



**ACTS**  
*A Church that Serves*  
**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

(All Ages)

9 AM

Evening Family

Ministry 6-7:30 PM

\*Wednesday

Bible Study

\*On Facebook

Everyone Welcome!



Read through Bible this Year

*Happy New Year* ♥ *Happy New Year* ♥ *Happy New Year*



No traditional New Year's Eve "breakfast supper" fellowship on Thursday, Dec.31st. Plans are to have a fellowship "breakfast supper" later with Deacons hosting.



Deacon ordination service for Jerry Congers and JD Williamson is January 3rd 6 PM with a light refreshment social following. Please come and show your support for God's servants and their Families.



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday-January 17th with a special love offering received for Day Break Life Care Center as we celebrate all of God's creations-we all are, "fearfully and wonderfully made".

**BECAUSE I AM FEARFULLY & WONDERFULLY MADE.**

Psalm 139:14



5th Sunday Lord's Supper and special offering for Building Debt Loan-Jan.31st. Please give as God leads.



Our Youth will be on a mountain retreat trip January 15-18th. We ask you to please pray for their safety and time together that God will bless them each individually and collectively. We thank Pastor Scottie & Brandy and Chaperones for their faithfulness!



**A NEW YEAR WISH... May the New Year bring us: Enough ... happiness to keep us sweet; trials to keep us strong; hope to keep us lively; sorrows to keep us dependent upon God; failure to keep us humble; success to keep us eager; friends to give us comfort; wealth to meet our needs; enthusiasm to keep us looking forward; faith to overcome despair; And enough determination to use every day and situation somehow for good.**



**Make the mistakes of yesteryear (2020) your lessons for this year (2021).**



Susan and I wish to thank each of you for all the beautiful cards, gifts, and “goodies” given to us. God continues to bless us greatly for allowing us to be a part of His Family here at South Lexington, We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and May God bless you all in the New Year. With our love and gratitude, *Butch & Susan*.  
Pastor Butch & Mrs. Susan are undergoing quarantine procedures for Covid-19 per CDC guidelines. Their son, Josh had contracted the virus and they were exposed to him over the holidays. We wish Pastor Butch and all his family well and look forward to their return. Look for Pastor Butch’s article in February’s newsletter.



We made it! **2020** was a “doozie” of a year; different and difficult would be the best way I could describe it. We hope that **2021** will be a bit more normal, but the truth is we don’t know what the future holds. However, we do know Who holds the future. **Hebrews 13:8** says, “*Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*” It’s a new year, but we worship and serve the same Savior. May He bless you all in the coming year. Much love in Christ, Pastor Scottie



**Who Are You?**

Seems like we just started a "new" year and here we are already starting another one. While year 2020 has been a challenging one with the pandemic, to say the least, let us not forget who we are. Sometimes we may forget “WHO” we are in Christ, we forget how God sees us. According to Ephesians chapters 1&2 we are: Spiritually Alive, God’s Workmanship, Blessed by God, Chosen by God, Holy and Blameless, Adopted by God, Redeemed, Forgiven, & Sealed with the Holy Spirit. **Romans 8:31. What shall we then say to these things? If God be for us, who can be against us?** Wishing you all a blessed New Year in Christ. *Jerry Frick, Finance*



**Old Farmer's Advice**

Life is simpler when you plow around the stump.  
Words that soak into your ears are whispered.....not yelled.  
Forgive your enemies; it messes up their heads.  
It don't take a very big person to carry a grudge.  
Every path has a few puddles.  
The best sermons are lived, not preached.  
Don't judge folks by their relatives.  
Stop diggin' if you find yourself in a hole.  
Live simply, love generously, care deeply,

A bumble bee is considerably faster than a John Deere tractor.  
Meanness don't just happen overnight.  
Do not corner something that you know is meaner than you.  
You cannot unsay a cruel word.  
When you wallow with pigs, expect to get dirty.  
Remember that silence is sometimes the best answer.  
Always drink upstream from the herd.  
Sometimes you get, and sometimes you get got.  
Speak kindly, and leave the rest to God.

Live a good and honorable life, then when you get older and think back, you'll enjoy it a second time.  
Most of the stuff people worry about; ain't never gonna happen anyway.  
The biggest troublemaker you'll probably ever have to deal with, watches you from the mirror every mornin'.  
Good judgment comes from experience, and a lotta that comes from bad judgment.  
Lettin' the cat outta the bag is a whole lot easier than puttin' it back in.  
If you get to thinkin' you're a person of some influence, try orderin' somebody else's dog around.



Sr. Adults last Thursday monthly lunch meetings will be “on hold” due to the Covid-19 virus until further notice. We all are anxious to get together again, but we need to take safety precautions to keep our folks safe. Thanks for your understanding!  
Walter Brown, Ministry Leader.



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.



Church calendar for the new year is in Conference room. Ministry Leaders, please pencil in your events/activities after coordinating with your Deacon and let the Church office know of any changes. Thanks for your help!

**Thanks for helping us exceed out \$1,200 Lottie Moon Goal for Int'l. Missions-RTD: \$1,460! PTL!!**

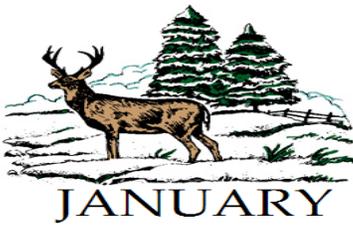


Food Pantry is low on Sugar. We will collect small bags during January. Thanks so much for your support!  
Food Pantry Ladies-Beryl, BJ & Jean.



Christian Sympathy to the families and friends who have lost loved ones this past year. **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! Jerry Frye; Christopher Joseph; Carl “Bunk” Sharpe; Daniel Watts and Bonnie Wright.

***You can’t change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.***



From Mr. Jerry-Finance: Thank you for using offering envelopes. This expedites the posting of your contributions and ensures accuracy in posting to the correct person. If you need envelopes, (and you don't have to be a church member), please call church office, use sign-up sheet in church vestibules or e-mail me at [finance@slbchurch.com](mailto:finance@slbchurch.com). Thank you!

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
27	28	29	30 No Wednesday Service	31 No New Year's Eve Breakfast Supper	1  Happy New YEAR!	2 Karen Brown
3 Deacon Ordination Service 6:00 PM	4 Jerry Davis	5 Stephen Davis Olivia Ducker	6 Alexis Redd Betty Todd	7 Ronnie Crapps Sr.	8 Jacob Sox	9
10 Laurel Beauchamp Tammy Lucas Alice Suarez  Deacon's Meeting 4 PM	11  Read through Bible this Year	12	13 Mary Wessinger	14 Howard Bunner Jennifer Carlyle	15 Tyler Adams Cameron Hunter	16
Youth Mt. Retreat-Jan. 15th -18th						
17 Day Break Ministry Love Offering Sanctity of Human Life	18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	19	20 <i>February Newsletter</i> <i>Deadline</i>	21 Dana Elliott Brenda Loftis	22 BJ Atkinson	23 Jimmy Gooding
Youth Mt. Retreat thru 18th						
24	25	26 WMU 10 AM	27 Arnie Kupcs Dave Thomas	28 Savannah Fulmer Claire McCartha Sara Smith Taylor Tynes	29 Daniel Smith Tristan Tucker	30 Taylor Davis
31 Lord's Supper 5th Sunday Offering-Bldg.						



**A New Year's Blessing...** May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it as it comes. Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path. Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart. Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows. Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Look ahead and prepare-don't look back and regret.

*It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.*

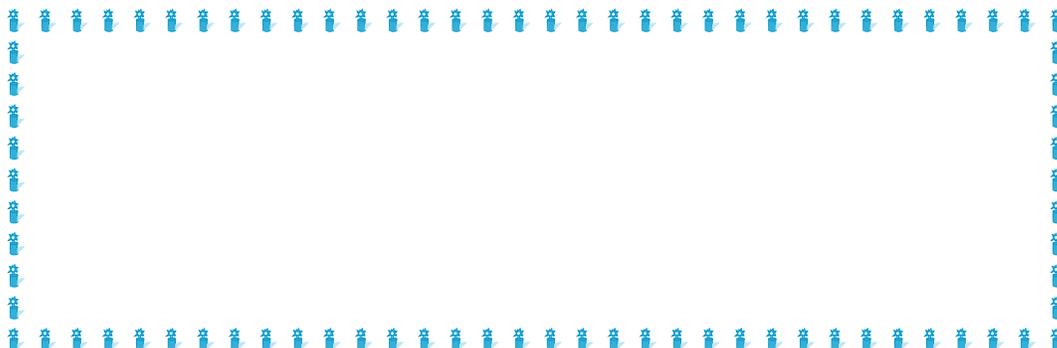
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<i>As of Dec. 27th</i>			
Receipts (52 Wks.)	YTD	\$353,345	
Expenditures	YTD	\$346,832	
Budget Requirement	YTD	\$396,177	



*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. God bless thy year, the rough, the smooth, the bright, the dear, God Bless Thy Year!*

## Begin the New Year With God!

**There is no right way to do the wrong thing. Waste not fresh tears over old griefs.**