



Come join us for a special patriotic worship service and singing as we gratefully celebrate



**West Virginia Mission Trip July 11-18** Please keep our West Virginia Mission Team Members in your daily prayers as they do construction work and minister through VBS & Bible Camps. Pray specifically for safety, health, travels, weather and mostly that God will use them in a very special way to bring lost souls to a saving knowledge of His Grace. Commissioning prayer for our mission Team members will be on Sunday morning, **July 5th**. Team Members offer their sincerest thanks for all your support and prayers!



We have a new Children's program, Mission Friends for pre-schoolers and Children In Action for K5-5th grade kids. Please pray for these programs and for the volunteers that will be needed (2 Adults per class-Teacher & Helper). Please use sign-up sheet on foyer tables or let either Ashley McCartha or MacKenzie Conyers know if you would like to volunteer. We also will soon be announcing the Wednesday night program (Explore the Bible) and once we have a definite start date, we will have a meeting for all volunteers/helpers and begin reaching out to our children who we miss so much and are so ready to see their sweet faces! We ask for your patience as all these programs come together. Much thanks for all your support and especially your prayers! MacKenzie & Ashley



**A Prayer for America:** Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise You for this Nation in which we live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities. We thank You for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness. Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of this land we love and you have blessed, Amen.

Church Office open **Mon. & Tues. June 29th & 30th**. Closed for Holiday on **Wed. & Thurs. July 1st & 2nd**. Thanks! Mr. Jerry & Ms. Betty



**America! America! God Please Shed Your Grace On Us Once More!**

...to glorify God by making disciples who: **intentionally devote** themselves to their own spiritual growth, **joyfully celebrate** knowing Christ through corporate worship, **faithfully connect** with others for fellowship and accountability, **actively participate** in the ministry of the church and **purposely invest** their own time and resources in order to reach and disciple others in obedience to the great Commission.

**Sunday Worship**

**10:30 AM**

**Sunday School**

**(For All Ages)**

**9:30 AM**

**Evening Worship**

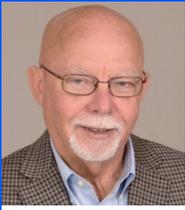
**6:30 PM**

**Wednesday**

**Bible Study 7:00 PM**

**Everyone Welcome!**





*A Word From Pastor Butch...* Greetings in the name of Jesus.

I hope this letter finds you all doing well in these most unusual times. Separation and restrictions upon gatherings are surely taking the “normal” out of church life. If you are like me, church life is such a big part of life in general. If we aren’t careful, we can let all of this overwhelm us and even depress us. Please take time to think about who we are in Christ and what our future holds, and then the weight of this present time doesn’t seem quite so heavy.

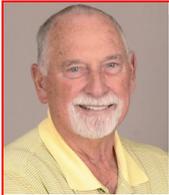
I have to remind myself that these struggles and all of the struggles of living in this sinful world are temporary. The promises of God are eternal. Our hope in Jesus is **real**. When it is worst for us, we can simply pray, “Lord, get us through this day, and when you have, we will be one day closer to the glorious life you have promised to your children.”

Thank you all for your support of the church and the staff. We are so grateful to the volunteers who have worked so hard to help get the videos out so that we can continue to teach and preach the Word. Thank you, guys. We pray that soon we can all gather again and enjoy the wonderful fellowship of the body of Christ.

Susan and I are going to take some vacation time this month and spend time with all of the family. Pray for us as we are praying for you. We love you all. God Bless You, *Butch*



As we celebrate July 4th which represents our independence, let’s not forget the price paid by our forefathers. A price is still being paid today by families and friends who are serving in armed forces fighting for injustices in the world with separation and loss of loved ones. Pray for our Military and families and be sure to thank them personally. 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.



**DOLLARS**  
**SENSE**

As of this writing, our Church is running approximately \$48,000 behind our budget. Our budget represents a good spending plan, put together by finance, deacons, staff and ministry leaders. It represents all known set expenses such as building loan payments, salaries, utilities, insurance, etc. It also includes elective expenses such as our mission work, youth and children ministries, along with community ministries that need our support. Our “set” expenses must be paid. Our planned elective missions are the ones that hurt when we do not meet our budget requirements. Keep the below in mind when thinking about your personal giving in support of your church. Your personal giving cannot be determined from the budget committee’s boardroom but rather from each church member’s dining room and personal devotional time. Your personal giving should be God-centered from the Bible instead of church-centered from the budget. There are 2350 verses on finances and material possessions in scripture. It makes good **CENTS** that God put a certain importance on it. *Mr. Jerry Frick - Finance*



We All Need that  
Special Prayer Partner!



**July Pantry Collection:** Boxed Mac ‘n Cheese; Evaporated Milk & Saltine Crackers. Donations are very much appreciated! WMU-Food Pantry Ladies. **Note:** No food pantry on Wed. July 1st).

50 Health Kits donated! Thank You SLBC! WMU Ladies

God★  
Bless  
America

Heal our land Lord, hear our  
cry, turn our Nation back to You.

Make each day TGIF Day... Today, God Is First



*God’s Promise to you is Freedom-And ye shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, ye shall be free indeed. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover up for evil; live as servants of God. James 8:32-36.*

*My Country ‘tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty of Thee I sing...*



*A Word From Pastor Scottie...* Hey y'all! It seems as though the Coronavirus is spiking; the increase in the number of cases is rising fast. A lot of people are very worried about what is going to happen and many may even be scared of what could happen if they contract the virus. I want to encourage you to remember something about God that should be of great comfort to all believers... **God is sovereign.** We recently sang a song in our worship service entitled "Sovereign Over Us."

Listen to some of the words of this song,

Your plans are still to prosper, You have not forgotten us; You're with us in the fire and the flood;  
You're faithful forever, Perfect in love; You are sovereign over us.

The song goes on to say,

Even what the enemy means for evil You turn it for our good, You turn it for our good and for Your glory.  
Even in the valley, You are faithful; You're working for our good, You're working for our good and for Your glory

God is with us, His creation. He is actively engaging with His creation, especially those who know him. This virus **cannot** and **will not** defeat God. He is sovereign over us. He is sovereign over all creation.

I pray that God blesses you all. Love in Christ, *Pastor Scottie*



*"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

**God Bless America**



LORD PROP US UP...Every time I am asked to pray, I think of the old fellow who always prayed, 'Lord, prop us up on our leanin' side.' After hearing him pray that prayer many times, someone asked him why he prayed that prayer so fervently. He said, 'Well sir, you see, it's like this... I got an old barn out back. It's been there a long time; it's withstood a lot of weather; it's gone through a lot of storms, and it's stood for many years and it's still standing. Then I got to thinking about that and how much I was like that old barn..I've been around a long time, I've withstood a lot of life's storms, a lot of bad weather, hard times in life and I'm still standing, too. But I find myself leaning to one side from time to time, so I like to ask the Lord to prop us up on our leaning side, 'cause I figure a lot of us get to leaning at times. Sometimes we get to leaning toward anger, leaning toward bitterness, leaning toward hatred, leaning from bad health, leaning toward a lot of things that we shouldn't. So we need to pray, 'Lord, prop us up on our leaning side, so we will stand straight and tall again, to glorify the Lord.



Sympathy to Families & Friends of: Breanna Shealy and Louise Stidham; I can no longer see you with my eyes or touch you with my hands-but I will feel you in my heart forever. Prayers for God's Peace and Comfort for you!

**FOR THE RECORD:** May 31-\$7,933; June 7-\$6,106; June 14-\$5,080;  
June 21-\$4,092; 5th Sunday Offering (Sound/Video Upgrade)-\$1,682

Budget Weekly Requirement: \$7,612



Budget Update

YTD-CONTRIBUTIONS	\$155,929
YTD-EXPENSES ACTUAL	\$159,316
YTD-BUDGET REQUIREMENT (25 Wks)	\$190,299
YTD-DESIGNATED	\$16,867

Your support is vital in spreading the Gospel of our Lord, Jesus Christ! Let us know if you wish to continue receiving stamped envelopes to return your offering. Thanks for using your personally assigned blue offering envelopes ensuring greater accuracy in posting to correct account. E-mail me at [finance@slbchurch.com](mailto:finance@slbchurch.com) or sign-up for offering envelopes. *Mr. Jerry-Finance.*

Praise the Lord! With heartfelt thanks for all the support shown as we received \$1,682 towards our sound and video upgrade. God bless you and your generous, giving spirit!



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

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**PRAY FOR OUR**  
  
**MILITARY**

*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.*



**“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



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

***Faith is not about everything turning out ok; faith is about being ok no matter how things turn out.***



**Sunday Schedule**

Sunday School  
(Facebook)  
Morning Worship  
10 AM  
No Evening Worship  
Youth/Parents Family  
Minister 6:00 PM  
No Choir

**Wednesday Schedule**

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Food Pantry  
7:00 PM Bible Study (Daniel) Facebook

**On-Going Activities**

Deacons Meeting 2nd Sunday 5:00 PM  
No Choir Practice (Praise Team Only)

**Activities-On Summer Break**

Ladies Disc. Bible Study Morning & Evening  
Monthly WOM Meeting

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
<b>June 28</b> Sunday School Lesson (Facebook)	<b>June 29</b> Office Open	<b>June 30</b> Office Open	<b>1</b> Daniel Bible Study (Facebook) Office Closed	<b>2</b> Office Closed	<b>3</b> Mindy Epps	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b> Travis Turner Patriotic Service Commissioning Prayer W. Virginia Sunday School Lesson (Facebook)	<b>6</b> Matt Ard Roger Morin	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b> Stacia Clark Daniel Bible Study (Facebook)	<b>9</b> Frances Fant Bobby Moorer Valree Wooten	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b> Marcy Ackley
<b>12</b> Deacon's Meeting 5 PM Sunday School Lesson (Facebook)	<b>13</b> Eddie Carter	<b>14</b> Lydia Alford Linda Hoffman John Newton Caroline Rast	<b>15</b> Christian Bunner Diana Padgett Daniel Bible Study (Facebook)	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> Gavin Boykin Bailey Conyers Lauren Yarborough	<b>18</b> Shannon Blume
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<b>19</b> Brian Franklin Sunday School Lesson (Facebook)	<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b> Daniel Bible Study (Facebook)	<b>23</b> Ashley McCartha	<b>24</b> Ann Inabinet	<b>25</b> Cameron McCurdy Norma Nates Lee Nelson
<b>26</b> Skyler Blume Holly Smith Ryan Turner Janie Weaver Sunday School Lesson (Facebook)	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> Annah Rast Scottie Redd Tim Willis	<b>29</b> Daniel Bible Study (Facebook)	<b>30</b> Joshua Hatchell Kim Kneece Travis Wilbanks	<b>31</b>	

## Pastor Scottie's Inspirational Verse...

*"Are not two sparrows sold for a penny? And not one of them will fall to the ground apart from your Father. But even the hairs of your head are all numbered. Fear not, therefore; you are of more value than many sparrows."* **Matthew 10:29-31**



# WATER WORKS!

The gospels record Jesus' miracles, many of which involve water.

*Directions: Using the illustrated equations, fill in the blanks to describe each miracle. Use the Bible references for help.*



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JOHN 2:1-11



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Heals a man born

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JOHN 9



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MATTHEW 8:23-27



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LUKE 5:1-11



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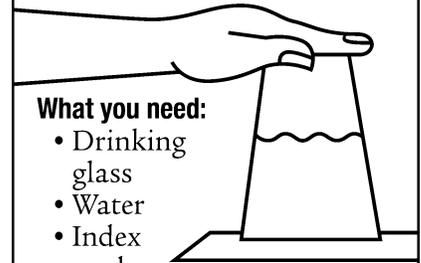
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MATTHEW 14:22-33

## UNSEEN BUT active

This experiment illustrates that although God is invisible, we can see his work all around us.



### What you need:

- Drinking glass
- Water
- Index card

### What you do:

1. Practicing over a sink, fill the glass halfway with water. Then press the index card snugly atop the glass with one hand.
2. With the other hand, hold the base of the glass and carefully flip it over.
3. Remove your hand from the card. It should stay on the glass, without spilling the water! The invisible air in the glass creates a suction with the card, preventing the water from spilling out. Research air pressure to learn more.
4. After perfecting the trick, amaze others with it. Then talk about how God, like the air in the glass, is unseen but active.