) 6:00pm Prayer, Bible Study 6:00pm Youth 7:15pm Sanctuary Choir	8 10:00am Art Class in Fellowship Hall (Barb Riddle) 10- 11:30	9 10:00am Dulcimer Class meets in Choir Room 5:00pm Fellowship Hall Reserved (decorating/Blair)	9:00am Fellowship Hall Reserved (Blair/Model A Club Dinner 9a- 4p) 11:30am Woman W Hope Christmas Party at The Gift Box; Activities to follow at the SHBC Choir Room
9:30am Bible Study 10:45am Morning Worship 4:45pm Finance Ministry Team Meeting, Lamplighters Room 5:00pm Kid FAMILY Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall 6:00pm Evening Service	6:00pm Deacon Christmas Party, Fellowship Hall	8:00am Life Line Screening, Fellowship Hall (all day) 2:00pm SHBC @ Northpoint Nursing Home 7:30pm Diamond Plus, Fellowship Hall (7:30-9:30p)	6:00pm Business Meeting, Prayer, Bible Study 6:00pm Children in Action (1-5th gr.) 6:00pm Mission Friends (preschool) 6:00pm Youth 7:00pm Sanctuary	15 10:00am Art Class in Fellowship Hall (Barb Riddle) 10-11:30 6:00pm Round Dancers (Christmas Dance), Fellowship Hall, 6-10p (last dance of 2022)	16 5:30pm Youth FundRaiser Event- Christmas Wrapping 7:00pm Youth Christmas Party	6:00pm Right Direction Christmas Party- at Kim & Arnie Combs home  17 9:00am Dress Rehearsal 2, in Sanctuary
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#### SHBC KIDS



Happy December! Wow, 2022, has FLOWN by.... seems like the older we get the faster time goes by.

We are currently emphasizing Daily Time with Jesus in our SHBC Kids classes.

Here's an update on what's been going onand what to expect with SHBC Kids.

1st: Thank you to EVERYONE who came and helped with, participated, and attended our Trunk or Treat in October.



2<sup>nd</sup>: Our "Being a Jesus Follower" class is in session and going strong. We continue to discuss what it means to follow Jesus every day not sometimes but always. We've made "God Boxes" to place special items from our daily walks with Jesus. We've discussed how to become a Jesus Follower, Baptism, Communion, who the Church is, and Serving.



3<sup>rd</sup>: Over the last month or so we've completed a few service projects, 7 shoeboxes for Operation Christmas Child (sorry I forgot to take a picture), and Backpacks for the Homeless.

Finally: Let's PARTY..... FAMILY Christmas PARTY on Sunday 12/11/22, 5p-7p. ALL kids and families are invited. We will have pizza, desserts, family crafts and games, and more (wink-wink, hint-hint: kids - taping Ms. Shannon to the wall or spray painting her hair, or smashing cake in her face)





As always if you have any questions, ideas, or concerns, or would like to volunteer with SHBC Kids please contact Shannon O'Mara at 859-967-4792.

MERRY CHRISTMAS!!!

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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

#### GREETER'S SCHEDULE

2nd	Gussi Smith	16th	Becky Reynolds	12/4	Don Carter	Front
4th	Chris Upchurch	16th	Mary Ann Parker	12/4	Rena Reed	Rear
5th	Taylor Gipson	17th	Fred Anderson	12/11	Barbara Riddle	Front
9th	David Arnold	19th	Lacey Goodpaster	12/11	Karen Blair	Rear
11th	Daniel Perkins	21st	Randall Warner	12/18	Brenda Howard	Front
11th	John Bolender	27th	Betty Keefe	12/18	Joe Vice	Rear
12th	Chase Harberson	30th	Shirley Welch	12/25	Bill Grant	Front
13th	Kevin Wesley	31st	Haysten Robinson	12/25	Linda Grant	Rear
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				12/31	Margaret Kropf	Rear

## DEACON OF THE WEEK

Week Dec	4th- Dec 10th	Ryan Jones
Week Dec	11th - Dec 17th	Larry Reynolds
Week Dec	18th - Dec 24th	Charlie Watts
Week Dec	25th - Dec 30th	Jerry England
Week Dec	31st - Jan 6th	Ben Harberson

#### **UPCOMING CHRISTMAS PARTIES**

12/2 5:00 PM LAMPLIGHTERS, in the Fellowship Hall GO-GETTERS, in the Fellowship Hall 12/5 5:00 PM RIGHT DIRECTION, at Kim & Arnie's Combs Home 12/10 6:00 PM WOMEN WITH HOPE, at the Gift Box with activities to follow in the Choir Room 12/10 11:30 AM SHBC KID'S, in the Fellowship Hall. Families are encouraged to attend. 12/11 5:00 PM DEACONS, in the Fellowship Hall 12/12 6:00 PM 12/16 YOUTH, in the Fellowship Hall. Gift wrapping fundraiser prior from 5:30-7:30 pm. 7:30 PM

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Ryan and Kayla Jones invite you to the Jones Family **Christmas Light and Music Show** at 1748 Abbington Hill, Lexington. **December 1-January 1, 6:00-9:00 pm** nightly except in heavy rain. Over 10,000 Christmas lights dance to music and the Christmas story narration is presented. Tune your radio to 89.5 FM for the music and narration. We hope you can join us for our 9th season. Visit <a href="https://www.Facebook.com/JonesFamilyLights">www.Facebook.com/JonesFamilyLights</a> for updates.



Who will be your Pastor? The **deadline** to submit people to serve on the Pastoral Search Committee is **Sunday, December 4**<sup>th</sup>.



Special Service and Appreciation Banquet for Pastor Bill and Diane Boldt. Join us for worship and lunch on Sunday, December 4 as we say goodbye to our pastor and family after 10 years of ministry at Southern Heights Baptist! Worship includes guest speaker David Stokes and several tributes to the Boldts. Everyone is invited for lunch afterward in Fellowship Hall. Cards and gifts are welcome, along with your words of encouragement and thanks.



Reminder **Lifeline Screening** is here at the church building on **Tuesday, December 13**<sup>th</sup>. The four screenings that will be offered are Carotid Artery Disease, Peripheral Arterial Disease (PAD), Abdominal Aortic Aneurysm (AAA), and Atrial Fibrillation (Afib). **If you would like to be screened registration is required prior to the date.** You can call **877-792-8479** or visit **LLSA.SOCIAL.LC**. There is a cost associated with the screening.