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Much thanks to Joe McKay and Toby Spires as they rotate off as active Deacons this year.



Dec. 7th - Attendance

Sunday School 97
 Worship 160

Dec. 21st - Attendance

Sunday School 91
 Worship 145

Dec. 14th - Attendance

Sunday School 98
 Worship 178

Dec. 28th - Attendance

Sunday School 74
 Worship 139

General Fund Offering (Weekly Budget Requirement \$7,079.80)

Dec. 7 Offering	\$ 10,801.34
Dec. 14 Offering	\$ 5,198.04
Dec. 21 Offering	\$ 7,349.40
Dec. 28 Offering	\$ 4,872.71
Budget Requirement YTD (52 Weeks)	\$ 368,149.60
Budget Expenses (Actual) YTD	\$ 339,029.97
Budget Offerings Received YTD	\$ 344,540.65
Designated Receipts YTD	\$ 38,355.25
Love Offerings YTD	\$ 276.00



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.



South Lexington Baptist Church
"Sharing Love Because of Christ"

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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, worshipping 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



Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year



Start the New Year with Prayer



BREAKFAST



FELLOWSHIP

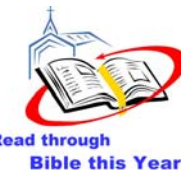


Gideon Bibles

YOU ARE INVITED to attend our New Year's Eve Breakfast Fellowship beginning at 6 PM on Wednesday, December 31st. Everyone welcome! Big thanks to Gene Crumpton and Crew for cooking for us!

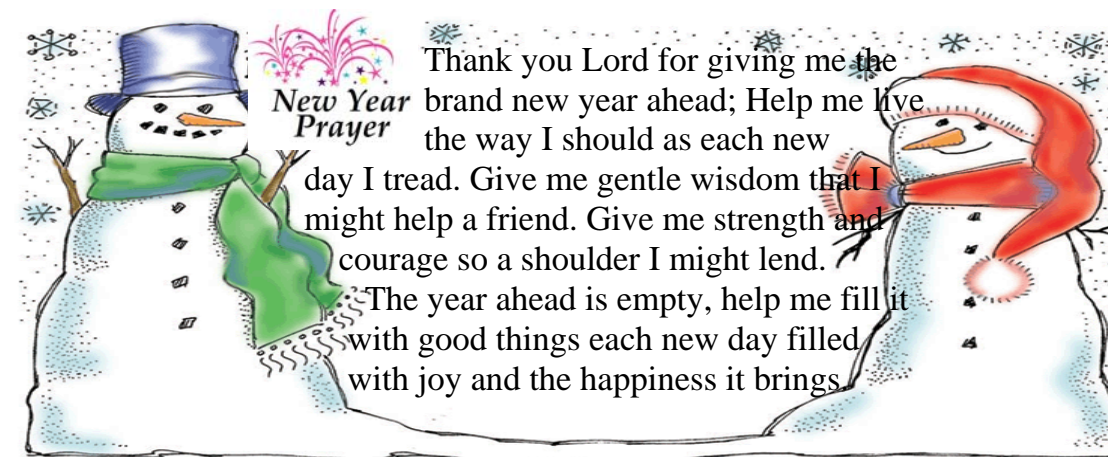


The New Year is here and what a great time to begin *again* or to start reading your Bible through this coming year. It's also a great opportunity to give to a worthy cause of Bible distribution by the Gideon's. Deacons will be at the exits to receive your offering for them following the morning service on January 4th. Please pray and give as God leads. (Be sure to get your "Reading the Bible" through guide in Sunday's Jan. 4th bulletin or call Church office to have one mailed to you).



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday-January 18th

A love offering for Day Break Pregnancy Crisis Center will be received during the morning worship on January 18th. Plan to be with us as we celebrate God's creations, as we are all, "fearfully and wonderfully made." Psalm 139:14



Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead; Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things each new day filled with joy and the happiness it brings.

Make the mistakes of yesteryear (2014) your lessons for this year (2015).

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Pastor Ron...



What a great celebration of Christ's birth we enjoyed this year. Now the new year of 2015 is upon us. The Christmas parties, the shopping, special services and worship is over. Wow! Time out, no, not time out for the kids; but for the adults. Don't you feel like a rest after a great and fulfilled, yet busy Christmas? I do, I need a time-out for a rest. Rest, is that wonderful commodity that allows us to keep and maintain our health (our mental health as well). It allows our bodies, our minds, and our lives to be rejuvenated. Take some time out and rest. Get a cup of coffee (tea works pretty well too) and a good book and rest a while.

True and lasting rest is found only in the Lord Jesus. This rest in the Lord Jesus is what scripture implores us to seek and find. Physical rest is good but without spiritual rest in the Lord Jesus even physical rest is limited. The rest spoken of in the book of Hebrews is spiritual and what God desires for His children. "Let us therefore be diligent to enter that rest, lest anyone fall according to the same example of disobedience" (Hebrew 4:11). The rest spoken of in this verse is of the Promised Land, Canaan, that Moses and Joshua led God's people to enter. But in Hebrews 4:8 it says, "For if Joshua had given them rest, then He would not afterward have spoken of another day." Speaking of another day means the physical rest of Canaan was not the spiritual rest of the Lord Jesus. We are told to "be diligent to enter that rest" and Joshua's rest was not "that rest." What is "that rest"? It is a spiritual rest. Listen to how one bible writer describes this rest, "The rest that God intended for his people transcends the temporal and attains the eternal. It is a spiritual rest that is effected by the gospel, whether proclaimed in Old Testament or New Testament days. It is a rest from sin and evil."

Hebrews 4:9 tells us "There remains therefore a rest for the people of God." What is the Lord saying? We need the rest of the physical while here on earth, but we need the greater rest of God's Spirit and Grace. It does not come with a cup of coffee but by faith and a diligence to believe and keep on believing in God's grace and salvation through Jesus Christ.

Do you need a time out? Then rest in the Lord Jesus for the physical and be diligent to enter the rest of His Spirit. When we rest in the Lord the promise of Psalm 27:14 becomes a reality, "Wait on the LORD; Be of good courage, And He shall strengthen your heart; Wait, I say, on the LORD!" Or in other words rest in the Lord. See You Sunday...Pastor Ron...John14:6

DOLLARS & CENTS

New Year Resolutions

As year 2014 winds to an end, we begin to look forward to year 2015. 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 2015, 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 29th at 11:30 AM). Bring fixings for a potluck lunch and become a part of our Seniors on the Go at SLBC.



Bible Study Discipleship Bible study resumes early February on Tuesday's at 10 AM. Much appreciation to Gloria Steele as she continues leading our Discipleship study.



Thank you for helping us keep the Food Pantry so well stocked last year. You have helped us assist numerous families. We are running low on the following and will be collecting these during January: Canned veggies and Dried Beans. Beryl Bledsoe & WMU Ladies



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

Deacon Ordination service & reception recognition for Charles Congers & Ted Priestler will be scheduled soon. Watch for details.



In Christian Sympathy to the families and friends of: Shanna Fees; Nancy Hook; Melvin Jones, Jr. & Marvin Vest. **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. Use sign-up sheets on tables in church foyers if you need envelopes, and a box will be waiting for you the following week.



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
28 Start the New Year with Prayer	29	30	31 6 PM New Year's Eve Breakfast Fellowship	1 Malachi Gomez Mildred Shealy Happy New Year!	2 Karen Brown	3 Kenneth Mabe
4 Edith Bradley Janet Caulk Jerry Davis Sydney Stillson Gideon Love Offering	5 Stephen Davis Olivia Ducker Mitch Shealy	6 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 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 PM	13 Mary Wessinger	14 Howard Bunner Jennifer Carlyle Mark Mills	15 Tyler Adams Cameron Hunter	16	17
18 Jennifer Stillson Day Break Ministry Love Offering Sanctity of Human Life	19	20	21 Dana Elliott Brenda Loftis	22 B J Atkinson Jeremiah McFarland	23 Jimmy Gooding	24
25	26 Barbara Key Patrick Bannister	27 Arnie Kupcs Sharon Meador	28 Savannah Fulmer Christopher Mills Sara Smith Taylor Tynes Joe Wood	29 Gene Crumpton Daniel Smith Tristan Tucker 11:30 AM Sr. Adult Meeting Lunch	30 Taylor Davis	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 2015 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!

