

CHURCH DIRECTORY

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SLBC Deacons *Deacons for the month of January

*Jerry Atkins 755-1494 *Brian Bishop 414-9831
 Gene Crumpton 359-6957 Joe McKay
 Robert Mitchell 603-8252 Toby Spires

Jerry Atkins is our Deacon Chair this year. Much thanks to Robert Mitchell for all his service this past year as our Deacon Chairman and to Marion Steele & John Meador as they rotate off as active Deacons.

A New Year's Blessing... May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it as it comes; Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path; Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart; Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows; Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Look ahead and prepare-don't look back and regret.

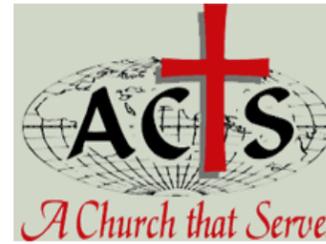


For The Record...

Dec. 4th - Attendance	Dec. 11th - Attendance
Sunday School 132	Sunday School 120
Worship 192	Worship 150
Dec. 18th - Attendance	Dec. 25th - Attendance
Sunday School 151	Sunday School n/a
Worship 225	Worship 172

General Fund Offering

Weekly Budget Requirement	\$ 8,744.26
Dec. 4 Offering	\$ 9,852.15
Dec. 11 Offering	\$ 6,749.00
Dec. 18 Offering	\$ 5,593.25
Dec. 25 Offering	\$ 8,048.92
Budget Requirement YTD (52 Weeks)	\$ 454,701.58
Budget Offerings Received YTD	\$ 409,560.03
Designated Receipts (YTD)	\$ 36,243.50
Budget Expenses (Actual) YTD	\$ 417,085.95
Love Offerings - YTD	\$ 11,018.86
Lottie Moon YTD (SLBC Goal: \$1,000)	\$ 654.72



South Lexington Baptist Church
"People Sharing Jesus"

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ISSUE 1

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

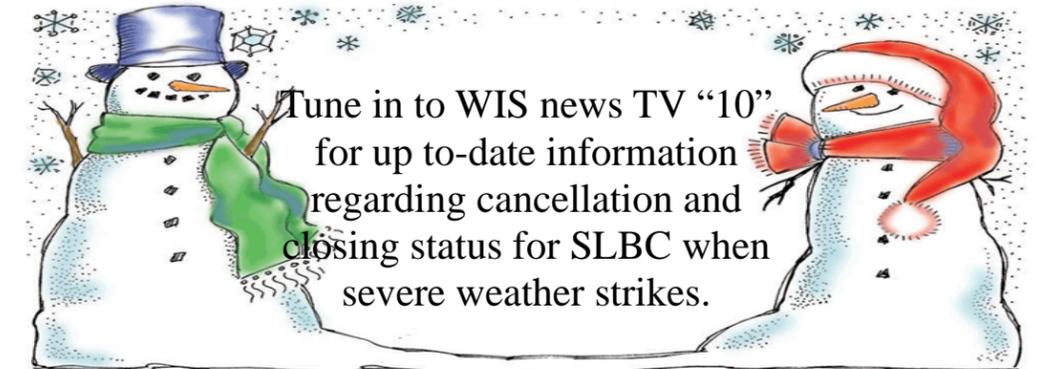
6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible Study and Prayer

7:00 PM



Begin the New Year With God!



You are invited to the ordination service for Joe McKay & Toby Spires on January 15th during our PM service with a recognition reception following.



New Year's Eve "Breakfast" (Saturday, December 31st) at 6:30 PM hosted by our Deacons. Start the New Year off right! Join us as we celebrate and fellowship with one another the beginning of a New Year with our Lord in mind.



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A Word From SLBC Pastor, Brother Robert...

Christianity's Controversial Word - The word is **Do!** After we become a Christian do we **do** anything else to be saved? The Apostle Paul said it is of grace we are saved through faith and not from works so that no one can boast (Eph 2:9)! Jesus said "Not everyone who says to me, 'Lord, Lord,' will enter into the kingdom of heaven – only the one who does the will of my Father in heaven" (Matt 7:21). How do we reconcile this? The answer lies in what "do" means to us! Let's look at the story about Cain and Abel. Both of these men sought to please God! Abel offered a sacrifice to God while Cain offered the fruit of his labor which came from the ground. Abel's works were righteous and accepted by God but Cain's works were not and they were rejected. Both of these men did works so what was the difference in their works? The difference is the attitude of their heart! Abel had a sacrificial heart; he did not place confidence in his own ability. Cain on the other hand said as much as look at what I have done for you! God looks at the attitude of our heart to see where we put our trust. We are to walk towards the things of God with a sacrificial heart not trusting in our self but trust in God and he will perform the work in us. Jesus said to his disciples, "If anyone wants to become my follower, he must deny himself, take up his cross, and follow me. For whoever wants to save his life will lose it, but whoever loses his life for my sake will find it. For what does it benefit a person if he gains the whole world but forfeits his life?" (Matt 16:24-26). It's plain to see what we should **Do**. Bro. Robert

DOLLARS&CENTS I was reading my devotional the other day about a story where a dad gave his little boy two quarters, one which he was to keep and the other to be placed in the church offering plate. While walking on the way to church, he dropped the two quarters. One fell down the storm drain, the other he found, picked up and put in his pocket. When the offering plate was passed, he prayed and told Jesus that he was sorry that he had lost "His" quarter. While this was quite innocent in the little boy's case, it would be sinful in ours because we are taught His plan as we grow in Christ through His Word. How many times is our returning to God His fair share based on what we don't have rather than what we do have? How often do we lose our blessings because we refuse to obey God's plan of giving? Why else would He tell us "It is more blessed to give than to receive?" I had a very wise preacher tell me that if anyone wanted to give me something, I needed to accept it, whether I needed it or not. By accepting the gift, I would not rob the giver of the blessing of giving. As we make our new year's resolution, make one to be a cheerful giver according to God's plan. But, unlike all the others you will make, don't break this one. If you need more envelopes, use the sign-up sheet in vestibules or give me a call. Thanks! Jerry Frick

 There is a story of a father who ordered a kit for a tree house as a Christmas gift for his son. Late Christmas Eve, as he tried to put the pieces together, he discovered to his dismay that he had received a kit for a sailboat. His letter of complaint to the company brought this reply in January: "While we regret the inconvenience this mistake must have caused you, it is nothing compared to that of the person out on a lake somewhere trying to sail your tree house."

Lottie Moon Goal-\$1,000-RTD-\$654.72
Don't forget to pick up your Christmas cards mailed through Lottie Moon "post office"-Thank You!

Bible Study Attention: Ladies Tuesday morning Bible Study should resume by February. We are working on a 7-week Bible study hopefully in the book of James that will take us to Easter break. Thanks! Alice Gless

 Men's 3rd Saturday Breakfast meeting resumes on January 21st at 8:00 AM. All men are welcome to join us for great food and fellowship. See Tony Fleetwood if you have any questions.

 Senior Adult's lunch meeting is on Thursday, January 26th at 11:30 AM. Come, be a part of our "Seniors on the Move" at SLBC with our covered dish lunch. We will elect new Officers at this meeting. See BJ if you have any questions.

Please give prayer updates to Samantha McGee, our Prayer Ministry Leader: Phone: 261-9325 or e-mail her at ps511011@yahoo.com

HELP THOSE IN NEED
 We still need selected items to get our Food Pantry well-stocked. Baskets will be in the front foyer of our older worship area to collect P-Nut butter; powdered milk; soap and flour. Smaller sized items are preferable for our Pantry purposes and for variety and ease in filling bags. Thank you! (Added Note: We so appreciate Beryl Bledsoe and our WMU ladies for taking over this Ministry after the passing of Mrs. Betty Fleetwood).

Finance Update
 God Blesses! We have been working for some time to get a better interest rate on our BB&T Building loan. With the help of Jeff Hardin, we were able to get a 2% drop in rate from 25 years at 7-1/4% to 20 years at 5-1/4%. (The Lyn-Rich construction loan remains the same at 6-1/2%).

You can't change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.



I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time. I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months. All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires. All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have -these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose. I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." And as the Old Year slips away, He kindly with him takes the pages we have blurred and marred with failures and mistakes. The blighted hopes and needless fears are gone beyond recall. And ours once more the fair, clean page the New Year brings to all.

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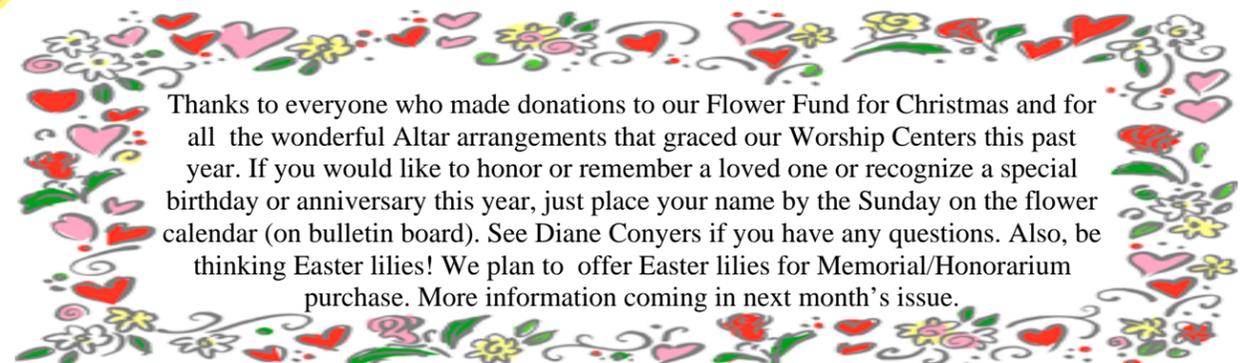
A big thank you to everyone who participated in the Christmas Program. We are so thankful that we can celebrate the birth of our Savior. Special thanks to parents for bringing kids each week and Jerry Atkins and Brian Bishop for helping with food after practices. In Him, Tonya Williamson, Susan Bishop and Gloria Steele

Tony Fleetwood and Family would like to express their deepest gratitude and appreciation for all of the love, kindness and thoughtful gestures that have been bestowed upon them during their time of bereavement Thank you for your continued prayers and support. May God Bless You!



In Christian Sympathy to the families of: Sue Dowd; Dorothy Driggers; Allyson Elkins; Peter Jumper; and J.W. Norris BEYOND THE DOOR...To better love God and Christ, our Friend, we pass thru death's door; but it's not the end. It's only the birth of something more--the eternal joy earth's prepared us for!

Brother Robert has prayer in his office-Men @ 9:15 AM before Sunday School and Ladies after Sunday School prior to worship. Do you believe in the Power of Prayer?



Thanks to everyone who made donations to our Flower Fund for Christmas and for all the wonderful Altar arrangements that graced our Worship Centers this past year. If you would like to honor or remember a loved one or recognize a special birthday or anniversary this year, just place your name by the Sunday on the flower calendar (on bulletin board). See Diane Conyers if you have any questions. Also, be thinking Easter lilies! We plan to offer Easter lilies for Memorial/Honorarium purchase. More information coming in next month's issue.

Let us know.....if you would like to be removed from our newsletter mailing list, please fill out this form and mail to SLBC or contact the Office at (803) 957-8285. Thank you!

Family name: _____

Address: _____



We are down to 7 rotating clean-up teams and they need help. If you would like to volunteer, please call Sharon Meador at 957-3354 to be added to an existing team or start your own. Crew teams save SLBC approx. \$1,000 month in cleaning costs. A HUGE THANKS CLEAN-UP TEAM MEMBERS!!

CHEER UP! Birds also have bills, but they keep on singing!



Sunday Schedule

Morning Worship
10:30 AM
Sunday School
9:30 AM
Evening Worship
6:30 PM
AWANA Sept.-May
5:45 PM

Wednesday Schedule

7:00 - 7:45 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
7:00 - 7:45 PM Mission Friends & Children in Action
7:00 - 8:00 PM Preteens
6:45 - 8:00 PM Youth Meeting
7:30 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday Schedule

10:00 AM Ladies Bible Study (Resumes February)
6:30 PM Outreach

On-Going Activities

3rd Saturday Men's Breakfast Fellowship 8:00 AM
Last Thursday Seasoned To Serve-Seniors 11:30 AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Start the New Year with <i>Prayer</i></p>			28 No Evening Service or Activities	29	30	31 6:30 PM New Year's Eve Breakfast
1 Malachi Gomez Mildred Shealy <i>Happy New Year!</i> AM Worship Only	2	3 Kenneth Mabe	4 Edith Bradley Janet Caulk Jerry Davis Sydney Stillson	5 Stephen Davis Olivia Ducker Mitch Shealy	6 Todd Leaphart, Jr. Betty Todd	7 Thomas Hundley Kyle Szuman
8 Jacob Sox Robert Grant SC Baptist Conv.	9 Sam Padgett	10 Laurel Beauchamp David Faulkner Alice Suarez	11 Susan Battles Stephanie Hedgepath Scarlett Watson	12 John Wilson III	13 Andy Bray Mary Wessinger	14 Howard Bunner, Jr Jennifer Carlyle Melvin Jones II Mark Mills Mollyann Watson Alice Wilson
15 Cameron Hunter Deacon Ordination PM	16	17	18 Jennifer Stillson	19	20	21 8:00 AM Men's Breakfast Gabby Campbell Dana Elliott Brenda Loftis
22 B J Atkinson Jeremiah McFarland	23 Jimmy Gooding	24	25	26 11:30 AM Senior Adult Ministry Meeting Luncheon Cindy Bray Stephanie Jeffers Barbara Key Hannah Murphy	27 Arnie Kupcs Sharon Meador	28 Savannah Fulmer Christopher Mills Sara Smith Taylor Tynes Joe Wood 
29 Gene Crumpton Daniel Smith	30 Taylor Davis	31 Chris Ross Anna Murphy				



NO-SEW FLEECE SCARF



Winter is a difficult time for people in need, so make this scarf to help someone stay warm.

What you need:

- Medium-weight polar fleece, 60" standard width (a 9" portion will make one scarf)
- Scissors
- An adult to help

What you do:

1. Cut a piece of medium-weight polar fleece to the size of 60" x 9". Cut the fabric across its width so the material is stretchy.
2. Trim off the edge binding. To add "fringe" along each end, make a 6"-long cut every half inch.
3. For curly fringe, pull each strand and then let go sharply. Another attractive option is to tie an over-hand knot at the top of each strip.
4. Donate your scarf to a local group that helps people in need. For greater impact, encourage your Sunday school classmates or other friends to make scarves, too.



A caring disciple

In **Acts 9**, Peter tells of a woman who lived in Joppa. She performed good works and helped the poor. Solve the puzzle below to reveal this disciple's two names.

Instructions: Cross out the letters that spell each object and write the remaining letter on the blank.

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___ rohmtae			
___ srgbape			
___ rbieda			
___ pehtshred			
___ rdhaenlca			
___ fadoo			

Her name in Greek

___ pdeesh		
___ dchilnero		
___ drove		
___ acehtr		
___ sarcos		
___ nusoaatim		

Answers: Tabitha, Dorcas