For The Record…

Nov. 4th - Attendance                  Nov. 11th - Attendance  
Sunday School                      143                                      125  
Worship                           191                                      151  
Nov. 18th - Attendance               Nov. 25th - Attendance  
Sunday School                      108                                      99  
Worship                           174                                      124  

General Fund Offering
Weekly Budget Requirement
Nov. 4 Offering                     $ 8,570.47                                 
Nov. 11 Offering                    $ 4,418.47                                 
Nov. 18 Offering                    $ 5,812.72                                 
Nov. 25 Offering                    $ 5,489.03                                 
Budget Requirement YTD (48 Weeks)  $ 411,382.56                                
Offerings Received YTD             $ 374,796.62                                
Expenses (Actual) YTD              $ 367,534.18                                
Designated Receipts (YTD)          $ 47,998.98                                 
Love Offerings - YTD               $ 5,879.54                                 

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 fellowshipping with people in Christ’s Name. Let His Light shine through You!

Christmas Offerings
Note: We accept donations for all church offerings including the Love Offering, the Lottie Moon Offering, and the Community Breakfast & Singing event. Please join us as we celebrate our Savior’s birthday. We will have a special candlelight service (with Lord’s Supper) on Sunday evening, December 23rd at 5:30 PM. Invite all your friends and neighbors to come, too!

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Celebrate the beginning of the new year with our Lord in mind; come join us for our Community New Year’s Eve Breakfast on December 31st at 6 PM hosted by our Deacons. Levon Stack will be sharing his special singing talent with us. Community-wide event - everyone is welcome!!

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Dan Gardner, Chalk Artist, will be our guest during the AM service on Sunday, December 16th. A love offering will be received for Dan and his “Drawing People to Jesus” ministry. Check out his website www.drawingpeopletojesus.com to learn more about his unique gift used in service to our Lord.

Blessings to you and your Family as we remember the “Reason for the Season” (from the Church Office).
A Word From Brother Robert... “The Real Reason for the Season”

Linda and I would like to wish each of you a Merry Christmas from our home and hearts to you. This time of year is the season for family and celebration. It’s also time to remember the real reason for this season which is JESUS. We shop, we eat, we travel, but let’s not forget Christ and His birth. Use this time to share Christ’s birth by saying “Merry Christmas” and not “Happy Holidays”. While decorating your home, share with your family about Jesus’ birth. While sitting or eating together with your family, share about His blessings and birth. Be sure to put all the church-wide activities on your calendar and make every effort to attend, bringing your family & friends. Bro. Dan Gardner shares his unique chalk ministry on Sunday morning, December 16th; Candlelight Service on Sunday, December 23rd at 5:30 PM; Community-wide breakfast and special singing with Levon Stack on December 31st at 6 PM and all the other special events this month - but let’s not forget how Jesus is the REAL “Reason For the Season.” Merry Christmas! Brother Robert

I call this my “look back month” because I take this time to look back over the year to take a look at what I have been blessed with this year versus what I have given. What is a more fitting month to make sure we give God His “due share” than in December as we celebrate the birth of God’s most precious gift to us, His Son, Jesus? Take time to “look back” this year and then look forward as He blesses you for your faithfulness. We make a living by what we get; we make a life by what we give. I hear comments like, “I can’t afford to tithe”. I know people have lost jobs and the economy still isn’t what we would call good, but how can anyone afford not to tithe? Dave Ramsey, a Christian financial Guru puts it this way; the truth is that all economic factors do affect you, but what you do in your own home will affect you more. God’s and Grandma’s way of handling money is in baby steps during the good times and the bad times. Debt-free living on a plan (budget), saving for emergencies, investing for long-term goals, living on less for you to make and agreeing that your spouse on spending will make you prosperous - not just for today but over time.

Bro. Robert

Note from Pastor

Sr. Adult luncheon-Thurday, December 6th at 11:30 AM with a $10 max. gift exchange (if you wish to participate). I would like to wish everyone a Blessed Christmas, BJ.

The WOM Crafters are selling various Christmas craft items. See BJ if interested. Proceeds go to SLBC Missions.

WOM will visit the Twilight Manor Nursing Home Tuesday, December 11th. Meet at 10 AM at church to carpool. Beryl Bledsoe will lead.

We plan to go to “This Man Called Jesus” after the morning worship on Dec. 9th. Bring a bagged lunch. See BJ if you have any questions.

A Florida Court Sets Atheist Holy Day...In Florida, an atheist created a case against Easter & Passover Holy days. He hired an attorney to bring a discrimination case against Christians and Jews and observances of their Holy days. The argument was that it was unfair that atheists had no such recognized days. The case was brought before a judge. After listening to the argument by the lawyer, the judge banged his gavel declaring, “Case Dismissed!” The lawyer immediately stood and objected to the ruling saying, “Your Honor, How can you possibly dismiss this case? The Christians have Christmas, Easter & others. The Jews have Passover, Yom Kippur & Hanukkah, yet my client and all other atheists have no such holidays...” The judge leaned forward in his chair saying, “But you do. Your client, counselor, is woefully ignorant.” The lawyer said, “Your Honor, we are unaware of any special observance or holiday for atheists.” The judge said, “The calendar says April 1st is April Fool’s Day. Psalm 14:1 states, “The fool says in his heart, there is no God.” Thus, it is the opinion of this court, that, if your client says there is no God, then he is a fool. Therefore, April 1st is his day. Court is adjourned...” You gotta love a Judge that knows his scriptures!

Michael G. Thompson


Glenn Hammond would like to lead an Anger Management Class. If you are interested, please call (353-7163) Sign-up sheet provided on foyer tables. Dates/times TBA.

The Medicare annual enrollment ends Dec. 7th. If you need help with your choices or just general questions, contact Paul Copes at 808-0152. Paul is certified on these Medicare programs.

The WOmen’s Ministry at SLBC is for Herald Angels in the sky and sharing. For God stoops down to be one of us, born as a poor baby so that we can be rich. He does not leave us to get along as best we can. He joins us where we are. God is committed to us. Christmas is proof that God cares. That is all this season is for.
### Sunday Schedule

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### On-Going Activities

- 3rd Saturday  Men’s Breakfast Fellowship  8:00 AM
- Last Thursday Seasoned To Serve (Sr. Adults)  11:30 AM

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### 2012 Calendar

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            Criss Harris  
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            This Man Called Jesus-Sr. Adults Leave @ Noon    | 10        | Travis Blume    |
| 11        |           | 12        | Travis Blume    |
| 13        |            | 14        | Lisa Carlyle    |
| 15        |            | 16        | Crystal Bouknight  
            Caitlin Clark  
            Tony Fleetwood   | 17        | Margie Barr  
            Shayla Bunner    |
|           | Dan Gardner Chalk Artist AM        | 18        | Beryl Bledsoe  
            Rebecca Dooley   | 19        |               |
| 20        |           | 21        | Kaelyn Oakley   |
| 22        |           | 23        | Jennifer Bennett  
            Robert Mitchell  
            Jessica Meador   | 24        | Travis Ard  
            Judy Atkins  
            Dot Carter  
            Tonya Fulmer  
            Frank Stratakos  
            Happy Birthday Jesus!  
            Cristmas!           | 25        | Patty Bishop  
            David Kelley  
            Amberlyn Roland   |
| 26        |            | 27        |               |
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**Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Prayer Focus Dec 2-9 SLBC Goal - $700**
A space for the “Big God Conference” has come available. Please let me know asap if you are interested.

SLBC Family, Thank you so much for the love you show and your continued support of your youth ministry. God is at work in their lives and they need our prayers. Please remember to pray for those you have committed to pray for. This time of year can be a happy time for some and a struggle for others. So...your prayers are important. Merry Christmas!! Amanda

Big God Conference (Dec. 30-Jan. 1)

Parents, If your child is attending the conference, we need to meet on Sunday, December 16th, after the morning worship. We will discuss the schedule and food for the trip. This should take no more than 15 minutes. PLEASE NOTE: final payment is due then, also. Please give me a call if you have any questions - Amanda

Spread a little cheer

This holiday season, “spread” some cheer by giving a yummy treat that can be spread on crackers, bread or apple slices.

What you need:
- ½ cup chopped, crushed candied pecans
- ½ cup chopped fresh basil
- ½ cup chopped dried cranberries
- ¾ tsp. black pepper
- 8 oz. goat cheese log
- Decorative plastic wrap

What you do:
1. Combine the first four ingredients on a flat surface.
2. Roll the cheese log firmly in the nut mixture, coating all surfaces.
3. Wrap the log and give it, along with a box of party crackers, to neighbors, teachers and so on.

The Kids’ Page

Merry Christmas

cheerful giver

Jesus came to serve and give to others. This Christmas season, consider how you can follow Jesus’ example by giving your time, love and kindness.

Directions: Cross out every my, me and mine. Then write the remaining words on the blanks below to read 2 Corinthians 9:7, NIV.

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