



South Lexington Baptist Herald

"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, 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



Sunday, September 8th 4-6 PM at *Fisher's (331 McLee Road*). Church provides hot dogs, burgers, & fixings. We ask folks to bring sides of baked beans, coleslaw, fruit, pasta & potato salads and lots of **desserts**. Bring a chair and whatever you need for fishing, swimming, horse rides, games, etc. And, of course, expect a visit from camel, Abraham! You are encouraged to invite others, too. It is good for folks to see great Christian fellowship and fun. Thanks, Susan Battles



Our youth will sponsor a Spaghetti meal following the morning worship service on Sunday, September 22nd. Meal includes salad, spaghetti, bread, and a dessert for donations which will all go to cover the cost of lodging, food, and bus gas for the December Big God Conference. We appreciate your support of our Youth.



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Janie Chapman Season of Prayer for State Missions
Emphasis September 8-15. SLBC Church Goal - \$750
...testify to the gospel of the grace of God" Acts 20:24



Work Day at Church

8 AM - 2 PM Saturday, September 21st

General clean-up/work-day around Church. Everyone's help is needed to help get SLBC looking as good as the carpets & floors that Danny and Brenda Loftis have just cleaned. Bring any equipment you can provide,

gloves and cleaning supplies. Everyone's participation would be greatly appreciated! We thank Susan Battles for spearheading this project. Let her or Jerry Atkins know if you have any suggestions.



We will observe the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper on the 5th Sunday, Sept. 29th and will also receive a special offering for SLBC's Benevolence Fund. Please pray about what God would have you give towards this Ministry. Thank You!!



God Bless You Grandparents (God's Gift to Children). Happy Grandparents Day Sept 8th!





A Word From Pastor Ron...

As I write this article for our newsletter my heart is full of gratitude for all of you who make up the family of SLBC. Thank you for your attendance, labor and support for the life and ministry of the church. Without you it would not be the church and it would not be able to fulfill the mission of the church (Matthew 28:18-20).

My prayer for us is that we will continue to yield and submit to the Lord Jesus allowing His grace and mercy to save the lost and sanctify the saved. As the Apostle Paul requested of the church *"I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, to present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable to God, which is your reasonable service. And do not be conformed to this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind, that you may prove what is that good and acceptable and perfect will of God"* (Romans 12:1-2).

When we seek to present ourselves daily to our Lord like Paul requested, unreservedly and with deep devotion and worship, we will be transformed. This transformation will be evidence of our desiring for more of the same transformation or devotion for the Lord Jesus. Additionally this transformation will be the very means to make Jesus known to those all around us.

We are praying for those we have listed for "My Hope". A great and effective resource to help those come to salvation is our very own salvation as we humbly submit to the Lord Jesus. Jesus tells us why this is effective in John 12:32 *"and I, if I am lifted up from the earth, will draw all peoples to Myself."* Indeed Jesus is the very reason for everything we do; for why we present ourselves to Him, for why we love the family of God, for why we worship with each other and for the very crucial reason that the lost will be brought to salvation and forgiveness. The only reason is the Lord Jesus. He alone saves and dear child of God; He does indeed save all who call upon him. As we called upon Him others will call upon Him in the days ahead for God's glory, honor and Kingdom. *See You Sunday! Pastor Ron John 14:6*

DOLLARS & CENTS

Giving Should Cost You Something 2 Samuel 24:24 Then the king said to Araunah,

"No, but I will surely buy it from you for a price; nor will I offer burnt offerings to the Lord my God with that which cost me nothing". So David bought the threshing floor and the oxen for fifty shekels of silver. We often hear that nothing cheap is worth having. King David said he would not give God something that cost him nothing. True giving is not giving unless you can feel it. Giving away clothes or household items we are finished with or no longer want is admirable and a nice gesture, but it doesn't equal real giving. Real giving occurs when we give somebody something that cost us something or causes us to make a sacrifice. We've all had those testing times when God has asked us to give away something we like or want to keep for ourselves.

When we consider how God gave His only Son for us because He loves us so, how can we hold anything back from Him, including ourselves. While we can never equal God's sacrifice for us, we must give back to Him in a way that means something. The simple truth is this: We must give to be happy, and giving is not true giving if it doesn't cost us something.



Jerry Frick, Finance



Come go with our Sr. Adults as they go "apple picking" in the Mountains on Saturday September 28th. This trip will

take the place of our normal monthly meeting/lunch. See BJ or Ted if you have questions. Sign-up is appreciated! Bus leaves at 8 AM!



Food Collection

Sept. Pantry: P-Nut Butter, Jelly and Crackers (a new addition since we can't keep fresh bread on hand).



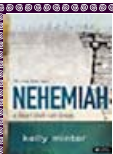
Sept. Prisoner Packets: Toothpaste (5.8 oz or larger) and factory-sealed adult tooth-brushes (no multi-packs).



Notice to all Medicare Beneficiaries: Change in enrollment program period begins October 15 and ends December 7, 2013. If you need help with your choices or just have general questions, you can contact Paul Copes at 808-0152 who is certified to do these Medicare programs. He also will be speaker for Seniors at their Oct. meeting.



Volunteers Needed for Children's Church and Nursery and Toddlers. If you can help out for just one Sunday a month, please contact Terri McCurdy, 730-6311 or Marion Steele, 356-2506.



Thanks to Gloria Steele as she leads our Tuesday morning discipleship Bible Study on the Book of Nehemiah beginning Tuesday, September 17th (10 AM). Please sign up so a workbook can be purchased for you; and a \$10 fee is also requested to help offset workbook cost. See or Call Gloria if you have questions: 356-2506.

Don't tell God how big your storm is, Tell the storm how big your God is !!



Thank you Church for your prayer of concern for my surgery. It was a success! For the cards, visits, and calls, may GOD receive the Glory. Again, thank you. Harold & Doris (Cryer)

Thanks to the youth for your visit and for the scrumptious dinner you brought to us. We appreciate SLBC for the many ways that you help people. I have never attended a church that cares so much for people, I receive a special blessing each time I'm at church and whenever we have visits. Thank you very much! Ellen & Eddie (Gibson).



A heart-felt THANK-YOU! To Brenda and Danny Loftis for the awesome carpet/floor cleaning job they did in the Church. They braved all the wet weather and weathered thru. That was a lot of hard work! Let's try to help them keep God's house as clean as we can. Please!! No food or drinks in our worship areas or in carpeted hallways. Thanks for your help!



Dear SLBC family, many of you haven't had the wonderful opportunity to experience the New Member/Inquirer Class and we desire to make that possible for you. If you haven't attended a class but are interested, please call the office. We may be able to offer this class on two Sunday nights at 5 PM if there is enough interest. Please call the church office and let us know so we can schedule a new class.



Dennis, Detra & Gage Pennington
Ron & Karen Daves



Information for Sunday bulletin and Wednesday Prayer List is due by Noon on Wednesdays and by the 18th of each month for the following month's newsletter. Please verify there is no conflict on Church calendar prior to scheduling your event. Church Office hours: T-W-T 8:30AM - 2:30 PM. Thank you, Ms. Betty & Mr. Jerry (Office & Finance) & Ron Matthews, Office Ministry Leader

Samaritans' Purse Begin collecting items now for those shoe boxes during this time of reduced prices school supplies. The power of a simple gift...share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting child overseas. Your filled shoebox can make an eternal difference in a Child's life. God Bless you for caring!



The 9-11 memorial displays the names of nearly 3,000 men, women, and children killed in the attacks in N Y, Pennsylvania, and at the Pentagon. Although it was 13 years ago, most of us remember it like yesterday. Please continue praying for these still grieving families.



Student/Teacher Prayer dedication service is on Sunday, September 8th. Cards with student/teacher names will be available for you to pick up and commit to pray for during this school year. Prayer is so vital for them in their lives. We appreciate your prayers of commitment.



Awana outreach (distributing fliers throughout surrounding neighborhoods)-Saturday, Sept. 7th 9-11. Please sign up if you are willing to help on this day. I need a head count for food afterwards. Awana Kick-off is the following Saturday, Sept. 14th 12-4. Fun, Food, Games & Water. Bring a towel and a friend. Regular Awana Clubs begin Sunday, Sept. 22nd at 5:30 PM. Thank You! In Christ, Samantha



Please pray for the Billy Graham "My Hope" project coming November 10th. Contact Gloria Steele to see how you can take part in this life-changing across America project. (356-2506). Brochures available on all Foyer tables or call Church Office to have one mailed to you.



So many people are suffering and in need of God's comfort and grace. The book written by Pastor Ron "Why Cancer is Not Bad Luck" is a really good resource to give to your loved ones and friends who are suffering not only with cancer but any illness. Call the Church office if interested.



A Service of Remembrance will be held for John Fant at SLBC on Thursday, September 5th at 3 PM. Christian love and sympathy to his Wife, Frances and Family.



Remember these whose loved ones have passed

Christian Sympathy to these families as they grieve for their loved ones: Novelle Rish Barnes; Charlie Broxton; Glen Caulk; Virginia Dunn and John Fant. God Bless You, Family and Friends. Receive our Prayers for God's Peace and Comfort during difficult times and days ahead. Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, although it also has the potential for being the most therapeutic. Grief isn't a bad thing; it's the cost of having loved. If we hadn't loved, if we had not cared, we would not grieve and our lives would have been emptier.

Shared Grief is half the sorrow; but happiness when shared, is doubled.

CHURCH DIRECTORY

Interim Pastor Pastor Ron Daves
 Ministry Student Leader
 Church Office & Finance Betty & Jerry Frick
 Church Treasurer Ron Matthews
 Assistant Treasurer Ruth Crumpton
 Sunday School Director Toby Spires
 Discipleship Director Gloria Steele
 WMU/WOM Director Beryl Bledsoe
 Sr. Adults (Seasoned To Serve) BJ Atkinson
 Musicians James Bradley & BJ Atkinson
 Church Clean-Up Team Leaders Susan Bishop & Gene Crumpton
 Deacon Chair Ron Matthews
 Deacon Vice-Chair Marion Steele, Jr.

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For The Record...

Aug. 4th - Attendance

Sunday School 108
 Worship 146

Aug. 11th - Attendance

Sunday School 96
 Worship 152

Aug. 18th - Attendance

Sunday School 115
 Worship 154

Aug. 25th - Attendance

Sunday School 104
 Worship 186



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

Aug 4 Offering	\$ 9,946.00
Aug 11 Offering	\$ 5,569.40
Aug 18 Offering	\$ 5,970.00
Aug 25 Offering	\$ 5,796.32
Budget Requirement YTD (34 Weeks)	\$ 288,636.54
Expenses (Actual) YTD	\$ 233,408.69
Offerings Received YTD	\$ 226,189.29
Designated Receipts YTD	\$ 17,765.87
Love Offerings (YTD)	\$ 3,260.14

SLBC Interim Pastor Dr. Ron Daves 240-8859

SLBC Deacons

*Deacons for the month of September

Jerry Atkins	755-1494	Ron Matthews	312-3036
Joe McKay	603-8792	Robert Mitchell	603-1504
*Toby Spires	260-1404	*Marion Steele	609-6115

God is the ARM that will hold you at your weakest. The EYE that will see you at your darkest. The HEART that will love you at your worst. God has a purpose for you that is held in His heart; God has a path for you that is paved with His grace. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness only LIGHT can do that; Hate cannot drive out Hate only LOVE can do that". MLK Prayer is the most important conversation of the day, take it to God before you take it to anyone else. Worry is a total waste of time; it doesn't change anything, all it does is steals your joy, keeps you from praying, and busy doing nothing.

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SEPTEMBER 11
 Remembrance



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 Return Service Requested

September



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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
11:30 AM Women's Craft Group

On-Going Activities

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Ciarra Taylor  <i>Sunday School Start-up</i>	2 Patti Oakes  Labor Day	3 Will Barnes Rex Turner	4	5	6	7 Karen Addy Mason McCurdy Lindsey Willis Awana OutReach 9-11 AM
8  Student/Teacher Prayer Dedication Church Picnic at Fishers 4-6 PM	9 Brian Richburg  Seniors' Beach Retreat	10 Meredith Ducker Michaela Ducker	11 Caleb Geiger Charles Humphries  SEPTEMBER 11 <i>Remembrance</i>	12 Jim Hedgepath Keith Suarez	13	14 Bob Weaver Awana Kick-Off 12-4 PM 
Season of Prayer for State Missions Emphasis Sept 8-15 J. D. Chapman "Going All Out" Acts 20:24						
15 Alison Dean Asia Keisler	16 Miranda Altman Grace Bellamy Connie Faile	17 Randy Alford 10 AM Disc. Bible Study	18 Danielle Altman	19 Tyquisha Moore	20 Matthew Richburg	21 Jordan Hallman Ronnie Moses Church-wide Clean-up 8 AM - 2PM 
22 Hunter Brittan Leaphart  Spaghetti Lunch  Awana Clubs AWANA Resumes 5:30 PM	23  Autumn	24 Mina Harrington 10 AM Disc. Bible Study	25 Leanne Bradley Cassie Gannon 	26 Joanne Fleetwood Martha Taylor Ken Tynes Angles Humphries	27 Jenny Miles Jamie Ross Sr.	28  Apple Picking Trip
29 Andrea Newton Lord's Supper & Benevolence Offering	30	10 AM Ladies WMU			SS Classes for everyone begins@ 9:30 AM Sundays 	

SLBC YOUTH NEWS



Come one and all to see who gets to "Kiss the Camel " on September 8th at our church picnic! Crystal Bouknight, Kim Kneece, Lisa Matthews, and Bill Widener have volunteered to compete for the chance to kiss Abraham, the camel. Place money in the box of the one you want to see "kissing" the camel. The person with the most money will be the lucky winner of a kiss. It's all in fun and all monies raised will go towards "The Big God" Dec. conference trip.



SLBC Youth

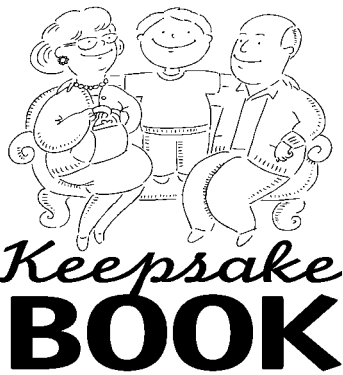
Sept. 8- Student/Teacher Prayer Dedication Service and Kiss The camel, (Abraham) fundraiser during Church Picnic

Sept. 22- Spaghetti Lunch Fundraiser after AM Worship

Sept. 29- Deposit due for Big God Conference-\$50

Oct. 6- Drop-in Baby Shower for Amanda hosted by Youth & Youth Parents

Oct. 18- Needtobreathe Concert @ SC State Fair

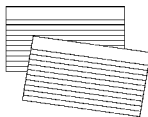


Keepsake BOOK

With your grandparents, create a special book to preserve cherished memories.

What you need:

- Index cards
- Pencil
- Hole punch
- Binder ring (or yarn)
- Crayons or markers



What you do:

1. Brainstorm questions to ask one or more of your grandparents (topics can include their childhoods, favorites and advice). Write one question on each index card.
2. Ask your grandparent to write his or her answers on the blank sides of the cards.
3. Make a cover by decorating one index card.
4. Punch a hole in the top left corner of each card.
5. Use a binder ring or string yarn through the holes and tie to secure the cards together.



From generation to GENERATION

Grandparents are a bridge of love for future generations. The greatest heritage they can pass on is their faith and love for God.

Tell it to your children, and let your children tell it to their children, and their children to the next generation.

JOEL 1:3, NIV

Directions: List as many words as you can create from the letters in **GENERATIONS**. You may want to challenge a grandparent to this!

2-letter words	3-letter words	4-letter words	5+ letters
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Add up the total number of words you found. >>> _____