

Jesus Centered - Word Driven
NOVEMBER 2023

Sundays: Bible Study 9:30 AM ♦ Worship 10:45 AM & 6:00 PM Wednesdays: Prayer, Bible Study, Youth, Kids 6:00 PM, Worship Choir 7:15 PM



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Shane Maples, Pastor

Scott Turner, Youth Pastor

Maria Lester, Minister of Music

Thanksgiving Service with Communion and Soup & Sandwich

Tuesday, November 21st 6:00 P.M. in Fellowship Hall

Congregation is asked to bring a dessert



Please note there will be no service on Wednesday, Nov 22nd. Also, the church office will be closed from Nov 22-Nov 27



"Let us not become discouraged in doing good, for in due time we will reap, if we do not become weary." – Galatians 6:9 (NASB)

What a joy it has been to serve as your pastor and to get to know all of you wonderful people! For the past six weeks, we have been preaching through the book of Galatians. I feel that this verse is a very fitting way to end our time in that great book. We have done some good work! Our Fall Festival in September was a huge success. Our choir had an extremely productive and well-led retreat. As I am typing this, our brotherhood ministry is hard at work in the church building, ministering by keeping our facilities in great shape. I have heard from so many of you regarding people in your lives that you are burdened for, and I look forward to hearing how those burdens turn into stories of more marvelous works of God's grace.

While we have much to be thankful for, there is no time for us to grow weary in the work of love. October 31 presents another opportunity for us to take the Gospel to Lexington as we come together for our Trunk or Treat! If you can be here, be here! If you cannot be here, pray! And pray some more! May this be a place our community can safely come and experience the love of our Savior on a day which is typically marred by worldly and demonic influences. What an opportunity the Lord has given us!

We are also undergoing a few unique challenges right now. As you all know, our youth pastor Scott is currently spending much of his time with his daughter Eden. That ten-year-old girl has taught me so much about having strength in times of trials. While going through her battle, she has remained so positive and cheerful! Continue to cover the Turners in your prayers. Also, recognize that we have a great youth group here at Southern Heights and they deserve to know that we feel that way! You have heard it said that the youth are the church of tomorrow. While well intended, I believe that statement to be erroneously false. Our youth are filled with the same Holy Spirit that I am. They are the church of today and a vital part of it! With that said, while Scott must be away more frequently, it is time for us to stand up and support both him and our youth. Exactly what that looks like remains to be seen, but do not be surprised if you hear from me regarding something that you can do to help. (And yes, my expectation is that you answer with a resounding "yes!") But one thing I know you can do even now is pray!

There are many other needs that are ongoing in our church family. These needs include spiritual, physical, financial, and emotional struggles. It is a blessing to be a part of a faith family here who love each other so dearly; may we love each other even more as we bear one another's burdens. I will say this: Satan doesn't attack a dormant church. I firmly believe great things are ahead for us, provided we continue in our work of doing good. Do not grow weary, church! God is good and it is a joy to serve Him together as His people!

"Let us labor for the Master from the dawn til' setting sun. Let us talk of all His wondrous love and care. Then when all of life is over and our work on Earth is done, and the roll is called up yonder I'll be there!"

Go now in the love and grace of our Lord.

Pastor Shane



Southern Heights Baptist Church

Women's ministry is currently having **Women + Biblical Prophecy** on Sunday evenings at 5 p.m. running from now through November 12<sup>th</sup>.

**Women + Bible Study** is being held on Monday's and Thursday's mornings at 11 a.m. Also starting on November 19<sup>th</sup> **Widows + Gathering Hope** will be offered on Sundays after the morning church service. If you would like to attend, please remember to bring a bag lunch



#### Time change

Remember to set your clocks back one hour before bed on Saturday, November 4<sup>th</sup>



As we go into the season of Thanksgiving let us remember that God asks that in EVERYTHING, we are to give THANKS. My hope for you is that not only now in this season but all seasons you are grateful,

and thankful, and know you are blessed. As we enter this holiday season enter it with a thankful heart because if you are like me you have to maintain it to get through some family get togathers. I'm very thankful for you all!



Men's Brotherhood Breakfast & Bible Study **Saturday, November 4**<sup>th</sup> @ **8:00 a.m.** in the Fellowship Hall at SIIBC

Men start your weekend off right... come join us as we learn from God.



### **Harlan County Christian School**

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Silly Saints Clown Ministry came to talk to our kids about making good decisions and following Jesus! We loved having the silly saints and our kids had such a fun time!







### **Harlan County Christian School**

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Fun Friday at HCCS! Our little Warriors loved dressing up for career day and getting to spend the day with a big buddy. Thank you to all who came out to be with us, our kids had the best time.





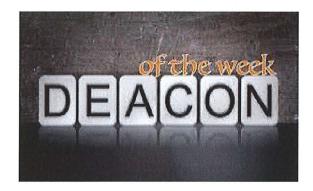
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## **BIRTHDAYS**

| 1  | Bill    | Landrum  | 12 | Scott    | Turner    |
|----|---------|----------|----|----------|-----------|
| 1  | Amy     | Walls    | 13 | Alberta  | Obenshain |
| 3  | Lynette | Perkins  | 14 | Jerry    | England   |
| 5  | Allen   | Howard   | 16 | Kim      | Gipson    |
| 5  | Jakub   | Lee      | 17 | Fred     | Rue       |
| 7  | Anna    | Planck   | 19 | John     | Blair     |
| 8  | Nathan  | Ratcliff | 20 | Donna    | Redwine   |
| 10 | Ashford | Sonii    | 26 | Courtney | Rue       |
| 11 | Jean    | Martin   | 26 | Kayla    | Jones     |
| 12 | Ronnie  | Rue      | 28 | Sara     | Howard    |
| 12 | Erin    | Kieh     |    |          |           |



| 10/29 | Ben Harberson        |  |  |
|-------|----------------------|--|--|
| 11/5  | Allen Howard         |  |  |
| 11/12 | Manuel Howard        |  |  |
| 11/19 | Ryan Jones           |  |  |
| 11/26 | Larry Reynolds       |  |  |
| 12/3  | <b>Charlie Watts</b> |  |  |



# **GREETERS SCHEDULE**

| 10/29 | Brenda Howard & Joe Vice          |
|-------|-----------------------------------|
| 11/5  | Bill & Linda Grant                |
| 11/12 | Bill Landrum & Margaret Kropf     |
| 11/19 | Don Carter & Rena Reed            |
| 11/26 | Barbara Riddle & Frances Anderson |