

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

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 Joe McKay 603-8792 John Meador 960-8395  
 Toby Spires 260-1404 Marion Steele 609-6115



**For The Record...**

<b>Dec. 1st - Attendance</b>	<b>Dec. 8th - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 99	Sunday School 92
Worship 157	Worship 124
<b>Dec. 15th - Attendance</b>	<b>Dec. 22nd - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 106	Sunday School 111
Worship 179	Worship 191
<b>General Fund Offering</b>	
<b>Weekly Budget Requirement-2013</b>	\$ 8,489.31
Dec. 1 Offering	\$ 9,769.75
Dec. 8 Offering	\$ 7,290.10
Dec. 15 Offering	\$ 4,176.01
Dec. 22 Offering	\$ 7,365.68
<b>Budget Requirement YTD (51 Weeks)</b>	\$ 432,954.81
<b>Offerings Received YTD</b>	\$ 335,936.65
<b>Expenses (Actual) YTD</b>	\$ 344,500.63
<b>Designated Receipts (YTD)</b>	\$ 30,402.85
<b>Love Offerings (YTD)</b>	\$ 3,260.14



**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.

**New Year Resolutions:** 1) Forget the past & honor God more; 2) Live for Christ in the world; 3) Trust God with a strong Faith; 4) Remain faithful to my Church; 5) Witness to the lost; 6) Cultivate the talents God has given me for His glory.



**South Lexington Baptist Church**  
**"People Sharing Jesus"**

**VOLUME 14**

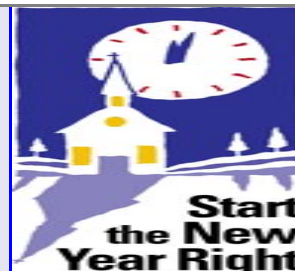
**JANUARY**

**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 fellowshipping 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



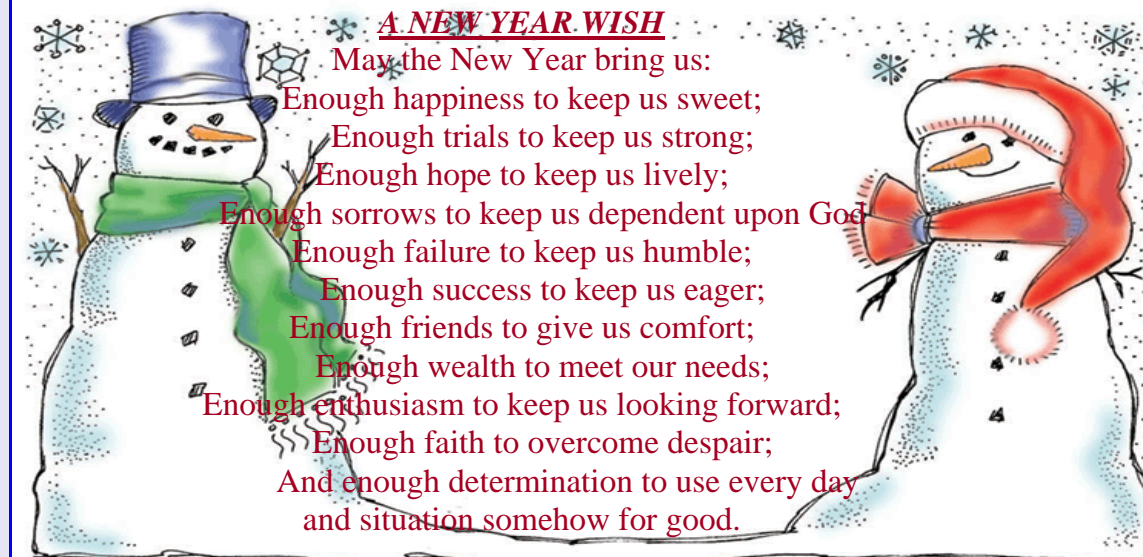
**YOU ARE INVITED** to attend our New Year's Eve Breakfast Fellowship Tuesday, December 31st beginning at 6 PM hosted by Deacons at SLBC. (Get a 2014 Calendar). **All welcome!!**

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year

**Begin the New Year In Prayer And Thanksgiving to God!!**



Bring the WHOLE family!



**Sanctity of Human Life Sunday-January 19th**

An offering for Day Break Pregnancy Crisis Center will be received during the morning worship as Pastor Ron's message reflects the sacredness of all human life. Plan to be with us as we celebrate God's creations, as we are all, "fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14



I praise you, for I am fearfully and wonderfully made. Psalm 139:14, NIV

**ALL MINISTRY LEADERS:** We will have a brief meeting to discuss 2014 calendar year activities and events following morning worship of January 12th. Your presence is needed!



**Make the mistakes of yesteryear (2013) your lessons for this year (2014).**



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# Pastor Ron...

The days of December have passed before us and the days of January are upon us. The days of December have concluded with what we call the year of 2013 moving us into the year of our Lord 2014. The year 2013 is gone, never to be revisited and now we find ourselves in the year 2014 and time once again is quickly moving.

Times flies when you're having fun and it's pretty quick even when you're not. If you are like me, I often get tired and on occasion wonder if any headway is being made. If you find yourself tired I want to share with you a passage that I often go to for strength in my life. Listen to Galatians 6:9-10, "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith". Life is fast and often it seems too fast, but do not forget that it is full of opportunity that we must fulfill. This opportunity is directed in two ways, one way is to the family of God and the other is to the lost of this world. Paul says take every opportunity to do good to the family of God. Are you? Then he tells us to do the same for the lost around us. Are you? You might say. "Yes I am but, I'm tired", that's OK, just don't allow your tiredness to make you grow weary of well doing and stop. Why, because there is coming a harvest and a great day of reaping. Therefore, let us do good and look with expectant hearts to that great day of harvest. Let us work till Jesus comes.

Listen to how Jesus answered Peter following their conversation about Peter's love for Jesus. Peter said you know I love you, Jesus. Yet Peter looked away from Jesus to John and wondered what about him. "Jesus said to him, "If I will that he remain till I come, what is that to you? You follow Me" (John 21:22). What about us as we look at the day, the month, the year and sometimes to those around us we also hear the same words of Jesus "you follow me." The answer is to look to Jesus and follow Jesus and you will not grow weary. Look with me this day and coming year to Jesus and not lose heart or grow weary.

See You Sunday...Pastor Ron...John14:6

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**New Year Resolutions** As year 2013 winds to an end, we begin to look forward to year 2014. We all begin to make New Year resolutions that would be better for us. Of course, like all the previous years, we won't keep them very long if we even start them at all. We mean well but too many "other things" get in our way. We just don't have enough time. So, for year 2014, how will we spend the time and energy that we are blessed with? Here are a few suggestions: Read God's word every day, even if it's just one verse. **2 Timothy 3:16 All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.** Pray every day for forgiveness, for family, for friends, for the sick, the troubled, the needy, for your church, and the list goes on. **Ephesians 6:18: And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people.** Be compassionate. Help someone who is less fortunate than you when the opportunities are presented to you. Be a "Giver" not a "Taker". **2 Corinthians 9:7 Each of you should give what you have decided in your heart to give, not reluctantly or under compulsion, for God loves a cheerful giver.** If you keep these resolutions, you will truly see changes in your life. **Galatians 5:22-23 But the fruit of the Spirit is love, joy, peace, long suffering, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, self-control.** We just celebrated Christmas, the birth of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. God gave the gift of eternal life through Jesus to all who will accept the gift. But of course, once you accept the gift, you have to open it to see what you have received. That's where God's word and prayer comes in. It's like you know there is a gift under the Christmas tree for you but you will never know what it is and how it will change your life unless you open it. **Don't miss out on the most Precious Gift of all-JESUS!** Jerry Frick, Finance - "My Two Cents"



Sr. Adults resume their regular monthly lunch meetings on the last Thursday of each month (This Month-January 30th at 11:30 AM). Guest speaker, John Leach-Lex. Med. Center. Bring accompanying dishes for our "wing thing" lunch and become a part of our Seniors on the Go at SLBC.



A big thank you to everyone participating in our Christmas Program Our Children and Youth Choir were great! So thankful that we can celebrate the birth of our Savior. A special thanks to parents for bringing kids to practice and to Susan Battles & Gloria Steele for "heading" up for us!



Tune in to WIS news TV "10" for up-to-date information regarding cancellation and closing status for SLBC when severe weather strikes.



**Bible Study** New Discipleship Bible study, Living Free by Beth Moore, begins Tuesday, February 4th-10 AM. Books will be given out at our Jan. 14th meeting. A \$10 donation is requested for workbook purchase. Please use sign-up sheet provided or call church office. Thanks, Gloria Steele!



Articles for February newsletter are due in Church office by January 20th. Please put in wall pocket outside church office or e-mail to church at [slbchurch@windstream.net](mailto:slbchurch@windstream.net). Thanks! Ms. Betty



In Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of: Max Boozer; Bertha Campbell; Nina Corley; Norris Kneece; Gloria Lucas; Kyle Lybrand; Dana Mack; Brandon Mayo and Erskine Shivers.

**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 has prepared us for!

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



Thank you for using your assigned, blue offering envelopes. Just use sign-up sheets on tables in church foyers if you need envelopes, and a box will be waiting for you the following week.

**Praises! Exceeded Lottie Moon Goal of \$1,200 -RTD-\$1,860.92!**



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29  Start the New Year with Prayer	30	31 6 PM New Year's Eve Breakfast Fellowship	1 Malachi Gomez Mildred Shealy  Happy New Year!	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 Ronnie Crapps Thomas Hundley Kyle Szuman	8 Jacob Sox	9 Sam Padgett	10 Laurel Beauchamp Tammy Lucas Alice Suarez	11 Susan Battles Stephanie Hedgepath
12	13 Mary Wessinger  Deacon's Meeting 7:30 PM	14 Howard Bunner Jennifer Carlyle Mark Mills	15 Tyler Adams Cameron Hunter	16	17	18 Jennifer Stillson
19 Day Break Ministry Offering Sanctity of Human Life	20 Janet Gomez	21 Dana Elliott Brenda Loftis	22 B J Atkinson Jeremiah McFarland	23 Jimmy Gooding	24 Luis Gomez	25
26 Patrick Bannister Stephanie Jeffers Barbara Key	27 Arnie Kupcs Sharon Meador	28 Savannah Fulmer Christopher Mills Sara Smith Taylor Tynes Joe Wood	29 Gene Crumpton Daniel Smith Tristan Tucker	30 Taylor Davis  11:30 AM Sr. Adult Ministry Meeting Lunch	31	



Thanks to everyone for all the wonderful Altar arrangements that graced our Worship Centers this past year. Select your "date" to provide Altar Flowers for a particular Sunday to commemorate a special occasion, birthday or anniversary. New 2014 Flower Calendar is located in foyer of larger worship center. See or call Diane Conyers, Flower Ministry Leader, if you have any questions-359-0365.

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

