

Jesus-Centered - Word Driven

MAY, 2023

Sundays: Bible Study 9:30 AM ◆ Worship 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM

Wednesdays: Prayer, Bible Study, Youth, Children in Action, Mission Friends 6:00 PM, Worship Choir 7:15 PM



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### **Looking Back at April**

What a wonderful April we had at Southern Heights Baptist Church.

At the beginning of the month, our choir led us in a wonderful Easter musical. Maria Lester did a phenomenal job preparing this excellent group of singers and musicians to use their gifts to honor the Lord on Palm Sunday. Special appreciation goes to the sound team and the children who blessed us with waving palms through the aisles.

Easter Sunday was a great joy as the church gathered for a Sunrise service, breakfast, and a powerful worship service. Our theme was the "Greatest Comeback Ever" and what a blessing it was to see such a large group of folks attend the service that morning. I left the church that day very uplifted.

On April 16<sup>th</sup> we launched our "John 3:16" Sermon Series. Over the course of these four weeks we are looking intently at the most recognizable verse in the entire Bible. Prepare to be reminded that God Loves, God Gave, and if We Believe, then We Live. I hope you will bring a friend or family member throughout the duration of this series.

#### **Upcoming Sunday Mornings**

Here is a look at the topics we are studying on Sunday mornings in May.

May 7 - "We Live" John 3:16

May 14 – "Honoring Mothers" Ephesians 6:1-3

May 21 – "Forgiving One Another" Matthew 18:21-35

May 28 – "Mephibosheth: A Story of Grace" 2 Samuel 9:3-12

### **Interim Coming to an End**

On my first Sunday as your interim, I shared that one of my promises is that I would eventually leave. Sadly, that day is fast approaching. I am given the opportunity to serve as an interim only for a six month period and that is set to expire at the end of June. However, because of a two week family vacation and the Southern Baptist Convention Annual Meeting in New Orleans, I will be out of state too much to be free to preach in June. Therefore, my last Sunday with you will be on May 28<sup>th</sup>. That is Memorial Day weekend and I hope you will try to be here. If not, I would love to see you on May 21<sup>st</sup>.

I have given your deacons the names of some folks to potentially fill the pulpit until a pastor is voted on. I have no doubt that the Lord has a great pastor in store for you. I have bragged about your church to at least two people who applied for the position and am rooting for you to find the best fit for your church.

Please be in prayer for me as I begin another interim position on July 1<sup>st</sup>.

Southern Heights has been such a blessing to me and my family. You have given me the love and support that I have missed since leaving the pastorate to serve churches in our state convention. Thankfully, I live just 15 miles away so I hope we can minister together at some point in the near future. We still have another full month together so let's make it count!

With a Thankful Heart, Michael Cabell

### **Youth Ministry**

Lately, we have been walking through contemporary social issues, such as transgenderism and homosexuality. We have several other topics still to cover before completing this study, which will likely continue throughout May. On April 22<sup>nd</sup> we had our first outreach event, the Southern Stampede. We advertised on Facebook and sent out over 4,000 flyers to local schools regarding the event. We are following that up with a game night at the Turners on April 29<sup>th</sup> at 630pm. As May approaches, we are getting ready for Youth Camp at Crossings.

### Women's Ministry

The Womens' Ministry is continuing its Discipleship call on Sundays at 5 pm. On May 6<sup>th</sup> at 8 am ladies, you are welcome to a breakfast with the Mens' Brotherhood in the Fellowship Hall of the church building. If you are interested in attending the breakfast, please RSVP with Kayla Jones by May 1<sup>st</sup>. Following breakfast, we will have a garden and a Devotional in the gardens. In June we plan to start a year-round bible study on Thursdays. If you would be interested in joining, please sign up on the bulletin board outside the Lamplighters Room. The 1<sup>st</sup> class is scheduled to start Thursday, June 8<sup>th</sup>. The time and location is still to be determined.

### **Assurance Baby Bottle Blessings**



Assurance Baby Bottle Blessings campaign supports those facing unplanned pregnancies in our community. If you would like to support the campaign Southern Heights Baptist Church will be collecting from Mother's Day (May 14<sup>th</sup>) to Father's Day (June 18<sup>th</sup>) any cash, change, or check that you would like to contribute to the campaign. Please place your contributions in one of the empty bottles found in the church sanctuary. Feel free to take an empty bottle and bring it back to the church by June 18, 2023. See below for other options to contribute. Thank you.

The support we receive through our Baby Bottle Blessings campaign is critical to our ability to continue to offer free medical services, accurate information, emotional support, and practical help to the families we serve.

# THREE EASY OPTIONS TO SAVE AND CHANGE LIVES!

- FILL A BOTTLE with change, cash, or checks.
- GIVE ONLINE www.babybottleblessings.org.
- MAIL A CHECK TO ASSURANCE 1517 Nicholasville Rd., Suite 405 Lexington, KY 40503. Include the name of your church.



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May 2	Linda Goodlett	May 13
May 5	Joyce Manley	May 17
May 6	Suzanne Passovoy	May 18
May 6	Katelyn Fields	May 26
May 9	Jean Burkett	May 26
May 11	Ken Fields	May 30
May 12	Ann Wesley	-



Date	Front	Rear
May 7th	Brenda Howard	Joe Vice
May 14th	Bill Grant	<b>Linda Grant</b>
May 21st	Bill Landrum	Margaret Kropf
May 28th	Don Carter	Rena Reed



## Men's Brotherhood Breakfast and Bible Study Saturday, May 6th @ 8 am in the Fellowship Hall

The Men's Brotherhood would like to invite you, men, to a time of food, fellowship, and study of God's word.



Church-wide Service & Dinner Wednesday, May 24th @ 6 pm in the Fellowship Hall

The Hospitality team is in discussions regarding the menu. More details to come.....



# SHBC KIDS



# Thank yous!!!!!! It takes a village, SHBC Family!

Everyone who has contributed to Backpacks for the Homeless (Romans 12:13). Students' goals are 24 backpacks this time. We will continue to collect until 4/30/23. ALL items (including the backpack) are available for purchase at the Dollar Tree. If you prefer to give money for items please give to Shannon O'Mara, Tiffany Bolender, or Becky Reynolds.

Spring Stampede..... huge success...... our humble opinions! We reached different families thanks to Pastor Scott for finding out how to update the schools about our events. We gave out 45 buckets and had at least 6 families from Sandersville Elementary, a few from Stonewall, & a few from Wellington. Thank you to YOUTH (Zoey, Jaden, Jordan, Hannah, Zane, and Iszak) for helping. ESPECIALLY with teardown, "I think those boys out worked us." as one member said. We learned a lot and will be better with each event!

**STUDENTS!!!** Our students are working on how to be a true Jesus follower and live this daily. They are excited to take on new challenges to spend time with God (Luke 9:23-24). They each reached at least part of their goals during their Lent Challenges, many completing their whole challenge. Give them a "Good Job" the next time you see them. Very excited to see them grow if you are their Pen Pal ask them about their personal Lent Challenge.

**VOLUNTEERS!!!** Did you see all the volunteers that came out to help with the Spring Stampede. What about the volunteers who are being Pen Pals with our students. And we already have 30 volunteers COMMITTED to VBS with another 5 praying, and 1 volunteer dinner catered. We must give a shout out to our ever present, never tiring, and always giving - Ms. Tiffany, Ms. Becky, Mr. Ben, and Ms. Lonni ①.

## **UPCOMING**

**VBS** of course! VBS is LESS THAN 60 DAYS AWAY! Tell your friends, register your students, tell their friends! Registration is online this year and open NOW, go to <a href="https://shbckids.myanswers.com/vbs2023/">https://shbckids.myanswers.com/vbs2023/</a> and register! Fliers will be available with the website and QR code to hand out and in the bulletin. There's still time to volunteer and help! Please watch for communication about upcoming VBS training, 1<sup>st</sup> up will be safety and security -being proactive and not reactive. (Ephesians 6: 10-11)

**KIDS CAMP:** July 9-13, 2023, "Contains Recycled Parts" (2 Corinthians 5:16-17) Camp Joy is in Brownsville, KY, visit their website at campjoybaptist.com. Please watch for information to go home 4/30/23.