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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.

Morning Bible Study

(For All Ages)

9 AM

Sunday Worship

10 AM

Evening Family

Ministry 6-7:30 PM

Everyone Welcome!



Come and celebrate Valentines Day with us at SLBC with dinner and a movie on Saturday, February 12th at 6 PM. A movie (TBD) will be shown, and dinner provided. Accurate count needed for food preparation. **PLEASE** use sign-up sheets or call Church office to add yourself, family and friends to list. Thanks to Mrs. Pat and her Team and to Mr. Chester for Audio/Movie.



Weekly Disc. Bible Study resumes Tuesday, Feb.1st at 10 AM with *"Practicing Basic Spiritual Disciplines"* by Charles Stanley. Let Susan Powell or Gloria Steele know if you will be attending to receive a workbook. Donations to offset workbook cost accepted. We so appreciate these ladies and their continued faithfulness in leading Discipleship study.

Flight 2022 Instructions

Good morning and welcome to Flight 2022. We are prepared to take off into the New Year. Please make sure your **POSITIVE ATTITUDE** and **GRATITUDE** are secured and locked in the upright position. **All self-destruct devices: Pity, Anger, Selfishness, Pride, and Resentment should be Turned off at this time.** **All negativity, hurt, and discouragement should be put away.** Should you lose your POSITIVE ATTITUDE under pressure During this flight, reach up and pull down a **PRAYER.** Prayers will automatically be activated by **FAITH.** There will be **NO BAGGAGE** allowed on this flight. GOD, our Captain, has cleared us for takeoff. Destination – GREATNESS!! Wishing you a New Year filled with New **HOPE** New **JOY** New **BEGINNINGS!!** Stay blessed and welcome in 2022.

Please pray for Gary Elliott as he returns to Guatemala on a mission trip with Pineview Baptist Church Feb.18th-25. Pray for safe travels, health and that God will bless their efforts in telling others about Jesus' love and saving grace.



The Lord's Supper will be observed on the 5th Sunday, January 30th and a special offering will be received to help offset Audio computer purchase with any overage going back to Bldg. Debt Loan. Give prayerfully with God's guidance, thank you!



We would like to pray for you for any upcoming procedure or if you become hospitalized. You can leave a message on church phone, send e-mail or fill out "Hospital/Procedure" portion on back of "Welcome" slip in chair pocket and place in collection box or wall bin outside church office so we can pray for you during Tuesday prayer time.

Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love 'til you give it away.



A Word From Pastor Butch... I want to take the time to share just a few thoughts from my heart with you today. In my forty-eight years of ministry I have never seen such an extended time of stress upon the church as we have seen in the last couple of years. Since the beginning of Covid, worship service attendance in our area has dropped by fifty percent. Bible studies have suffered a greater drop in attendance than the worship services. All of this has limited the number of "other" activities beyond our worship services and Bible studies. And when those activities are possible, participation has been greatly limited. God is sovereign and in control. Therefore, I cannot but believe that God is either testing or disciplining His church. According to scripture He does both. If it is testing, I pray that we as believers will remain strong and stand the test that God may remove the stress and open a door to blessed ministry. If it is discipline, I pray that we will search our hearts and call upon God to show us our spiritual failings that we may repent and be restored and refreshed as His Church, His ministers to the world.

With that said, I want to thank the wonderful brothers and sisters who have stayed strong in the faith and remained faithful to the local church (churches). Though we cannot at South Lexington say we are thriving, we continue to be blessed in this difficult situation and our physical needs are being met, to the praise of God and through the faithfulness of a wonderful nucleus of members. Also, I want to thank those who have continued to pray and financially support the church even though they have been unable to attend because of health reasons. May God bless you. *Butch*



Please remember Pastor Scottie and his family as they deal with sickness. Pray for their strength and complete healing. We look forward to hearing from Pastor Scottie in next month's (March) newsletter.

DOLLARS SENSE Tithes and Giving...you might ask-What's the difference? Our tithes are what we return to God's house based on the blessings He has given unto us. The Bible states that we are to give back from the first fruits of our labors and blessings. Doing so is a matter of being obedient to God's Word and keeping Him first in our lives. The tithes were established in the Old Testament and continues in the New Testament to keep His church growing by allowing the disciples to preach the Word and not worry about furnishing the necessities of life like food and places to live. The church of today still operates on the same principles; we are obligated to support its work through our tithing, not only with our money but also with our time and talents. Giving is simply what we return above and beyond our tithes. You have to first be a Tither before you can be a Giver. So, when we say we give unto the Lord, do we really? We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give. *Jerry Frick, Finance*



February Food Pantry collection: Breakfast items (Grits; Oatmeal; Cereals, etc.). We appreciate all our "Food Angels"! WOM Ministry



Sympathy to Family & Friends of: Haskell Hughes; Katherine Hutchins; Dan Keys; Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in His keeping, we have you in our hearts.



We're looking forward to February's Sr. Adult meeting since we had to cancel January's due to sickness. Come be a part of our Seniors on the Go at SLBC which meets the last Thurs. of each month Feb.24th, for this month's meeting at 11:30 AM. Bring side dishes and desserts to go with fried chicken. Come join in with good food and great fellowship!



Combined BBQ/Yard sale this year will be on April 8-9. Bring donations during church hours (Tues-Thurs) 8:30 AM-2:30 PM. Summer mission trip to West Virginia scheduled July 16-22, make plans now! See Marion Steele if you have any questions and thank you for your support of all Missions at SLBC.



YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH -*This should wake us up...* One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, he went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

Let me give so much time to improving myself that I won't have time to criticize others.



Sunday Schedule

Morning Bible Study
9:00 AM
Morning Worship
10:00 AM

Sunday Evening

Family Ministry
6:00 - 7:30 PM
WOM/WMU 2nd Sun.
Meeting - Feb. 13th
5:00 PM

Tuesday Schedule

9:00 AM - 9:30 PM Prayer Time
10:00 AM Disc. Bible Study

Wednesday Schedule

10:00 AM - 1:00 PM Food Pantry

On-Going Activities

Deacon's Meeting 2nd Sunday -Feb.13th 4:45 PM
Sr. Adult's Last Thurs. Lunch Meeting -Feb. 24th 11:30 AM



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
30 5th Sunday Lord's Supper Audio Computer Offering	31	1 10 AM Disc Study Resumes	2 Betty Jarvis	3 Carol Burnett	4	5 Reesa Smith
6	7 Angela Kirk	8 James Bennett Susan Mingie Mae Morris	9 Kristy Woodmansee	10	11	12 Crystal Stanley Valentine's Dinner/Movie Social 6 PM
13 Lena Watkins Deacon Meeting 4:45 PM Ladies WOM 5 PM	14 HAPPY Valentine's Day	15	16	17	18	19 Carmen Geiger
20	21 PRESIDENTS' DAY	22 Kizer Hoffman Traci Smith	23 MacKenzie Conyers	24 Eric Mull Sr. Adults Lunch Meeting 11:30 LBA Lay Exec Meeting 6:30 PM	25 Dave Bates Winter Jam-Youth	26
Gary Elliott Guatemala Mission Trip Feb.18th-25th Please pray for him & other team members						
27 James Bradley Catherine Wood	28 Bill Lucas	1	2 Ash Wednesday			

“And now these three remain:
FAITH, HOPE
and LOVE.
But the greatest
of these is
LOVE.”
1 Corinthians 13:13, NIV

1 Corinthians Chapter 13-¹If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. ²if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. ³If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. ⁴Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. ⁵It is not rude, it is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs. ⁶Love does not delight in evil but rejoices with the truth. ⁷It always protects, always trusts, always hopes, always perseveres. ⁸Love never fails. ¹³And now abide faith, hope, love, these three; but the greatest of these is love.

The world is full of beauty when your heart is filled with love.

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As of Jan. 23rd (4 Weeks)...

	Receipts	YTD	\$17,544
	Expenditures	YTD	\$25,814
	Budget Requirement	YTD	\$29,243
	Designated	YTD	\$ 890

Please use personalized, numbered, offering envelopes. They help ensure accurate posting. Sign-up, E-mail or drop by during office hours to pick up a box. Your financial support is appreciated!

Much Thanks! Dear Friends, thank you so very much for your prayers, calls, cards and love shown. We are so blessed to have each of you in our lives knowing you will always be there for us. Bless you! *Gloria & Marion Steele*



Regular Church Office Hours Tuesday-Thursday
 8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Closed Mondays & Fridays.
 Leave a message. Voice mail checked daily.



Church Signs: A Family altar will alter a family; You have a Friend request...Jesus (Confirm, Ignore, or Reject); Speak well of your enemies; after all, you made them; 2,000 years old and still under the Maker's guarantee; God is perfect...Only man makes *mistakes*. The meek shall inherit the earth...If it's alright with you; Let us help you study for your final exams; Don't wait for 6 strong men to take you to church; We don't change God's message, His message changes us; **WARNING:** Exposure to the Son may prevent burning; Plan ahead, it wasn't raining when Noah built the ark; Most people want to serve God, but only in an advisory position; Worry is the darkroom where negatives can develop; God doesn't call the qualified, He qualifies the called; The nicest place 2 b is in someone's thoughts; the safest place 2 b is in someone's prayers; and the best place 2 b is in GOD'S HANDS! Don't let your worries get the best of you, remember, even Moses started out as a basket case.

Time flies, suns rise and shadows fall. Let time go by. Love is forever.