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**For The Record...**

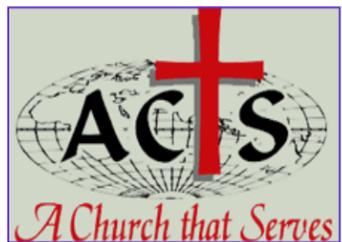


<b>Mar. 1st - Attendance</b>	<b>Mar. 8th - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 108	Sunday School 96
Worship 141	Worship 151
<b>Mar. 15th - Attendance</b>	<b>Mar. 22nd - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 106	Sunday School 93
Worship 147	Worship 145
<b>General Fund Offerings (Weekly Budget Requirement \$7,349.15)</b>	
Mar. 1 Offering	\$ 10,097.53
Mar. 8 Offering	\$ 7,243.80
Mar. 15 Offering	\$ 6,675.75
Mar. 22 Offering	\$ 6,030.76
<b>Budget Requirement YTD (12 Weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 88,189.80</b>
<b>Budget Expenses (Actual) YTD</b>	<b>\$ 83,152.33</b>
<b>Budget Offerings Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 84,048.78</b>
<b>Designated Receipts (YTD)</b>	<b>\$ 10,743.39</b>
<b>Love Offerings (YTD) Gideon's &amp; Daybreak)</b>	<b>\$ 398.00</b>
<b>Annie Armstrong (YTD)</b>	<b>\$ 833.00</b>
<b>W. Virginia Missions Fundraiser (March 20-21)</b>	<b>\$ 7,120.10</b>

**SLBC Interim Pastor** Dr. Ron Daves 240-8859  
**SLBC Deacons** \*Deacons for the month of April  
 \*Brian Bishop 414-9831      \*Charles Conyers 446-8792  
 Ron Matthews 312-3036      John Meador 960-8395  
 Ted Priester 250-9753      Marion Steele 609-6115

**TRIVIA...**How is the date of Easter determined each year? Most Christians observe Easter on the first Sunday after the first full moon after the first day of spring-so Easter can fall on any Sunday between March 22 and April 25. This year, it's April 5th; next year, March 27th; and last year was April 20th.

Happiness keeps you sweet; Trials keep you strong, Sorrows keep you human, Failures keep you humble; Success keeps you glowing, Family & Friends keep you going! "Life" is a gift to you. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after. Make it a fantastic one. Live it well! ENJOY TODAY! Do something fun! BE HAPPY! HAVE A GREAT DAY Remember "It is health that is real wealth and not pieces of gold and silver. LIVE HAPPY!"



**South Lexington Baptist Church**  
**"Sharing Love Because of Christ"**

**VOLUME 15**

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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



**Come Celebrate our Savior's resurrection with us on Easter Sunday, April 5th. Sunday School begins at 9:30 AM and morning worship is at 10:30 AM. (NO evening service).**

*Alleluia!*  
HE IS ALIVE!



Brian Bishop, Joe McKay, Marion Steele & Brett Tynes will join with other men going to Romania April 6th-17th for a construction project. Prayers for their health and safety would be most appreciated. Financial support for this Mission trip is also welcomed. A special love offering will be taken Sunday, March 29th for them. Men, God bless your servant hearts!



Observance of the Lord's Supper-Sunday, March 29th AM



**Tea Party** Ladies (of all ages)-You are cordially invited to our 3rd Annual Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, April 11th from 2-4 PM hosted By the WOM Ladies. Don your most elegant hat and join us for a great time! RSVP by March 29th. Thanks! Beryl & WOM Ladies.



Mark your calendars for "Senior Adult Day" on Sunday, May 3rd. A day set aside to recognize our Sr. Adults and what their faith and leadership means at SLBC! A meal will be provided for them and served by our Youth.



**He's 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!!*

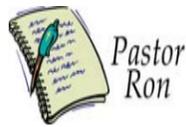


**Because He Lives! I can face tomorrow and all fear is gone!**

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By the time you are reading this newsletter article we will be singing songs of spring, at least most of us hope we will. The cold bleak seeming dark winter is past and the warm and bright days of summer are coming. This causes us to sing. I trust there is a song in your heart about the Lord's great mercy and grace. Having a song in our hearts will indeed come forth in our actions, attitudes and application by the power of the Holy Spirit within us. This is what the psalmist says in Psalm 40:3 *"He has put a new song in my mouth -- Praise to our God; many will see it and fear, and will trust in the LORD."*

Here we see a threefold proclamation of a heart given to God. First, the recognition that God has done it; second, that many will see it and finally, that trust and faith will be the fruit for many more that see the working of God in our hearts as we sing this song of mercy and grace. This all transpires because our hearts tell on us because we have either a song of grace or a song that is less than grace-filled. Why? Because we are to *"Keep our {your} heart with all diligence, for out of it spring the issues of life (Psalm 4:23)."* How can we keep on singing this song of grace and mercy? It starts with God within our hearts and it continues with God reigning in our hearts as Psalm 84:2 reveals *"My soul longs, yes, even faints for the courts of the LORD; My heart and my flesh cry out for the living God."* Do you want to sing that great song of mercy and grace? Yes we all do, therefore, let us keep God reigning in and upon our hearts. I am looking forward and praying for the Lord's blessings upon us in the days ahead to move upon our hearts so that many will see and come to trust the One we trust, the Lord Jesus Christ. May He receive praise and glory through our lives as we sing a song to the world of mercy and grace. See You Sunday! *Pastor Ron* - John 14:9

**DOLLARS & CENTS Owner or Steward** - Do you claim to own all your wealth or are you a steward of all your wealth?

There is a big difference. If you claim to be the owner, then all your wealth belongs to you alone. If you claim to be a steward, then you only manage what you have access to which belongs not to you but to someone else. The Bible teaches us that all we have or will ever have belongs to God, we are only stewards. As Christians, will we allow our lifestyle to be determined by cultural standards and friends or by Christian faith? The Christian lifestyle acknowledges the proper place of material resources. Jesus saw resources as potential rivals to God's place in our lives. Jesus showed great interest in the way an individual relates to and manages his resources. Approximately one fifth of His Sermon on the Mount, possibly the greatest sermon of all time, refers directly to money and lifestyle stewardship. It's not what we have or don't have, it's where we place what we have in relationship to God. Ever wonder why the very first commandment is "I am the Lord your God, thou shall have no other gods before me".

*Jerry Frick, Finance*



Easter Sunday is the most important day in the Christian calendar. It's the day Christ proved He is Lord over sin and death. Let us heartily join together to celebrate and rejoice.

**Health Kits Ministry-** Please pick up a bag to fill (or finish filling). Monetary donations also accepted. *(Place above items in the 2 gallon ziploc bag provided).* Bring your kits to the Church Office for delivery to LBA by April 26th. Be a part of touching lives in Christ's name. Thanks so much! Beryl & WOM/WMU

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

Pick up a "baby bottle" and start collecting spare change as we again assist Daybreak with their Baby Bottle Campaign. Empty your pockets each day of any loose change, you will be surprised how fast it "grows"! Bottles will be collected on Mother's Day, May 10th. Get as many bottles as you can fill! Much appreciation for your help!



Romania Construction Project-April 6-17; West Virginia Mission Trip-July 11-18. See Marion Steele if you would like to become a Missions Team Member.



THANK-YOU from the SLBC Missions Team for the support given for the West Virginia Missions garage/bake/BBQ fundraiser! Approx. \$7,000 received. Praises to our Lord!



Food Pantry Hours: Wednesdays 10-2 (By: WOM)

April Food Pantry Collection --Velveeta Cheese, Jelly & canned meats. Donations are much appreciated. Beryl and WOM Ladies



Annie Armstrong Goal \$1,200 RTD...\$836 Almost there! Thanks! Beryl, WOM Min. Leader



**Deacons Meeting** April Deacon's meeting-Monday, April 20th at 7 PM. Ron Matthews, Deacon Chair.

**Primary Deacons for the Month of April**  
 Brian Bishop 414-9831 Charles Conyers 446-8792

Seek God as if you were desperate, then you wouldn't be desperate as often. Matt. 6:33



**Is Sunday School Important, Dad?**

Daddy had a little boy; his soul was white as snow. He never went to Sunday School, cause daddy wouldn't go. He never heard the word of God, that thrills the childish mind. While other children went to class, this child was left behind. As he grew from babe to youth, dad saw to his dismay. A soul that once was snowy white became a dingy gray. Realizing that his son was lost, dad tried to win him back. But now the soul that once was white, had turned an ugly black. Dad even started back to church and bible study too. He begged the preacher "Isn't there anything you can do?" The preacher tried, failed and said, "We're just too far behind. I tried to tell you years ago, but you would pay me no mind." And so another soul was lost, that once was white as snow. Sunday School would have helped, but daddy wouldn't go. I have to ask a question. Is Sunday School important, Dad? How about to you, Mom? **WE HAVE A CLASS FOR YOU! HOPE TO SEE YOU SUNDAY @ 9:30 AM.**



Can God Beat Cancer? A relative asked that question while undergoing treatment at a cancer center recently. He most definitely can! Is that His plan for their life or anyone else affected by cancer? I really don't know, but here is what I do know. Cancer will not take one day from our life that God intends us to have, and treatment will not add one extra day to a life that God has promised. Psalm 139:16 says that all our days were ordained even before we were born. That gives me great perspective. God has a plan for us all; and when our days are at an end, we will go to our Heavenly Home--with or without cancer. Did you know you can trust God. His knowledge and His thoughts are far greater than ours--so choose to trust that! Thinking back, my

Mama always kept a puzzle going in the living room (one of those with a ton of pieces--always hard ones). The key to getting the puzzle finished was to see the picture on the box. God sees the picture on the box in our lives. We see the pieces, trust what He sees. His plan may be to receive glory from a miraculous healing in a life or His plan may be to mold and shape family members through the ordeal. We aren't smart enough to know which is best, but He is. God wants us all to live our lives with the perspective that every day counts. The psalmist prayed that God would remind him that our time here is brief and life is fleeing away (Psalm 39:4). The truth is that we all are dying and every day is most precious. Make each day count--make a difference in the lives God places around you. Cancer centers are always crowded. It seems that cancer affects the lives of nearly everyone in one way or another. However, it is not bigger than God. God can (and does) beat cancer; but more importantly, He uses something as ugly and awful as cancer to accomplish His will in the lives of people everywhere. He has a plan and He is in charge. Be okay with whatever He chooses.



Clubbers & Workers, as we wind down another year of Awana, please note, No Awana Club on April 5th (Easter); the Awana Store will be on April 19th and Awards night is April 26th. Happy Easter and God's Blessings, Ms. Susan Bishop, Commander.



In Christian Sympathy to the families & friends of: Marlene Brown; Charles Bryson; Debi Cole; Eloise Cone; Joyce Hall; Ramona Harley; Claire Keel and Barbara Williams. For if there were no grief to hollow out our hearts, where would there be room for joy. Praying for God's Peace and blessings. Remembering you in your sorrow. Prayers for God's Peace.



Congratulations to Thomas Hundley upon his upcoming marriage to Claire Elizabeth Peters of Charleston, SC. Their wedding is to take place on March 28, 2015 at Dickey Presbyterian Church in Dickey, Georgia. Thomas is the Son of Earl and Zana Hundley. Best wishes and God's blessings to you both.



Special thanks to everyone who provided the lovely Easter Lilies this year in Memory and Honor of loved ones and in Glory of our Risen Lord & Savior Jesus Christ! Don't forget to pick up your lily following Easter worship service (April 5th). Lilies not picked up will be taken to nursing home. Thanks, Brenda Loftis.

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



Check us out! Visit our website at [www.slbchurch.com](http://www.slbchurch.com). Newsletters and weekly bulletins are posted along with current activities for church calendar. Much appreciation to Richard Kneee for all his hard work on our webpage!



**We know our Redeemer Lives!**

I LOVE YOU!

You may ask how we know it's true--that the Savior lived and died...And if we believe the story--that He was crucified? There are so many answers to prove His Holy Being, answers that are everywhere within the realm of seeing...The leaves that fell at Autumn, buried in the sod, now budding on the tree boughs to lift their arms to God...The flowers that were covered and entombed beneath the snow, pushing through the "darkness" to bid the Spring "Hello"...On every side Great Nature retells the Easter Story - so never question the Resurrection Glory!!



# April 2015

### Sunday Schedule

Sunday School  
9:30 AM  
Morning Worship 10:30 AM  
Choir Practice 5:00 PM  
Evening Worship 6:30 PM  
AWANA Sept.-April

7:00 - 8:00 PM  
7:00 - 8:00 PM  
7:00 - 8:00 PM

### Wednesday Schedule

Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
Team Kids  
Youth Meeting

### Tuesday Schedule

Discipleship Bible Study

### On-Going Activities

10:00 AM WOM/WMU Monthly Meeting - Last Tuesday  
11:30 AM Sr. Adults-Seasoned to Serve - Last Thursday

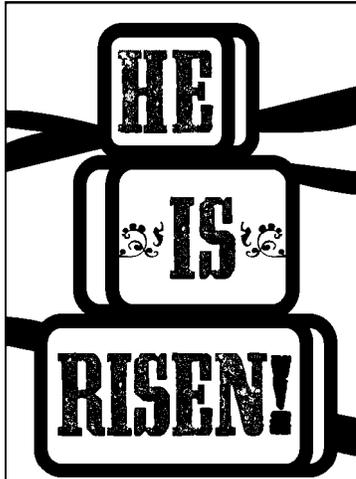
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>March 29</b> <b>Lord's Supper</b> <b>Romania Team Offering</b> <b>PALM SUNDAY</b> 	<b>March 30</b>	<b>March 31</b>	<b>1</b> <b>Katherine Elliott</b> <b>Andrew Kneece</b> <b>Caleb Kneece</b> <b>Willie Monts</b> <b>Barbara Priester</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> <b>Hunter Jones</b> 	<b>4</b> <b>Paul Copes</b> <b>Dalton Stanley</b>
<b>5</b> <b>Jessica Bishop</b> <b>Brady Merck</b> <b>Ron Matthews</b> <b>No PM Service</b> 	<b>6</b> <b>William Rast</b> <b>Amy Turner</b>	<b>7</b> <b>Wendi Crout</b> <b>Jesse Szuman</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Elijah Alewine</b> <b>Michael Puckett</b> <b>Vivian Smith</b> <b>Neal Widener</b>	<b>9</b> <b>Noah Hatchell</b> <b>April Spires</b>	<b>10</b> <b>Earl Hundley</b> <b>Brent Stratakos</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Mother Daughter Tea 2-4 PM</b>
Men's Romania Mission Construction Team-Please pray daily for their safety and health. April 6-17						
<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> <b>Bryson Bouknight</b> <b>David Humphries</b> <b>Terry Lacy</b>	<b>14</b> <b>David Brown</b> <b>Clifford Fisher</b>	<b>15</b> <b>Gene Epps</b> <b>Danny Loftis</b> <b>Brett Tynes</b>	<b>16</b> <b>Gabi Edwards</b>	<b>17</b> <b>Randy Goff</b> <b>Travis Kizer</b> <b>Marie Turner</b>	<b>18</b> <b>Leslie Black</b>
<b>19</b> <b>Irma McKay</b> <b>Noah Thomasson</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Karen Daves</b> <b>Deacon Meeting 7 PM</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Edward Shumpert</b>	<b>23</b> <b>WKHS Olympics Parking</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Susan Bishop</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Sammi Tucker</b>
<b>26</b> <b>Ethan Bouknight</b> <b>Jerry Conyers</b> <b>Lauren Dooley</b> <b>Linda Stratakos</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Ben Livingston</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Blythe Larned</b> <b>Marina Reynolds</b> <b>Bailey Sipes</b>	<b>30</b> <b>Senior Adults 11:30 AM</b>		



# April



## Easter



Create a simple yet powerful Easter display.

### What you need:

- 3 wood blocks (small, medium, large)
- Acrylic paint (three pastel colors and white)
- Paintbrush
- Water
- Paper towels
- Letter stencils and tape (optional)

### What you do:

1. Paint each block of wood a different pastel color. (You can paint the whole block or just one side.)
2. When paint is dry, use white paint to write (or stencil) "He" on the smallest block, "is" on the medium block and "risen!" on the large block.
3. When blocks are dry, stack them from largest to smallest to proclaim "He is risen!"

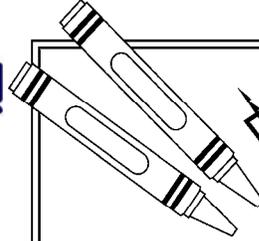
### The Jelly Bean Prayer

**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 the night.

**BLACK**  
is for the sins we made,  
**WHITE**  
is for the grace he gave.

**PURPLE**  
is for his hour of sorrow,  
**PINK**  
is for our new tomorrow.



# PUZZLE

## OUR HOPE

Romans 8:34 tells about our risen Lord, who gives us hope.

**Directions:** Write the phrases on the correct numbered lines below. Then, on the final row of blanks, write the bold capital letters in order from top to bottom, left to right, to spell the word that sums up this verse.

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|------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------------|
| 5 who was <b>R</b> aised     | 8 <b>R</b> ight hand              | 6 <b>T</b> o life      |
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| 2 <b>J</b> e <b>S</b> us who | 11 <b>i</b> nt <b>E</b> rceding   | 9 <b>O</b> f God       |
| 12 <b>f</b> or <b>U</b> s    | 1 <b>C</b> hrist                  | 10 <b>a</b> Nd is also |

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4 \_\_\_\_\_, 5 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 6 \_\_\_\_\_ 7 \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ 8 \_\_\_\_\_

6 \_\_\_\_\_ 10 \_\_\_\_\_

11 \_\_\_\_\_ 12 \_\_\_\_\_ . *Romans 8:34, NIV*

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RESURRECTION

Answers: ... Christ Jesus who died — more than that, who was raised to life — is at the right hand of God and is also interceding for us. Romans 8:34, NIV

