

Jesus Centered - Word Driven

OCTOBER, 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



Southern Heights Baptist Church Welcomes New Pastor Shane Maples



"I was glad when they said to me, 'Let's go to the house of the Lord." – Psalm 122:1 (NASB) I was GLAD when they said to me, "We have just voted you in as our next pastor!"

From that moment forward, I could not wait to go to the house of the Lord together with you all, my new faith family, and worship and serve our God. I can tell you that from my very first conversation with your pastor search team (who was EXTREMELY thorough, might I add) I felt a strong pull to Southern Heights. In no way did I ever mistake it to be a perfect church, for no such thing exists this side of Heaven, but I felt at home with the people I met along the journey to get here, and I feel even more at home now that I have been here these first few weeks. I believe that God has amazing things in store for our church, and I am excited to be a part of it with you. I want to spend the next few minutes outlining to you some of the things you can prepare for, and some of the things you will inevitably grow tired of hearing from me for as long as I am here!

"We have a book!" I have made this a sort of slogan of mine over the past few years, and you will hear it a lot in my preaching and teaching. In our world, we have issues. In our nation, we have issues. In our state, we have issues. In our city, we have issues. In our community, we have issues. And, yes, in our church, we have issues. If we do not now, we will one day, because as Charles Spurgeon once said, "The best of men are but men at best." We must not be afraid of issues! We must instead be willing and ready to address them as they arise. But for every issue we will ever face, we have a book! God has given us His holy, inerrant Word. For every disagreement in the Southern Baptist Convention, every quibble in the local church, and every political agenda in our world today, we have a book that tells us exactly what to do and where to stand. It is vital that we remember that Scripture is our authority and is the only source that we must turn to in order to discern right from wrong.

"Have you prayed?" Get ready to hear that question over and over again. Have a complaint about something in the church? Great, I'm all ears! Have you prayed? Losing sleep over a diagnosis or a bad situation at work? I'm sorry to hear that. Have you prayed? Got a tough decision coming up that you have no idea what you're going to do about? I would love to talk with you, but have you prayed? We worry too much for a people who are called by God's name and are indwelt by His Spirit. We allow earthly, temporal things to inexplicably bog us down in the midst of a blessed hope and assurance that Jesus is ours. We complain too much for a people who should be too busy lifting each other up to the Lord.

"To Lexington; to the world." I am grateful to be stepping into a mission-minded church. I am thankful for the work done in and around our community, for the work taking place in Harlan, and for the cheerful giving to support missions at home and abroad. There is always more to be done, however. Our mission is to take the Gospel of Jesus Christ to Lexington and to the world. May we be found as faithful servants who, according to Ephesians 4:1-3, walk worthy of our calling with humility, gentleness, patience, love, diligence, unity, and peace.

With grace and peace,

Pastor Shane



HARLAN COUNTY CHRISTIAN SCHOOL

We have been busy at HCCS.

We are only a month into the new year, and we have already participated in our first event/fundraiser. We were excited to help host the 2nd Annual Challenge Games, along with the Harlan County Shriners'.

The event brought joy to so many who were able to come out and be a part of the games for Special Needs children. The fairgrounds were also filled with Inflatables, food, and a special Fire Truck display.

We look forward to see what next year has in store for us as the event keeps reaching out and touching so many hearts in Harlan and other surrounding counties. — Julie Collins





Southern Heights Baptist Church

Women + Discipleship Class is beginning held on Sundays through October 15th at 5 pm. Starting October 22nd we will be starting a Women + Biblical Prophecy



Men's Brotherhood Breakfast & Bible Study **Saturday, October 7th 8:00 a.m.** Fellowship Hall at SHBC

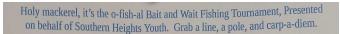
Men start your weekend off right... come join us as we learn from God.



Trunk or Treat

Oct. 31, 2023, 6-8 p

Please start collecting
candy. A tote will be
placed in the back
hallway the 1st week of
October.



Sat. Oct. 28th at Jacobson Park Shelter #2

Tournament rules:

Hours: 11am to 6:30pm due to park hours. You are not required to be at the park the entire time; set your schedule with your fishing partner.

Teams of 2 must include 1 Adult and 1 Student.

A parent, guardian, or relative can partner with a student, but the intention is to fellowship with someone outside of your household.



SHBC Youth will provide 1 day fishing licenses for any student without one.

There is no cost to participate, above what costs you may incur for a fishing license. However, it is strongly encouraged that after this tournament you be willing to take your partner fishing again in the near future.



Prizes will be awarded for:

Most fish caught*
Largest fish (by length)*
Heaviest fish (by weight)*

*Please note that while embellishment is common in fish stories, honesty is encouraged at all church events.



BIRTHDAYS



GREETERS

6	Marla Fields	20	Pat Abbott	10/1	Bill Grant
8	Crystal Davis	25	Karen Blair	10/1	Linda Grant
12	Diane Charney	27	Steven Fletcher	10/8	Bill Landrum
15	Judy Cox	29	Wavel Padgett	10/8	Margaret Kropf
19	Lauren Moore	31	Carolyn Davis	10/15	Don Carter
19	Brooks Egli	31	Doug Planck	10/15	Rena Reed
19	Virginia May	31	Dee Lawrence	10/22	Barbara Riddle
				10/22	Frances Anderson
				10/29	Brenda Howard
				10/29	Joe Vice



10/1 Ryan Jones 10/8 Larry Reynolds 10/15 Charlie Watts 10/22 Jerry England 10/29 Ben Harberson



Your kind expression of sympathy is gratefully acknowledged and deeply appreciated

