

MISSION NEWS



SLBC Purpose

...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 AM

Sunday School

(Facebook)

No Evening Worship

Mission Friends,

Children In Action;

Youth & Parents

6 PM

Wednesday

Bible (Daniel) Study

(Facebook)



We give God all the Glory and Praise for the safe return of our West Virginia Mission Team members. Despite obstacles to overcome, Missions Ministry leader Marion Steele led a 21-member team to yet another adventure where God had already cleared the pathway. Now there are 3 new young believers who know Jesus personally as their Savior because they attended VBS Club! (Please pray for them). The repair crew installed a new drop ceiling in gym at the center which allowed lights to be lowered and built a wheelchair ramp for a local resident. There was a lot of hard work and effort made in such a short time but God truly blessed them all. This was Pastor Scottie's first trip along with Toby & Alexis (his 2 teenagers). What an experience they had! We hope to hear all about their trip in their Missions report and video presentation as soon as things are safe to resume evening worship. Team members, we are so very proud of YOU! Marion Steele offers his sincere thanks to the Church Family for all your support and prayers for West Virginia and other mission projects at SLBC! Not too early to make plans to join us for next year's trip! Come join us-July 11-18 as God leads us to fulfill needs in Community.

Church Directory



Many of you are asking "where's our church directories?" Well, due to Covid-19, the production plant in Ohio was shut down completely. They have since re-opened and resumed production once again. We hope to have them back and distributed by the end of August. However, if you have had a change, of address,

phone status, family loss or addition, etc. please call office. An updated addendum will be attached to new directory. We



DEACON NOMINATIONS

We will soon be receiving **Deacon Nominations**. Please pray for God's guidance and direction as you nominate men for Deacons at SLBC. It is an awesome responsibility and we so appreciate those currently serving: **Marty Griner**, **Chester Keisler**, **Joe McKay** and **Ted Priester** (who is completing remaining tenure for Gene Crumpton's term). They are not eligible for nomination.



Newsletter deadline is the 20th of August for September's issue. Ministry Leaders, help keep everyone informed of your Ministry news. Your help is most appreciated! Thanks! *Ms Betty*



A Word From Pastor Butch...

Greetings in the name of Jesus. I trust that this newsletter finds you doing well.

When “social distancing” began we had no idea that it would last this long. There are some church members who have been separated for almost five months now. The fellowship that we have enjoyed so long as a church body is truly missed. I ask you all to join us in praying that God would soon deliver us from the hold this virus has upon all of us.

Talking with some pastors recently, they shared how devastating this has been upon their churches. Many are hurting financially as their offerings have taken a great hit during this time. I am so thankful to our congregation that has continued to support the church with their offerings and tithes.

In my opinion, and I stress *my* opinion, I believe that the situation is letting up greatly. The biggest indicator for me is the great drop in the death rate. I believe the rise in the number of positive tests is a result of many more people being tested and people being tested multiple times. Several people have told me of being tested four and five times and each test has been reported as a new case. The testing reports do not take into account individuals with multiple tests. Many others have shared that they have tested positive, but have had no illness.

Trust God through all of this. Take every opportunity to worship and hear the word that you can, whether through social media or other alternatives to our traditional worship. And please, please, pray one for another and for all of the churches that are in the midst of struggle.

We love all of you! God Bless You, *Butch*

DOLLARS & SENSE



Are You Dressed Properly? A man was lost in the desert, moving slowly and barely able to stay on his feet. Suddenly, at the top of the hill, another man on a camel appeared with a number of ties draped over his arm. “Water!” the first man cried. “I don’t have any water,” the other man replied but I can sell you a nice tie for \$15.” I don’t want a tie! I want water!” said the wanderer. OK, two for \$25 said the other man. “No ties!” the wanderer exclaimed. “just tell me where I can find some water.” The other man replied, “Oh, alright. Go in the direction I came from. In a straight line from here, you’ll see a small palm tree. About 50 yards past the tree, you’ll find your water.” The man on his camel walked off. The wanderer followed the directions given him and eventually found himself facing another man. “Water!” he said hoarsely. “Do you have water?” Plenty,” the new man replied. “Thank goodness! Can I have some?” The new man replied, “Sorry, but we don’t serve anyone not wearing a tie.” Apply this story to our walk with Jesus. Sometimes He may be offering to sell us a tie when all we want is water and we refuse to accept His offer, only to get to where we could get what we wanted to find out that we are not dressed/prepared properly to enter in and receive it. *Jerry Frick, Finance*



The Holy Alphabet- Although things are not perfect Because of trial or pain, Continue in thanksgiving Do not begin to blame. Even when the times are hard Fierce winds are bound to blow. God is forever able Hold on to what you know. Imagine life without His love, Joy would cease to be. Keep thanking Him for all things Love imparts to thee. Move out of “Camp Complaining” No weapon that is known On earth can yield the power Praise can do alone. Quit looking at the future Redeem the time at hand; Start every day with worship to “Thank” is a command. Until we see Him coming Victorious in the sky. We’ll run the race with gratitude Xalting God most high. Yes, there’ll be good times and yes, some will be bad, but... Zion waits in glory...where none are ever sad!

Notes of Thanks...

Dear Church Family, Thank you so much for all the love and kindnesses shown to us during Gene’s illness and passing. Even during these uncertain times so many of you kept in touch with calls, texts and cards that we were so grateful to receive. More than anything else, we thank you for the prayers which are still helping the family to get through. Please continue them for all the family. The meal provided by the church was delicious! We appreciated it so much. Love in Christ, *Ruth (Crumpton) & Family*

Dear Church Family, Our sincere thanks to all who sent cards, made calls, brought food, but especially for everyone’s prayers for us. By the Grace of God, we are in a new home closer to our Church Family. In Christ’s Love, *Ed & Alice (Gless)*



F R O G (FOREVER RELY ON GOD)



Christian Sympathy to Families and Friends in the loss of their loved ones: Gene Crumpton; Tommy Gordon. Astor (Junior) Jacobs. We pray for God’s Peace and Calm in all the storms of life. Please receive our prayers for God’s Comfort during difficult times and days ahead. Although it is difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort your tomorrow.

You can never do a kindness too soon because you never know how soon it will be too late!



A Word From Pastor Scottie... Recently I was talking with my neighbor and his son who is 7 or 8 years old. The conversation turned to something that the little boy had said recently. His dad told him to repeat to me a statement he had made at home recently. The little boy looked at me and said, "I don't think the devil is real." Ephesians 2:1-2 says, "And you were dead in the trespasses and sins in which you once walked, following the course of this world, following the *prince of the power of the air...*" And in Job 1:6-7 the Bible tells us, "Now there was a day when the sons of God came to present themselves before the LORD, and Satan also came among them. The LORD said to Satan, 'From where have you come?' Satan answered the LORD and said, 'From going to and fro *on the earth*, and from walking up and down on it.'"

What we are reminded of in these verses, and many others in scripture, is that Satan, the devil, is absolutely real. Not only is he real, he is present here on earth and he seeks to cause problems for God's children. Don't let Satan do that. Don't let him cause you to think things that aren't true about someone or a certain situation. Don't let him cause you to think things about yourself that aren't true. And, certainly, don't let him lead you into sin.

Satan is real, but so is our God. Satan is waging war against us, but he is fighting a losing battle. Believers have hope in the promise of God. We have hope in Jesus Christ. One of the greatest reminders we have can be found in Rev. 20:7-10 which says, "And when the thousand years are ended, Satan will be released from his prison and will come out to deceive the nations that are at the four corners of the earth, Gog and Magog, to gather them for battle; their number is like the sand of the sea. And they marched up over the broad plain of the earth and surrounded the camp of the saints and the beloved city, but fire came down from heaven and consumed them, and the devil who had deceived them was thrown into the lake of fire and sulfur where the beast and the false prophet were, and they will be tormented day and night forever and ever." May God bless you as you walk in his power, *Pastor Scottie*



Parents & children are invited to join us on Sunday nights beginning at 6:00 PM 'til 7:30 PM for Family Ministry get together.

We have Mission Friends for younger kids (ages 3-5); Children in Action for ages kindergarten thru 5th grade and Youth activities for 6th-12th grade.

Mission Friends, a mission based Bible study, helps teach kids the importance of spreading God's Word. They will learn these thru activities and crafts.

Children in Action is a mission based Bible study where we will explore all different places and missionaries around the world. They will learn about new countries, its culture through games and food as they learn the importance of spreading God's Word.

Youth, 6th grade and up meet with Pastor Scottie to worship thru music and fellowship with others their age. Parents are ENCOURAGED TO STAY with their children or join in Pastor Scottie's Bible study.

Please register your child/children online at:

<https://kideventpro.lifeway.com/myEvent/?id=55866>



Reminder: Deacons will meet the 2nd Sunday (Aug. 9th) at 5 PM (during summer months).



No food collection in August. We have a well-stocked pantry now thanks to all of your donations! God bless you! Women On Mission.

 ★ We Believe... ★
 ★ We believe in God the Father; We believe in Jesus Christ. ★
 ★ We believe in the Holy Spirit and He's giving us new life; ★
 ★ We believe in the Crucifixion; We believe that He ★
 ★ conquered death; ★
 ★ We believe in the Resurrection and He's coming back ★
 ★ He's coming back AGAIN! WE BELIEVE!! ★
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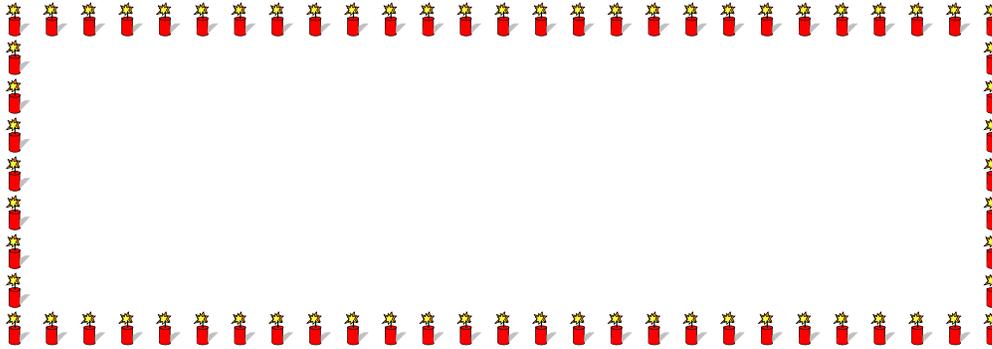
Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible. Psalm 119 is the longest. Psalm 118 is at the center of the Bible. There are 594 chapters in the Bible before Psalm 118, and 594 chapters after Psalm 118 (1,188 total chapters). This number can be split 118-8, or Psalm 118:8. Now we know that the chapter divisions in the Bible are not part of original scripture, but isn't it interesting how this little word exercise worked out? Or was God in the center of it all? And if He was, shouldn't the central verse of the Bible contain its central theme? Guess what! It does: "it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."

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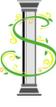
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Budget Update For The Record...

As of July 26th..

	Receipts - YTD	\$188,240
	Expenditures - YTD	\$193,722
	Designated - YTD	\$ 18,652



Thanks for using your numbered offering envelopes. They help ensure accuracy in posting contributions. E-mail us, sign-up or come by to pick up a box if you need enve-

Pastor Robert A. (Butch) Powell

Family Minister Pastor Gregory (Scottie) Redd

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GOD IS GOOD  **All the Time**



With so much uncertainty going on right now, we all want a comforting hug or handshake, but maybe a smile can do for now. But you ask how can they see me smile with my mask on? By your eyes. Your face although mostly covered can reveal your expression with your eyes. Try it when you're tempted to hug or shake hands. And remember, this too shall pass and God is still on His throne and in control.

Has your "Joy" been swept away? Only God can create a clean heart and restore His joy. If sin has robbed you of your joy, you don't have to stay there-you only have to humble yourself before the Lord as David did, realizing that only God could clean his heart and restore his joy. Turn to God in full humility, ask His forgiveness, and acknowledge it by faith, and renew your commitment to walk daily with Him. He takes care of the rest and leads you once again into Joy!

A Bible that is falling apart usually reveals a life that isn't. Swap seats if God is your co-pilot.



August

Sunday Schedule

Sunday School
(Facebook)
Morning Worship
10 AM
No Evening Worship
Youth/Parents
Children In Action
Missions Friends
6:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule

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

On-Going Activities

No Choir Practice (Praise Team Only)

Activities-On Summer Break

Ladies Disc. Bible Study Morning & Evening
Monthly WOM Meeting Monthly

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 Sign-up to provide Altar Flowers for a Sunday					31 Tax Free Week-End	1 Hal Inabinet Tax Free Week-End
2 Gloria Steele Tax Free Week-End	3 Syvanah Penninger	4	5	6 Walter Fulmer Gage Pennington	7	8
9 Joe Wood, Jr. Deacon's Meeting 5 PM	10 Alice Gless Kaylin Muller Jared Steinmetz	11 Corinne Carter	12 Gerry Cox Amelia Rast 	13	14 Micha Humphries	15
16	17 Ronnie Aguilar	18 Sandra Voelker	19 Mel Carlyle Judy Matthews	20 Erika Goff Rosemary Miller	21 Jerry Conyers, Jr Debby Hatchell	22 Jeffrey Marks
23 30	24 Daniel Dahlgren Justin Hall 31 Britt Altman	25 Kimberly Sharpe Blake Whitesides	26	27 Linda Merritt Bruce Stanley	28	29 Bonnie Ard Irene Farmer

Pastor Scottie's Inspirational Verse...

“Be sober-minded, be watchful. Resist him, firm in your faith...” 1 Peter 5:8-9

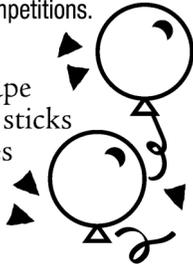
GREAT SUMMER GAMES



Though this year's Summer Olympics were postponed, you can host friendly neighborhood competitions.

What you need:

- Masking tape
- Large craft sticks
- Paper plates
- Balloons
- Ribbon
- Scissors
- Green construction paper
- Craft glue



What you do:

Balloon Badminton: Make rackets by taping a stick “handle” to each plate. Blow up and tie a balloon. Use the rackets to pass the balloon back and forth, without letting it touch the floor.

Rhythmic Routines: Using tape, firmly attach one end of a 4-foot ribbon to a craft stick. Display style and skill by waving it around. Try choreographing a routine to a praise song.

Champion Crown: Cut a large hole out of the center of a paper plate. Cut 2-inch ovals from green paper. Glue those “leaves” to the ring as garland. Crown a winner of each game!



Compete for the crown



The apostle Paul compares the Christian life to running a race for an imperishable crown.



Directions: From the starting line through the finish line, circle every third letter. Then place the circled letters in order in the blanks below to complete 1 Corinthians 9:24-25, NIV.

START

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i q s a t e x y m p s a k o g m z s j e e u b t n y e h a p i d m r f o
t e g r b u a n p i c d n o f i h m n e y g j o c s x r d p o e t w k i n

FINISH

“Do you not know that in a _____ all the runners run, but only one gets the _____? _____ in such a way as to get the prize. Everyone who _____ in the _____ goes into strict _____ . They do it to get a crown that will not last, but we do it to get a _____ that will last forever.”

1 CORINTHIANS 9:24-25, NIV