

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

Pastor .....  
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 Discipleship Director ..... Gloria Steele  
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SLBC Deacons *Deacons for the month of July			
*Jerry Atkins	755-1494	*Ron Matthews	312-3036
Joe McKay	603-8792	Robert Mitchell	603-1504
Toby Spires	260-1404	Marion Steele	609-6115

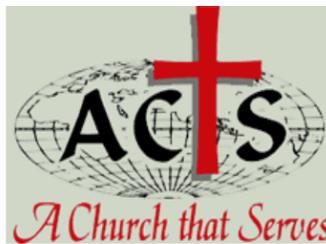
**For The Record...**

<b>June 2nd - Attendance</b>	<b>June 9th - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 98	Sunday School 100
Worship 147	Worship 139
<b>June 16th - Attendance</b>	<b>June 23rd - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 106	Sunday School 91
Worship 164	Worship 136

**General Fund Offering (Weekly Budget Requirement \$8,489.31)**

June 2 Offering	\$ 8,500.00
June 9 Offering	\$ 6,221.30
June 16 Offering	\$ 3,456.02
June 23 Offering	\$ 6,584.00
<b>Budget Requirement YTD (25 Weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 212,232.75</b>
<b>Expenses (Actual) YTD</b>	<b>\$ 178,696.06</b>
<b>Offerings Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 165,938.73</b>
<b>Designated Receipts YTD</b>	<b>\$ 13,531.83</b>
<b>Love Offerings (YTD)</b>	<b>\$ 2,800.39</b>
<b>Jesse Powers Offering</b>	<b>\$ 659.00</b>
<b>Eternal Vision Offering</b>	<b>\$ 478.00</b>

*The Social Obligations of a Christian by Billy Graham:* The Bible teaches that the Christian should be law abiding. The Bible also teaches loyalty to country. A loyalty and love of country does not mean that we cannot criticize certain unjust laws that may discriminate against special groups. The Bible says that God is no respecter of persons. All should have equal opportunities. The government of God is to be our model. The Bible also teaches that we are to co-operate with the government. Jesus was asked, "Is it lawful to give tribute?" Jesus set the example forever by paying taxes. It takes money to run a government and to maintain law and order. The tax dodger is a civic parasite and an actual thief. No true Christian will be a tax dodger. Jesus said, we are to "render to Caesar the things that are Caesar's." We ought to be more than taxpayers. To be simply law-abiding is not enough. We ought to seek and work for the good of our Country. Sometimes, we may be called upon to die for it. We are to do it gladly--as unto God. We are to be conscientious in our work as good citizens.



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*"People Sharing Jesus"*

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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, 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**



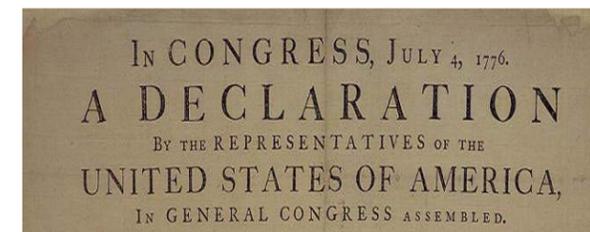
**Patriotic Service**  
**Sunday June 30th**  
**Come Celebrate**  
**with Us!**

As we celebrate the July 4th Holiday which represents our independence from foreign governments, let's not forget the price paid by our forefathers. A price is still being paid today by our families and friends who are serving in armed forces fighting for injustices in our world and families losing loved ones. Remember our Military members and their families in prayer and be sure to thank them when you see them. May we always remember the Supreme sacrifice given by God for the independence from our sins. It is said there are two people who will give their life for you, Jesus Christ for your sins and the soldier for your freedom.

***Blessed Is the Nation Whose God is the***



Faith of our Fathers living still. In spite of dungeon, fire & sword. O how our hearts beat high with joy when-e'er we hear that glorious word. Faith of our fathers Holy faith! We will be true to thee till death!



"The Declaration of Independence ... gave liberty not alone to the people of this country, but hope to all the world, for all future time."

*Abraham Lincoln*



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**America! America! God Mend Thine Every Flaw**

## Deacon's Corner (Rev. Jerry Atkins) From My Study of Psalm 23...

A Pastor telephoned his sermon topic into the local newspaper. "The Lord Is My Shepherd," he said. "Is that all?" he was asked. He replied, "That's enough!" The next day his sermon topic was in the Church page as: "The Lord is my Shepherd-That's Enough". He liked the idea so much he used the expanded title. The 23rd Psalm is probably the most quoted, most beloved Chapter in the Bible. In my study of Psalm 23, I have learned two important truths that must be understood if it's to have an impact on my every-day life. (1) Each time the word Lord is capitalized, it is a transliteration of the Hebrew word, Jehovah--stated briefly: (the) self-existing or eternal God. Its' precise meaning is somewhat debated but never-the-less God chose it as His personal name by which He related specifically to His chosen or Covenant people first appearing in Gen. 2:4. So whenever you see the word Lord in caps, and you are His child, rest assured that Jehovah God is who He says He is and will keep His every promise He has made to you. (2) The word "Shepherd" literally means to tend a flock; i.e.; to pasture it - It's translated to feed, to keep, companion, & associated with (as a Friend). In Ps. 80:1, He is the Shepherd that leads. In John 10:11, He is the Good Shepherd that knows His sheep. In Hebrews 13:20, He is the Great Shepherd of the sheep. In I Peter 5:4, He is the Chief Shepherd. In Isaiah 40:11, He will feed His flock like a shepherd; He will gather the lambs with His arm, and carry them in His bosom, and gently lead those who are with young. Psalm 23 is more than a song to be sung or memorized --although it should be, but it is the food for life of the sheep who have an intimate relationship and absolute trust in their Shepherd. Because the Lord is my Shepherd (Vs. 1) when I am in need, I shall not lack any good thing (Vs. 2). I will lie down in tender green grass, rest beside the still waters (Vs. 3). He turns my wandering soul back on the right path (Vs. 4). In the shadows of death or danger, He is with me and His voice comforts me (Vs. 5). In the presence of those who hate me or would harm me, His words encourage me and His Spirit strengthens me (Vs. 6). Every day His goodness and mercy surrounds me, and at the end of my days, I will abide in His presence --forever! So, if you keep an intimate fellowship and an uncompromising trust in Him, then we shall know and boldly proclaim the Lord is truly my Shepherd and that--really is enough. "I wonder - do you know Him as your Shepherd?" Rev. Jerry Atkins

**DOLLARS&CENTS YOU CAN'T OUT-GIVE GOD Luke 6:38 "Give, and it will be given unto you: good measure, pressed down, shaken together, and running over will put into your bosom. For with the same measure that you use, it will be measured back to you."**

The Bible states in Revelation 18 that if we put our trust in money, it's going to fail. The way to deal with money, instead of struggling with it, is to try and out-give God...because we can't. The more we give away, the more we'll receive. The more we obey Him with our finances, the more He blesses us. The more we do for other people, the more God has other people do for us. It may not make sense according to the world's system, but God doesn't want you to simply make money and hoard it away. God says that by giving it away, you will have more in the end. I challenge you to increase your generosity today. Ask anyone that tithes-they already know-that you can't out-give God.

**Prayer:** God, Your plan for my finances isn't like the world's but I know that when I give the way You tell me to,

You will take care of me. My money is Yours and I will use it as You see fit.

Jerry Frick, Finance



Luau

Make your plans now to join with our Sr. Adults for their monthly meeting Thursday, July 25th. They are having a Hawaii theme with everything "luau". Everyone 55 and up are most welcome to join in with the fun, fellowship and great food. Questions? Contact BJ Atkinson or Ted Priester. Hope to see you there!



MISSIONS CORNER

### Mission Trip July 12-20

Please keep our West Virginia Mission Team Members in your daily prayers as they provide construction work, ministering thru VBS & Bible camps. Pray specifically for safety, health, weather and that God will use them in a very special way to bring lost souls to a saving knowledge of His Grace, Love and Mercy. A special prayer for all team members will be held Sunday morning, July 7th. We also look forward to hearing from our Team when they return and share their experiences with us Sunday evening, July 21st.



"A Nation's Strength"--Not gold but only men can make a people great and strong; Men who for truth and honor's sake stand fast and suffer long. Brave men who work while others sleep, who dare while others fly...They build a nation's pillars deep and lift them to the sky. —Ralph Waldo Emerson

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is Marching On



Dr. Ronald Daves will be preaching on Sunday, July 7th. We will have a brief Business meeting following morning service to vote on extending the call as SLBC's *Intentional* Interim Pastor to Dr. Daves. A brief Bio follows for your information:

**Home Life:** Married to Karen, June 22, 1974. Children; Sandi married to Weldon Sellers, four grandsons, Andrew, Aaron Alexander and Adam. Ronnie married to Brandi, two grandsons Logan and Landon.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Bible from CIU in 1984; Master of Divinity (1997) and Doctor of Ministry (2000) from Southeastern Baptist Theological Seminary.

**Ministry:** Has served 27 years in the ministry, serving churches in SC for 21 years. 3 Mission trips to India, Romania and Honduras.

Health issues in November 2011 necessitated my resignation from full-time ministry due to diagnosis of cancer and one year of treatment.

"I desire to fill in and preach to God's people for God's glory to further His Kingdom."

*Pray for our Country...If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray--and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land.*  
2 Chronicles 7:14



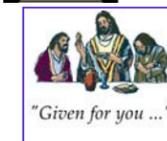
Please pray about our Church's participation in Billy Graham "My Hope" project in November. Contact Gloria Steele to see how you can take part in this worthwhile across America project. Will you commit now to become a "Matthew"?



Please remember these families: Connie Ducker; Wayne Hunter; Lois Kyzer; Bill Petty & Deloris Strickland. We pray for God's Peace and Comfort for you during difficult days ahead. God Bless You.



No Worship service or any other activities on Wednesday, July 3rd. Church Office will be closed Thursday, July 4th for Holiday and Wednesday, Thursday July 10th-11th due to Jerry's surgery. Please provide any Bulletin information for July 7th & 14th Bulletins ASAP. Thank you! Mrs. Betty



We will observe the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper on June 30th. We also will receive a special offering for SLBC's Benevolence Fund. Please pray about what God would have you give towards this Ministry.



**It's the Soldier, not the reporter who has given us the freedom of the press.**

**It's the Soldier, not the poet, who has given us the freedom of speech.**

**It's the Soldier, not the politicians that ensures our right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness..it's the Soldier who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.**



Special prayer service for our West Virginia Team members Sunday morning, **July 7th**; Mission Team report on Sunday evening, **July 21st**. Business meeting following morning worship on Sunday, **July 7th**.

FAITH IS NOT ABOUT EVERYTHING TURNING OUT OK; FAITH IS ABOUT BEING OK NO MATTER HOW THINGS TURN OUT.



Long May Our Land Be Bright, With Freedom's Holy Light; Protect Us By Thy Might, Great God, our King!



# JULY 2013

### Sunday Schedule

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

### Wednesday Schedule

7:00 - 7:45 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
7:00 - 7:45 PM Team Kids  
6:30 - 7:00 PM Youth Recreation  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Meeting  
7:30 PM NO Celebration Choir Rehearsal During Summer

### Tuesday Schedule

10:00 AM Discipleship Bible Study (Resumes in Sept.)  
11:30 AM Women's Craft Group (Resumes in Sept.)

### On-Going Activities

11:30 AM Last Thursday Seasoned To Serve-Sr. Adults

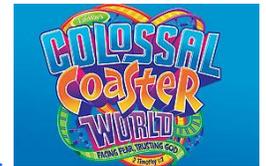
SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 Luke Addy, Jr.	2	3 Mindy Epps  No Wed. Services	4 Office Closed 	5 Rebecca McCune Travis Turner	6 Matt Ard Shirley Campbell
7 West Virginia Mission Team Commissioning	8 Stacia Clark	9 Frances Fant Luke Jumper III Bobby Moorer Valree Wooten	10  Office Closed	11 Susan Harris Parker Little  Office Closed	12	13 Hunter Bishop Eddie Carter Stan Sharpe, Sr.
West Virginia Mission Team Trip July 12--20. Please pray daily for our Mission Team.						
14 Lydia Alford Linda Hoffman John Newton Caroline Rast	15 Christian Bunner Diana Padgett Ron Simmons	16	17 Terri Austin Gavin Boykin Bailey Conyers Lauren Yarborough	18 Shannon Blume Robert Jumper Mollie Beth Wilson	19 Brian Franklin	20 Sandy Cook
21  W. Va. Mission Team Report	22 John Meador	23 Ashley McCartha	24 Carlie Dean Sydney Greer Brandi Mabe	25 Cameron McCurdy Norma Nates Lee Nelson	26 Skyler Blume Holly Smith Caroline Szuman Ryan Turner Janie Weaver	27 Bill Jenkins
28 Calvin McGee Annah Rast Tim Willis	29 Troy Williams	30 Joshua Hatchell Kim Kneece Travis Wilbanks	31			

June 23, 2013...Church Family, July 7th will be my last Sunday. Thank you for the opportunity to work with your youth. I love them and will miss them greatly. Thank you Church, Parents, and Youth for accepting me as a part of your Family. Please pray for Patrick and I as we move forward and follow God's leadership. We will continue to pray for you also as you move forward. Your servant in Christ, Amanda Bannister

Thanks, Amanda for your service to SLBC--  
God bless you in your future endeavors.



We are so grateful for everyone's help during VBS. Teachers, Helpers, Cooks, Audio, Leaders, Directors and EVERYONE that had a part in making VBS Colossal Coaster World a great success. We give praise to our Lord for decisions made to follow Him as we "Face our Fear and Trust God" 2 Tim 1:7. Come back next year as we celebrate "Agency D-3" Discover, Decide, Defend...I Peter 3:15 "But honor the Lord in your hearts. Always be ready to give a defense to anyone who asks you for a reason for the hope that is in you.



Dear SLBC: Thank you for inviting me to share another week with you (for your VBS). For the last several years I have looked forward to this week of Bible teaching and fellowship with you (like a family reunion). My life has been enriched by the studies. Your invitation has forced me to dig deeply into the Scriptures. Your faithful attendance, kind words expressed and your generous love offering, is more than I can imagine. May the Lord richly bless you and continue to use you for His glory. *Yours in Christ, Jesse Powers*



We are extremely grateful to SLBC for your participation in our *Baby Bottle* campaign. Total offering for the baby bottles was \$839.86! God Bless you all for your generous support. *Daybreak Pregnancy Center*

Bro. Robert remains in the Palmetto Richland hospital with an obstruction not allowing anything to pass from his stomach through intestines. He has an NG tube to remove fluids/acids from stomach-hoping to alleviate pressure so obstruction would clear. He possibly could be facing stomach surgery which for an LVAD patient would be extremely serious. Specific prayer request for obstruction to clear so surgery won't be needed. Please continue to pray for Bro. Robert and his situation and also for his dear family for their peace in all situations and well being.



**If your birthday has been missed from any of our monthly birthday lists, please call and let us know. Our records are only as accurate as you allow them to be. Thank you for taking the time to keep us informed!**