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For The Record...

Nov. 3rd - Attendance	Nov. 10th - Attendance
Sunday School 106	Sunday School 103
Worship 153	Worship 144
Nov. 17th - Attendance	Nov. 24th - Attendance
Sunday School 100	Sunday School 94
Worship 161	Worship 141
General Fund Offering	
Weekly Budget Requirement	\$ 8,489.31
Nov. 3 Offering	\$ 9,276.03
Nov. 10 Offering	\$ 4,945.22
Nov. 17 Offering	\$ 5,318.76
Nov. 24 Offering	\$ 4,752.00
Budget Requirement YTD (47 Weeks)	\$ 398,997.57
Offerings Received YTD	\$ 307,335.11
Expenses (Actual) YTD	\$ 318,368.08
Designated Receipts (YTD)	\$ 26,209.73
Love Offerings (YTD)	\$ 3,260.14

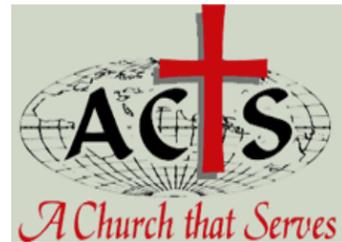
Year-End Financial Reminders... *In order to deduct contributions from your 2013 tax return, it must be received in the church office or post marked by December 31st. To ensure deductibility of your contributions, please do not file your 2013 tax return until you have received a written statement of your contributions from the church. Please help us in the church office to post your contributions correctly, use your individualized envelopes for all church donations. Use the sign-up sheets on foyer tables if you would like to receive envelopes. Thank You!

Four things you can't recover...the Stone after the throw; the Word after it's said; the Occasion after it's missed; or the Time after it's gone.

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South Lexington Baptist Church
"People Sharing Jesus"

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MERRY CHRISTMAS Happy Birthday to our Savior and Lord, Jesus!

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 Worship and Prayer 7:00 PM



We have Prepared our homes and Church for Christmas, Lord. Now Help us Prepare our Hearts. As we celebrate Christmas joy, let us Look past the Glitter and material Gifts to the Priceless gift of God's love for us in the Person of Jesus Christ, His Son. Amen!

Candlelight and Lord's Supper service on Sunday Evening, Dec. 22nd, 5:30 PM. Invite your friends and neighbors to come, too!
O, Come Let Us Adore Him!

New Year's Eve Breakfast- Tuesday, Dec. 31st at 6 PM. Fellowship with one another as we reflect upon last year and anticipate the blessings God has in store for us in the coming New Year at S Lex. Baptist Church!

Children's Program-Sunday morning, Dec. 15th. Special practice on Sunday, Dec. 1st and Dec. 8th 4:30-5:30 PM. Contact Gloria Steele or Susan Battles if you have questions.

Lottie Moon Post Office - "Mail" Christmas cards to members by using the church's alphabetical mailbox. Place your cards in the appropriate A-Z slot & pay church for the amount it would cost to mail. Please pick up cards "mailed" to you and help "deliver" others, too! All proceeds go towards the Lottie Moon Missions Christmas Offering goal (\$1,200).

Regular Morning & Evening Worship Services Sunday, Dec. 1st & 8th. Children's Christmas program Dec. 15th (AM) Candlelight and Lord's Supper Service, Sunday, Dec. 22nd at 5:30 PM; New Year's Eve Community Breakfast Dec. 31st at 6 PM. No Evening Worship or Activities Wednesday, Dec. 25th or Wednesday, Jan. 1st. **MERRY CHRISTMAS & HAPPY NEW YEAR!!**

A Big Thank YOU to everyone who ordered poinsettias in honor of our Savior's birthday and in Memory/Honor of Loved Ones. Don't forget to pick up your poinsettia following our Candlelight Service on Sunday evening, December 22nd. Special thanks to Danny & Brenda Loftis for decorating our Church and Worship Centers so beautifully for Christmas and to Diane Conyers for handling poinsettias!

Jesus IS The Reason for the Season... Keep CHRIST in your CHRISTmas! Wise men still seek Him!

A Word From Pastor Ron...

Merry Christmas! December is here and I love this month because it is the month we celebrate and rejoice over the best news possible, Jesus has come to *seek* and to *save*. That is Christmas! Listen to this good news: **Luke 2:11-15** "For there is born to you this day in the city of David a Savior, who is Christ the Lord. And this will be the sign to you: You will find a Babe wrapped in swaddling cloths, lying in a manger." And suddenly there was with the angel a multitude of the heavenly host praising God and saying: "Glory to God in the highest, And on earth peace, goodwill toward men!" So it was, when the angels had gone away from them into heaven, that the shepherds said to one another, "Let us now go to Bethlehem and see this thing that has come to pass, which the Lord has made known to us."

The shepherds following the good news say, "let us go and see." When the good news is revealed to us we also must go and see. December is a month of good news and decisions. Many, many decisions and choices will have to be made. "Adore" or "ignore" the choice is yours. An evangelist once was asked by his 4-year old son, "Daddy, what does ignore mean?" He explained that it meant to "not pay attention to someone." Immediately the little boy responded, "Well I don't think we should ignore Jesus!" Puzzled by this, the preacher replied, "well I don't either son, but why do you say that?" Then his son explained, "But that's what the Christmas carol says: 'O come let us ignore Him'."

This Christmas carol does not say, "ignore Him" but says, "O come let us adore Him." Yet in many of our lives this month we might ignore Him. Let this be the time we once again recommit to adore Him not only this month but also every month of our lives. Yes, "O Come let us Adore Him."

Our church has many opportunities this month for you to decide to adore Jesus. I want to ask you to participate and to pray for each activity as we celebrate the birth of our dear Lord Jesus. Yes, let us come see and adore Him.

I pray you have a very Merry Christmas and that your Christmas is full of Christ. See you Sunday-Pastor Ron **John 14:6**

DOLLARS & CENTS

Exercise Discernment: 2 John:1:10-11 *If anyone comes to you and does not bring this doctrine, do not receive him into your house nor greet him; ¹¹ For he who greets him shares in his evil deeds.* Christians are noted for their willingness to give and sometimes false teachers will take advantage of Christian generosity. This is why we need to prayerfully exercise discernment in our giving and support. We all receive many requests for funds from many different organizations and ministries. Not all are God-called and if we support those that are not, we become partakers in their evil deeds. Jesus said in Matt. 7:21-23, "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter the kingdom of heaven, but only the one who does the will of my Father who is in heaven. ²² Many will say to me on that day, 'Lord, Lord, did we not prophesy in your name and in your name drive out demons and in your name perform many miracles?' Then I will tell them plainly, 'I never knew you. Away from me, you evildoers!'" Support those ministries that you know are based on God's word and principles. I can think of no better organization for members to support than their local church; after all, you are a vital part of your church and have a vote in how your support is used.

Jerry Frick, Finance



Brian Bishop and John Meador are our newly elected Deacons. We thank them for their willingness to again serve and we especially thank Jerry Atkins and Robert Mitchell for their service as they rotate off as active Deacons on December 31st. Please pray for all SLB Church servant leadership.

MONTHLY DEACON'S MEETING MONDAY, DECEMBER 9TH 7:30 PM



Our first meeting back will be on Tuesday, January 14th and a new Bible Study begins Tuesday, February 4th. Make plans now to join us and thanks to Gloria Steele for continuing to lead our discipleship study.



The 2014 Flower Calendar is now available in foyer of larger worship area. Placing flowers is a wonderful way to honor a special occasion or in remembrance of a loved one. Please mark your "Sunday" to place flowers. Diane Conyers, Min. Leader

Call Marion Steele (609-6115) by Wednesday, Dec. 4th if you will be going to West Virginia Dec. 12-14 to help deliver Christmas presents to the children in West Va.



Sr. Adult's monthly lunch meeting will be held at Ryan's on Thursday, Dec. 5th at 11:30 AM with an (optional) \$10 max. gift exchange. I would like to wish all of you a very Merry Christmas and a Blessed New Year. "Wing Thing" coming for January! BJ Atkinson



Congratulations to the following as they were obedient in following Christ's example through the Ordinance of Baptism on November 17th: Justin Cozart; Hal Inabinet; Laken Inabinet.



When God measures us, He puts the tape around the heart instead of the head.

Notes of Thanks...

Praise! I am doing really well following my knee surgery. Thanks for your calls, prayers and food. Love my Church Family! *Martha Brown*

Church Family, thanks for all your comfort given after my accident. I'm truly blessed to have such a wonderful church family. *Mac McCurdy*

A huge thank you to everyone who took part in the very successful Trunk or Treat. For all the candy, chili, soup and "trunk" donations, and to all helpers and workers. You guys are the best! Thanks so much, *April Spires*



A big **Thank You** to everyone who participated in our "Shoebbox Project". We collected **135** shoeboxes and received \$721 for shipping. You let a child know that someone "out there" cares about them and above all, that Jesus loves them!

Christmas Packets for Prisoners
We received **55** packets for prisoners. Thank you,
SLBC! Beryl Bledsoe & WMU Ladies



In Christian sympathy to these families: Max Boozer; Jack Chandler; Nicholas Critzman; Phillip Fail; Phyllis Roberts; James Truesdale & Jake Zeman. God bless all of you who have lost loved ones so dear this year and comfort your hurting hearts especially as you miss loved ones during the Holidays.

Please give prayer updates to Samantha McGee, our Prayer Ministry Leader: Phone: 580-9629 or e-mail her at ps511011@yahoo.com

Which God: It seems to me America is running parallel to the Roman culture of Paul's day. Athens was the religious center of the Greco Roman world. The belief in Polytheism (the belief in many gods) was rampant. They even had an idol marked "to the unknown god". While in Athens on Mars Hill, Paul took the opportunity to preach to them the only true God, whom they worshiped without knowing Him. (Acts 17:22-34).

I just attended a Veteran's Day celebration at two different local schools and was led by the students in the pledge of allegiance to the flag. At both schools, "one Nation under (god)" was used. You will note in parentheses god is not capitalized, because I wondered if most of the students even knew which god they were talking about, seeing that the God of the Bible, His inspired Word and His Son have been kicked out of the public schools. If you go to a sporting, political, or some social event and a prayer is given, almost every time the prayer is started with an "Oh god" and ended with "in your name", and I wonder which god are they praying to.

America has become polytheistic, and it was bound to happen because she was founded on freedom to worship. We have many different belief systems today. We have communism and atheism (there is no god). We have capitalism (money is our god) that's why "in god we trust" is printed on all of our currency. We have inter-faithism we can all worship together (as long as you believe something). We have sameism, after all, we all worship the same god. (Pope John Paul II said "Muslims and Christians worship the same god). We have moreism, there are many ways to god (according to our last two presidents) and God only knows how many others before them. We now have another and that is noneism; you don't have to believe anything (the newest Pope said, "you don't have to believe in God to go to heaven, and evangelism is a waste of time."

Well, I believe the Christian needs to wake up. We need to stand-up, prayed-up, looking-up and never shut-up till Jesus comes (which will be soon, folks). (John 14:6). Jesus said He is the Way, the Truth, the Life and without Him no one can come to the Father. Jesus is not some way, a way or another way but the **ONLY** way and I for one cannot and will not compromise it, dare not minimize it and will not apologize for it. Well, I wonder, do you know Him? Jerry Atkins

How many of you remember this song? I remember singing it as a child...words ring as true today!

C is for the Christ Child born upon this day
H is for Herald Angels in the sky
R is our Redeemer
I is Israel
S is for the Star that shone so bright
T is for Three wise men, they who traveled far
M is for the Manger where He lay
A is **ALL** He stands for
S means Shepherds came
And that's why there's a Christmas Day!
Happy Birthday, Jesus!

Christmas is a time to be happy!...A time for celebrating 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 why we celebrate and show our care in turn to those who need it. John 3:16...For God so loved the world that **HE GAVE** us his **ONLY** begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have life everlasting...



Blessings to you and your Family as we remember the "Reason for the Season"

God gave everyone the Gift of His Son You just have to accept Him

DECEMBER



2013

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 (Resumes in Jan.)
 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
1	2 Russell McGee Susan Willis	3 Jamie Burnett Jeanne Golda Criss Harris Crystal Knight	4 Justin Munn Brandon Oakes Shannon Oakes	5 Linda Jumper  Sr. Adults to Ryan's 11:30 AM	6 Alissa Brumfield Richard Kneece Landon Wooten	7 Arthur Bouye
Lottie Moon Christmas Offering for International Missions Prayer Focus Dec 1-8 SLBC Goal - \$1,200						
8 Tim Giles	9 Dean Bishop II	10	11	12 Travis Blume Dennis Pennington	13 Grayson McKinney	14 Lisa Carlyle
15 Crystal Bouknight Caitlin Clark Tori 	16 Margie Barr Shayla Bunner Zack Tolbert	17	18 Beryl Bledsoe Rebecca Dooley	19	20 	21 Kaelyn Oakley 
22 Jennifer Bennett Robert Mitchell Meador ah Sharpe  5:30 PM & Lord's Supper	23 Charles Conyers Beverly McCain	24 Travis Ard Judy Atkins Dot Carter Jean Felts Tonya Fulmer Frank Strotalos 	25 Happy Birthday Jesus! No Wed Services 	26 Patty Bishop David Kelley	27	28
29 Debbie Aguilar	30 Kenny Merck	31 New Years Eve Community Breakfast 6 PM  NEW YEAR'S EVE	1 Welcome 2014! No Wed Services			



SLBC Youth will join with other church groups on Wednesday, December 4th to help feed and distribute blankets and coats. We will be collecting new & gently used (in good condition) blankets & coats through December 1st. We are grateful for the opportunity of working alongside other churches and believers to help meet the needs of hurting people, and to share the love of Christ with them. We are thanking you in advance for all your donations, prayers, and support! Collection boxes are located in foyers or call for pickup.

Big God Conference December 30-January 1st (Please pray for our Youth).

PEACE Wreath

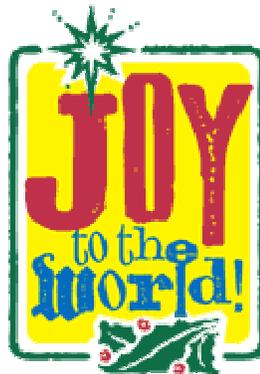
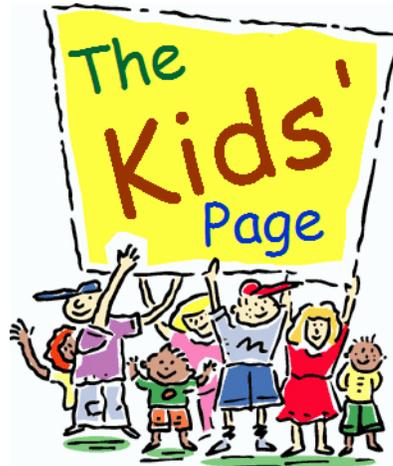
What you need:

- Paint (blue and green)
- Paint brush
- Embroidery hoop
- 24 wooden clothespins
- Scissors
- Craft foam (white, red and green)
- Glue
- 3 white feathers
- Floral wire (two pieces)



What you do:

1. Paint the hoop blue and the clothespins green. When dry, attach clothespins around the hoop.
2. Cut a dove shape (slightly wider than the hoop's diameter) out of white foam. Glue on feathers.
3. Pierce the beak with a scissors tip. Slide a piece of wire through the slit to make an olive branch.
4. From green foam, cut out two leaves. Attach them to each end of the wire.
5. From red foam, cut out the letters P E A C E. Glue them onto clothespins.
6. Place dove in center of hoop. Glue its head and tail to clothespins.
7. Attach wire to the back and hang up your wreath.



PUZZLE

A Child is Born

Jesus received many different names — even before he was born. Isaiah 9:6 (NIV) prophesies about four of these names.

Directions: Unscramble the words on the name tags below. (Hint: The first letter is capitalized.)

MY NAME IS

gyhMti

dGo

MY NAME IS

lerWnofud

esnruooCl

MY NAME IS

vrelEnsitga

eahFrt

MY NAME IS

niPcre

aPcee

Answers: Mighty God, Wonderful Counselor, Everlasting Father, Prince of Peace

PLEASE LET US KNOW IF WE MISSED ANY MEMBER'S BIRTHDAY THIS YEAR. TAKE A MOMENT AND CALL CHURCH OFFICE 957-8285 SO WE CAN INCLUDE YOU NEXT YEAR! ALSO, LET US KNOW IF YOU HAVE HAD A CHANGE IN ADDRESS, PHONE #, E-MAIL, FAMILY STATUS, ETC. HELP US KEEP OUR SLBC MEMBERSHIP UP-TO-DATE! THANKS FOR YOUR HELP!!