



Sharing Love
Because of Christ

SLBC

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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.

Morning Bible Study

(For All Ages) 9 AM

Sunday Worship

10 AM

Evening Family

Ministry 6-7:30 PM

Everyone Welcome!



BRUNCH

Ladies! You all are invited to attend a “Brunch” Sat., Dec. 3rd at 10 AM hosted by our WOM. Join us for a great time of fellowship and be blessed by special speaker Karen Parrish from Daybreak. See Jean Felts or Susan Powell if you have any questions. Don’t forget to sign up or call the Church Office to register so we can get an accurate count for food preparation. *“As friendships among women strengthen, so will the chord of fellowship within the Body of Christ.”*



Children’s Singing Christmas Tree program-Sunday, Dec. 11th. Children, ages 3-thru 5th grade, are invited to participate. Practice is during Family Ministry on Sundays 6-7:30 PM. See MacKenzie Conyers or Ashley McCartha to take part in or if you would like to volunteer to help. Thank You!

Lexington Christmas Parade-Sunday, Dec. 4th @ 3 PM-SLBC will participate with a float in the Parade. Come cheer them on!



Celebrate our Lord’s birthday with us at our Candlelight service on Wednesday, Dec. 21st at 6 PM. Invite friends and neighbors to come. *O, Come Let Us Adore Him! For He Alone Is Worthy!*

Lottie Moon Missions-December 1st-31st SLBC Goal-\$1,200-Please give prayerfully as God leads. 100% of all donations help send and sustain International Missionaries! Reaching the Nations Together. Please use Envelopes provided in chair pockets.

The REAL meaning of Christmas:



For God so loved the world that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life For God did not send His Son into the world to condemn the world, but to save the world through him. John 3:16-17

Lord, Bless us this Christmas with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and kind to one another. Cleanse and prepare our hearts to celebrate **You!** Christmas, the season for Families and gift giving, a time to celebrate. May we emphasize Christ and His birthday and greet with “Merry Christmas” and NOT “Happy Holidays” and foremost, let us not forget Jesus is the REAL and ONLY Reason For The Season.

MERRY CHRISTMAS



Regular Sunday Worship and Evening Family Ministry-Dec. 4th; 11th & 18th. Children’s Christmas program Dec. 11th; Candlelight Service, Wed, Dec 21st at 6 PM; Dec. 25th 10 AM Worship Service only-No Morning Bible Study or Evening Family Ministry; No New Year’s Eve Breakfast Supper this year. **MERRY CHRISTMAS & NEW YEAR BLESSINGS!**

Blessings to you and your Family as we remember the “Reason for the Season”.



A Word From Pastor Butch... Holiday greetings to you all. We are entering one of the most special times of the year. We have just celebrated Thanksgiving, a day set aside to remember the blessings of God. All those blessings are possible because God sent His Son into the world to be our Savior. As a child, I looked forward to Christmas with a zeal. It is sad to say, I had a zeal for presents without really acknowledging the greatest gift of all, Jesus! Sadly, much of the world has the same view of Christmas that I had when I was a child. Businesses have so commercialized Christmas, that the season has been stretched out to months, with “Christmas sales” that began well before Thanksgiving. Satan himself has turned the season, especially the time from Christmas through New Year’s, into the biggest, “worldly” party time of the year. We can’t do much about the world, but we can as children of God and believers in Jesus, make sure that the holidays are “Holy-days” for us. Let’s not forget the gift that matters. Please be sure to make these days a time of worship of God, who gave His only Son, and Jesus who gave His life for us. Worship, praise, honor and glory are the gifts they would like to receive from us this Christmas. God Bless You in these “Holy-Days”, *Butch*



A Word From Pastor Scottie... Once again, December is here! It seems like the years get shorter with each previous passing one. Nonetheless, I love Christmas! We are coming out of Thanksgiving, where we are focused on what we have to be thankful for, and we move right into Christmas, where we celebrate the most important thing we should be thankful for, the birth of the Messiah. Without Jesus’ birth, no one could ever have salvation and eternal life, because Jesus was born so that he could die and pay the sin debt we owe. It had to be Jesus. No one else could fill that role. So I’m not going to let Thanksgiving stop with the coming of December; rather, I will let it help me focus on Christmas and being thankful for the salvation I have through the blood of the Messiah. I hope you will do the same. Merry Christmas! *Scottie*



Pick up a box of Offering envelopes from the church office, use sign-up sheet or send me an e-mail to finance@slbchurch.com. You don’t have to be a member of the church to use envelopes but using them greatly helps me and improves accuracy in posting. Remember, please don’t file your 2022 tax return until you have received your Contribution statement from the Church (around mid-January). For Contributions to be eligible in 2022, we must receive them or be post marked by Dec.31st. Your support is greatly appreciated! *Mr. Jerry-Finance*



WOW! A big **Thanks!** to everyone participating in the Shoe Box Ministry. We collected **220** shoeboxes and received **\$1,070** shipping. Thanks for letting a child experience Jesus’ love through a simple shoebox! Marion Steele, Missions Leader.



Appreciation for all your generous food donations this year. Pantry is well-stocked so no food collection in December. Thanks Food Angels! *Food Pantry Ladies*



Thanks to **Everyone!** for all the great sides, desserts and help for our Family Thanksgiving meal! It’s always so good to get together and fellowship with each other! *Ms. Pat Crapps, Fellowship Ministry Leader & Team.*



Thank you for the 45 Christmas Packets for Prisoners, SLBC! Jean Felts, WOM



SLBC for the cards, calls and especially the prayers before, during and after my open-heart surgery. God Bless! Gary (Elliott)



Christian sympathy to Family & Friends of Frances Lynch. God Bless each of you who have lost dearly loved ones this year. Prayers to comfort hurting hearts especially during these holidays.



Look at the Candy Cane, what do you see?
 Stripes that are red, like the blood shed for me
 White is for my Savior, who's sinless and pure!
 "J" is for Jesus, My Lord, that's for sure!
 Turn it around, and a staff you will see
 Jesus my shepherd was born for Me!

Who can add to Christmas? The perfect motive is that God so loved the world. The perfect gift is that He gave His only Son. The only requirement is to believe in Him. The reward of faith is that you shall have everlasting life.~Corrie Ten Boom.
The greatest and most momentous fact which the history of the world records is the fact of Christ’s birth.~Charles H. Spurgeon.
You can never truly enjoy Christmas until you can look up into the Father’s face and tell him you have received His Christmas gift.~John R. Rice.
Christmas waves a magic wand over this world, and behold, everything is softer and more beautiful.~Norman Vincent Peale.
Christmas is based on an exchange of gifts, the gift of God to man – His unspeakable gift of His Son, and the gift of man to God – when we present our bodies a living sacrifice.~Vance Havner.
He was created of a mother whom He created. He was carried by hands that He formed. He cried in the manger in wordless infancy. He, the Word, without whom all human eloquence is mute.~Augustine.
Christmas can be celebrated in the school room with pine trees, tinsel and reindeers, but there must be no mention of the man whose birthday is being celebrated. One wonders how a teacher would answer if a student asked why it was called Christmas.~Ronald Reagan.
I will honor Christmas in my heart, and try to keep it all the year.~Charles Dickens.
Bless us Lord, this Christmas, with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and kind.

People will forget what you did and what you said, but they’ll never forget how you made them feel.

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MERRY CHRISTMAS



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Lottie Moon Int'l. Missions Dec. 1-31 "Reaching the Nations Together" -SLBC Goal: \$1,200				1	2 Dakota Meador Clyde Simpson Susan Willis	3 Jamie Burnett Jeanne Golda Crystal Knight WOM Ladies Brunch 10 AM
4 Lex. Christmas Parade 3 PM	5 Savannah Salyer	6 Richard Kneece AGAPE Stitches Brunch 11 AM	7 Arthur Bouye	8 Tim Giles	9	10
W. Virginia Trip for Children's Christmas						
11 Children's Christmas Program Deacon's Mtg 4:45 PM WOM Mtg 5 PM	12 Travis Blume Dennis Pennington	13	14	15	16	17
18 Beryl Bledsoe	19	20 Haylee Chavis 	21  Candlelight Service 6 PM	22 Jessica Meador Susannah Sharpe	23 Charles Conyers Beverly McCain	24 Travis Ard Jean Felts Frank Stratakos
25 10 AM Worship Service Only Happy Birthday Jesus! 	26 David Kelley	27 Marilyn Hatfield	28	29 Debbie Aguilar	30	31  No New Years Eve Breakfast This Year

Happy Birthday to Jesus, our Lord and Savior!

*Blessings to you and your Family as we remember the "Reason for the Season".
Pastor Butch & Susan; Pastor Scottie & Brandy; Mr. Jerry & Ms. Betty-Church Office.*



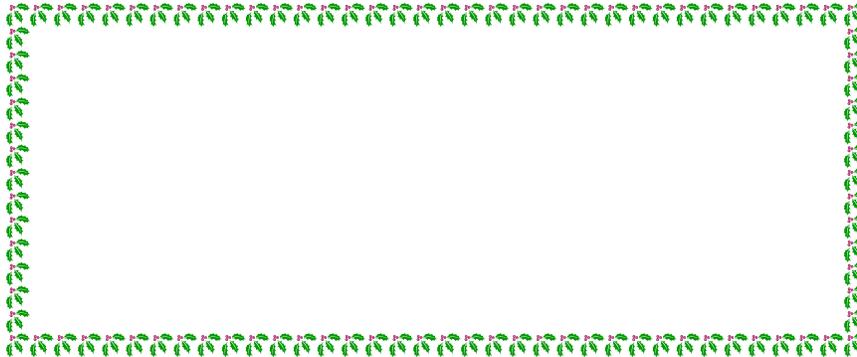
Still time to order Poinsettias for \$7/ea. Fill out In Memory/Honor order form and turn in to Office. Special thanks to Diane Conyers, Reesa Smith, Teresa LaMotte and everyone who helped decorate our Church and Worship Centers so beautifully for Christmas honoring our Lord's birthday.

God doesn't call the "qualified" He qualifies the called.

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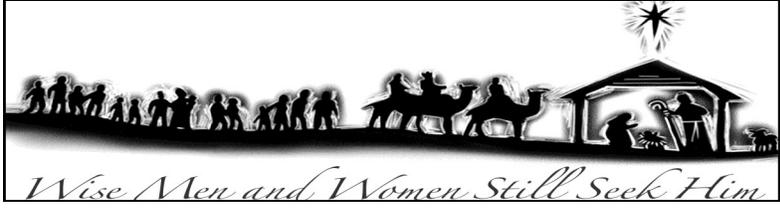
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<i>As of Nov. 20th...</i>		
YTD-Receipts (47 Wks.)	\$265,212	
YTD-Expenditures	\$299,052	
YTD-Budget Requirement	\$343,606	
YTD-Designated	\$ 47,725	

Sr. Pastor: Butch Powell
Family Minister Pastor Scottie Redd
Deacons: Primary Deacons for Month of *December
 Jerry Conyers 518-3738 Joe McKay 603-8792
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 *Ted Priester 250-9753 *Marion Steele 609-6115
 Finance: Jerry Frick Secretary: Betty Frick

Merry Christmas We have prepared our homes and Church for Christmas, Lord. Now, please help us prepare our hearts. As we celebrate Christmas joy, let us look past the glitter and material gifts to the priceless gift of God's love for us in the Person of Jesus Christ, His Son! Amen.

Marty Griner and Rex Turner are our newly elected Deacons. We thank them for their willingness to serve and we especially thank Joe McKay and Ted Priester as they rotate off as active Deacons on December 31st. Please pray for all SLB Church servant leadership. Next monthly Deacon's Meeting: Monday, December 11th-4:45 PM.



Christmas is a time for children no matter what their age; Spirit is the only ticket and heart the only gauge.