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For The Record...

Mar. 2nd - Attendance		Mar. 9th - Attendance	
Sunday School	95	Sunday School	90
Worship	138	Worship	137
Mar. 16th - Attendance		Mar. 23rd - Attendance	
Sunday School	98	Sunday School	91
Worship	147	Worship	148



General Fund Offerings Weekly Budget Requirement \$7,079.80

Mar. 2 Offering	\$ 11,185.30
Mar. 9 Offering	\$ 5,729.00
Mar. 16 Offering	\$ 5,409.25
Mar. 23 Offering	\$ 5,741.30
Budget Requirement YTD (12 Weeks)	\$ 84,957.60
Offerings Received YTD	\$ 81,513.46
Expenses (Actual) YTD	\$ 78,610.50
Designated Receipts (YTD)	\$ 9,703.88
Love Offerings (YTD)	\$ 276.00
Annie Armstrong (YTD)	\$ 1,398.10

SLBC Interim Pastor Dr. Ron Daves 240-8859

SLBC Deacons *Deacons for the month of April

*Brian Bishop	414-9831	*Ron Matthews	312-3036
Joe McKay	603-8792	John Meador	960-8395
Toby Spires	260-1404	Marion Steele	609-6115

AFTER EASTER. After is every Christian's middle name. In his autobiography *A Song of Ascents*, missionary E. Stanley Jones tells of an African man who changed his name to After immediately following his conversion. Because all things were new and different and important after he met Christ, the man wanted to reflect that new reality in his name as well as in his thinking. Easter is what makes us After Christians. After Easter, nothing in life is ever the same again.



South Lexington Baptist Church
"People Sharing Jesus"

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Our Mission

South Lexington Baptist Church exists for the sole purpose of glorifying God. Our mission consists of reaching people for Christ, worshiping in Spirit and in Truth, teaching people the Bible, training people (discipleship), ministering to people's needs, and fellowshiping with people in Christ's name. Let His Light shine through You!

All Welcome!

Sunday Worship

10:30 AM

Sunday School

(All Ages)

9:30 AM

Evening Worship

6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible

Study and Prayer

7:00 PM



Experience Easter's Promise, Our Lord Is Risen (Indeed)! Celebrate our Savior's resurrection with us Easter Sunday, April 20th at 10:30 AM
 (NO Evening Worship service or activities)

Alleluia! HE IS ALIVE!

Two words that shout sin is defeated, that sing death doesn't have the final say. They're as true today as they were that first Easter morning when Mary ran from the tomb to tell the disciples: *He's Alive!!* The life-giving, life-changing power of our Redeemer means He's alive in our prayers, our praise, our hearts. *He's alive* in our homes, our churches, our workplaces. This is news we simply have to share. Sing it in praise. Whisper it to a weary soul. Celebrate it in all its marvelous majesty. *He's Alive!!*



SR. ADULTS HOST 4-HEAVEN'S SAKE GOSPEL QUARTET-For the entertainment at their monthly meeting on Thursday, April 24th 11:30 AM. Good old fashioned Gospel music sung by good old fashioned guys. The primary goal of this foursome is to present, through music, the message of God's marvelous Grace and Salvation for sinners through Jesus Christ. A love offering will be received. Bring enough pot-luck lunch for sharing! BJ

Please remember the Church-Wide Clean-Up scheduled for Saturday, March 29th from 8-2 PM. Thanks! Susan Battles, Ministry Leader.

We will observe the Lord's Supper Ordinance on Sunday, March 30th, and also receive a love offering for SLBC's Local Benevolence Fund.



Ladies of All Ages-You are cordially invited to our 2nd Annual Mother & Daughter Tea on Saturday, May 3, 2014 2:00 - 4:00 PM at SLBC Given By WMU Ladies.

Please RSVP....Deadline: April 20th

Name: _____

No. Attending: _____



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Christ's empty tomb guarantees our victory over sin and death.



Pastor Ron...

Easter is only a few weeks away. I truly hope you are planning to attend our Easter Service. What a great time of celebrating the resurrection of our Lord Jesus Christ. Plan not to miss. Easter is not a time to miss but to get in on what God is up to.

In Matthew, we hear the words spoken to those that thought they had missed what God was up to. "He is not here; for He is risen, as He said. Come, see the place where the Lord lay" (Matthew 28:6).

We are celebrating the risen Lord: risen from the grave, risen to life, and risen in our lives for His glory. That was the confirmation of God upon the ministry of the risen Christ, also upon everyone who believes and Easter is a time to remember this. It is the time to remember that the resurrection is not all there is; there is more. Before the resurrection all one could do was to look forward to it; after the resurrection, believers could accomplish all the Lord intended.

This truth is illustrated by a story the former pastor of Bellevue Baptist Church in Memphis Tennessee, Rev. R. G. Lee shared. "Spain inscribed on her coins the picture of the pillars of Hercules, which stood on either side of the straits of Gibraltar, the extreme boundary of her empire, with only an unexplored ocean beyond; and on the scroll over the pillars was written *ne plus ultra*, nothing beyond. But afterward, when Columbus discovered America, Spain struck out the negative, and left the inscription *plus ultra*, more beyond." The resurrection of Jesus Christ is the *plus ultra* for every believer, there is more beyond, more life, more ministry, more joy, more grace, more, more, more all the way to more eternal life with the resurrected Lord Jesus. Easter, don't miss it! See you Sunday, *Pastor Ron*-John 14:6

DOLLARS & CENTS

Excerpted-Open Windows...Mark 12:43-And He called unto His disciples, and told them, verily I say to you, that this poor widow has cast more in than all they which have cast into the treasury. My home church loves to give. We have a tradition of giving for our annual missions offering. The aisles fill as we come forward to place our offerings in a box dedicated for this purpose. Though joyful expressions are commonplace, tears of humility and gratitude for such an opportunity are equally typical. I often wonder if there are some who've given obediently without knowing when they'll receive another paycheck. Are there any who don't know how they'll survive without the funds they just placed in the box? Jesus pointed out two kinds of givers - those who gave from their abundance and the widow who gave *all* she had. He did not scold the affluent givers, but He praised the widow. Her sacrifice was impressive and He made her an example for all future givers. Has your giving impressed our Savior, not because of the amount but because of your attitude? Could He use you as an example for others?

Jerry Frick, Finance



PASTOR Search Team

Please add our Pastor Search Team to your daily prayers for God's wisdom and discernment as they diligently seek the Lord's will for SLBC. **PST:** Brian Bishop (Chair); Crystal Bouknight; Donna Gooding; John Meador; and Toby Spires.

If you would like to participate in a worship service by singing a solo or by playing a musical instrument, please let our Worship Leader, Kim Kneece, know. Contact her at 608-8922. Thank You!

Health Kits Ministry-(Due April 24th)

LBA)

Please pick up a bag to fill (or finish filling).

Donations also accepted if you don't have

- Items:
- 1 Toothbrush
- 1 Toothpaste
- 1 Soap 4.5 oz.
- 1 Wash Cloth
- 1 Comb
- 1 Bath Towel



Our West Virginia Mission Trip is scheduled for July 12-19. See Marion Steele if you would like to go and be a part of this Mission trip or if you have any questions about this or any SLBC Mission Project.



Interested in joining or finding out more about South Lexington Baptist Church? Call the church office to be signed up for the next New Member/Inquirer Class to be held on April 6th and 13th during the SS hour taught by Pastor Ron. Everyone is welcome!



Food Pantry monthly collection for April: Velveeta Cheese and canned meats. Your donations are much appreciated. Beryl and Ladies of the WOM/WMU

Deacons Meeting



This month's Deacon's meeting will be on Monday, April 14th at 7:30 PM. Ron Matthews, Deacon Chair.



Thank you for helping us exceed our \$1,200 goal for Annie Armstrong. Generous donations received to date: \$1,398.10. Thank You!



THANK-YOU from the SLBC Missions Team for the support given to our West Virginia garage sale and BBQ fundraiser! Approx. \$5,000 received towards our July 12-19 Missions trip. Praise the Lord!



Congratulations! To the AWANA CUBBIES for bringing the most food and a big thanks to *all* the Awana Clubbers and leaders for their great job in helping replenish our food pantry. High five to all of you! Beryl.

The Family of Dorris Adams (Ron's Sister) convey their thanks for the many prayers lifted up during her illness and passing. Also, for safe travel mercies prayed for the Matthews Family to Mississippi. *Ron & Judy Matthews*

A very big thank you to the great group we had for our church-wide cleanup. Now, we need *everyone's* help in keeping God's house clean, orderly and welcoming for all who enter. God's Blessings! Susan Battles, Ministry Leader

Thanks to everyone who purchased an Easter Lily this year in Memory/Honor of loved ones and in Praise of our Risen Lord & Savior! Don't forget to pick up your lily following Easter morning worship April 20th. (No PM Services).

Thanks for making me feel so loved!...Thank you so much for what you did for me. Love you all, *Frances Fant*.



Come dressed to get messy and dirty for Jello Jam Night on Wednesday, April 16th @ 6:45 PM. Also, join us for movie night, "God's Not Dead", on Friday, April 18th. Cost & time to be announced later. We will host an Easter Party for children on Saturday, April 19th 9-11:30 AM; and Friday, May 2nd, is our turn for Church Clean-Up Night @ 7 PM. Mrs. Crystal.

The Keeper of the Spring (*Charles R. Swindoll*) The late Peter Marshall, an eloquent speaker and for several years the chaplain of the United States Senate, used to love to tell the story of "The Keeper of the Spring," a quiet forest dweller who lived high above an Austrian village along the eastern slopes of the Alps. The old gentle man had been hired many years earlier by a young town council to clear away the debris from the pools of water that fed the lovely spring flowing through their town. With faithful, silent regularity he patrolled the hills, removed the leaves and branches, and wiped away the silt from the fresh flow of water. By and by, the village became a popular attraction for vacationers. Graceful swans floated along the crystal clear spring, farmlands were naturally irrigated, and the view from restaurants was picturesque. Years passed. One evening the town council met for its semiannual meeting. As they reviewed the budget, one man's eye caught the salary figure being paid the obscure keeper of the spring. Said the keeper of the purse, "Who is the old man? Why do we keep him on year after year? For all we know he is doing us no good. He isn't necessary any longer!" By a unanimous vote, they dispensed with the old man's services. For several weeks nothing changed. By early autumn the trees began to shed their leaves. Small branches snapped off and fell into the pools, hindering the rushing flow of water. One afternoon someone noticed a slight yellowish-brown tint in the spring. A couple days later the water was much darker. Within another week, a slimy film covered sections of the water along the banks and a foul odor was detected. The millwheels moved slower, some finally ground to a halt. Swans left as did the tourists. Clammy fingers of disease and sickness reached deeply into the village. Embarrassed, the council called a special meeting. Realizing their gross error in judgment, they hired back the old keeper of the spring . . . and within a few weeks, the river began to clear up. Fanciful though it may be, the story carries with it a vivid, relevant analogy directly related to the times in which we live. What the keeper of the spring meant to the village, Christian servants mean to our world. The preserving, taste-giving bite of "salt" mixed with the illuminating, hope-giving ray of "light" may seem feeble and needless . . . but God help any society that attempts to exist without them! You see, the village without the keeper of the spring is a perfect representation of the world system without the salt and light of God's servants ([Matthew 5:13-14](#)).



In Christian Sympathy to the families & friends of: James Crenshaw; Lindsay Gantt; Paul Gardner; Bill Hendrix; Wes Holland; Carlee Lybrand; Bill McGraw; Bobby Palmer; and Tony Smith. God Bless you.



Reminder to all Ministry Leaders: Please turn the names in to the Church Office of all the ones who volunteered to help with your Ministry so an updated list may be distributed to respective Deacon over particular ministries. Thanks for your help!



Articles for May newsletter are due in Church office by April 20th. Please put in wall pocket outside church office or e-mail to church at slbchurch@windstream.net. Keep everyone informed of Ministry events. Thanks! Mrs. Betty

Some people grin and bear it. Others, smile and change it.

Don't let your mind become so busy that your heart can't respond.



April 2014

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School
9:30 AM
Morning Worship
10:30 AM
Evening Worship
6:30 PM
AWANA Sept.-May

Wednesday Schedule

7:00 - 8:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:00 - 8:00 PM Team Kids
7:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Meeting
7:30 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday Schedule

10:00 AM Discipleship Bible Study
10:00 AM WOM-Last Tuesday

On-Going Activities

11:30 AM Sr. Adults-Seasoned to Serve - Last Thursday

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
March 30 Lord's Supper Benevolence Love Offering		1 Katherine Elliott Andrew Kneece Caleb Kneece Willie Monts Barbara Priester 10 AM Disc. Bible Study	2	3 Hunter Jones	4 Paul Copes Dalton Stanley	5 Jessica Bishop Brady Merck Ron Matthews
6 William Rast Amy Turner New Member Class 9:30 AM	7 Wendi Crout Jesse Szuman	8 Elijah Alewine Michael Puckett Vivian Smith Neal Widener	9 Noah Hatchell April Spires	10 Earl Hundley Brent Stratakos	11	12 Youth Week-End Retreat
13 Bryson Bouknight David Humphries Terry Lacy New Member Class 9:30 AM	14 Clifford Fisher Deacon Meeting 7:30 PM	15 Gene Epps Danny Loftis Brett Tynes	16 Gabi Edwards Youth-Jello/Jam Night 6:45 PM	17 Randy Goff Travis Kizer Marie Turner	18 L Y  te	19 Irma McKay Noah Thomasson Children's Easter Party 9-11:30 Hosted By Youth
 20 No PM Service or Activities	21	22 Edward Shumpert	23	24 Susan Bishop Senior Adults 11:30 AM Entertainment by 4-Heaven's Sake	25 Sammi Tucker	26 Ethan Bouknight Jerry Conyers Lauren Dooley Linda Stratakos
27 Ben Livingston	28	29 Blythe Larned Marina Reynolds Bailey Sipes 10 AM Ladies WOM	30	 The Victory Is Won!		



Easter

Easter Cake

Celebrate our risen Lord with this uniquely decorated cake.

What you need:

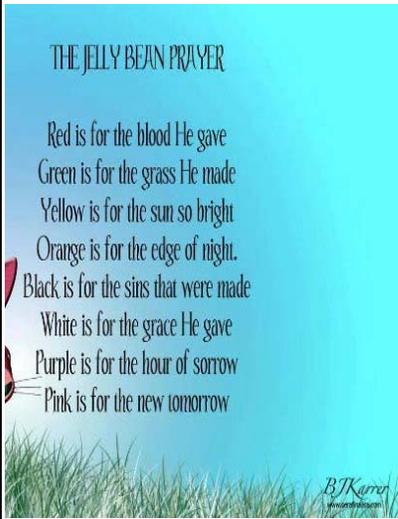
- Adult help
- Box of cake mix (any flavor)
- Tub of brown frosting
- Shredded coconut
- Green food coloring
- Chocolate Hostess Ding Dong cupcake
- Donut hole
- Pretzel sticks
- M&M's candies

What you do:

1. Bake cake in rectangular pan. When cool, frost it.
2. Pour coconut into bowl. Add drops of green food coloring. Mix until coconut resembles grass.
3. In one corner of cake, set Ding Dong upright to resemble a tomb. Place donut hole in front of it, to one side.
4. Make three crosses with six pretzel sticks and some frosting. Arrange on opposite corner from tomb.
5. Use brown M&M's to make a path from the crosses to the tomb.
6. Use other colors of M&M's to spell out "Jesus lives!"



Don't forget! Easter Party
April 19th 9-11:30 AM.
Hosted by Youth & Leaders



THE JELLY BEAN PRAYER

Red is for the blood He gave
Green is for the grass He made
Yellow is for the sun so bright
Orange is for the edge of night.
Black is for the sins that were made
White is for the grace He gave
Purple is for the hour of sorrow
Pink is for the new tomorrow

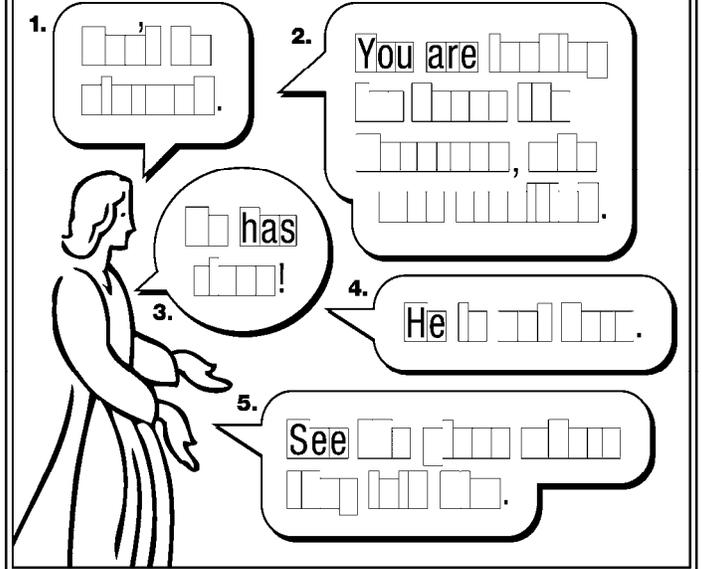


HE HAS RISEN!

On Easter morning, Mary Magdalene, Mary the mother of James, and Salome were surprised to meet an angel at Jesus' empty tomb.

Directions: Use the word shapes to complete the angel's message, in Mark 16:6 (NIV).

for be crucified risen Don't is Jesus He
looking where not the place who here
the laid alarmed Nazarene they was him



Answer: 1. Don't be alarmed. 2. You are looking for Jesus the Nazarene, where they laid him. 3. He has risen! 4. He is not here. 5. See the place

