



Sharing Love
Because of Christ
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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!



Happy Valentines Day!

Come celebrate Valentines with us at our Social on Saturday, Feb. 11th beginning at 5:30 PM with Spaghetti dinner and the movie, "Woodlawn". Accurate count needed for food preparation. **PLEASE** sign-up or call Church office to be added. Huge thanks to Pat Crapps, Fellowship Min. Leader and Team and MacKenzie Conyers and Helpers for Audio.



Easter Cantata Practice-Sundays at 5 PM. Come join us if you would like to sing in our Easter cantata, "Calvary's Love Story". Thanks to Susan Powell, Music Leader, and to all our Audio/Sound Team and everyone singing!



Be Blessed-Take time to study entire chapter of 1 Corinthians 13 known as the "Love Chapter".

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 church experienced a break in the water-line during the extreme 3-day cold snap. Deacons, members and volunteers all rallied and cleaned up excess water as best they could, but damage was done to the bathrooms, ceilings, carpet, etc. A praise as our insurance company will apply all these cleanup man-hours by volunteers towards our insurance deductible. 5th Sunday "special offering" will be applied towards the deductible, too, with any excess going to Bldg. Debt Loan. Huge thanks to everyone for your patience and understanding during this time of repair and re-construction and special thanks to Don Miller, Deacon Chair, for dealing with insurance, scheduling, etc.



5th Sunday-Jan.29th-Lord's Supper and special offering-Insurance Deductible. Give prayerfully as God leads.

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



A Word From Pastor Butch... Greetings in the name of Jesus! Because of Valentine's Day, the month of February has long been a special time of the year for expressing our love to the one who means the most to us. Love is special. Without love in our own hearts or without someone to love, we feel so empty. Love is important. Love can fill us with joy, or it can break our hearts. It can be mature, but it can also be immature. It can be very selfish, or it can be very giving. Soon, Susan and I will have been married fifty-four years. Over those years we have seen our love grow and grow. Both of us agree that the biggest factor in the maturing of our love is Jesus Christ. With Jesus in our hearts, our love can grow from, "*I love you because I need you,*" to, "*I need you because I love you!*" It can grow from, loving because of what you do for me, to unconditional love. Sometime ago, we realized that we could be the best husband, or wife, we could be, and love each other more, by loving Jesus the most. The love of both God and of Jesus is unconditional. With His love in our hearts, we can truly learn what love is and, also, what love demands from us. Without Christlike love in our hearts, we limit every love we may experience from reaching its fullness. My definition of Christlike love, as you would expect, comes from the example set by Jesus. Here it is: "*It is a genuine concern for the well-being of another to the degree that we are willing to sacrifice of ourselves for their well-being*". I have said all of that to say this: If you want your love to grow and your relationships to be strengthened, give your heart to Jesus and let him work to shape your heart to give and to receive the highest volume and greatest quality of love that can ever be." *In the Love of Christ, Butch*



A Word From Pastor Scottie... As we come into February, we often turn our minds to love. After all, Valentine's Day is all about love for our significant other. But I would like you to consider thinking about love in a different way. We often read 1 Corinthians 13 when we think about love. But that passage is not about how we ought to love our spouse, though it is often used in that context. Rather, it is teaching us how Jesus loves us and how we ought to love others. But let's take it a step further. Read **Matthew 5:43-48**. This passage teaches us that we are to love those who we wouldn't normally show love to. We are to love our enemies, along with loving those we normally love. Loving those who are against us is a difficult thing to do, but if we look to Jesus, He shows us that is exactly what He did when He died on the cross for you and for me. I encourage you to extend love to those you don't love on a normal basis. You might be surprised with the outcome! *In Christ, Scottie*



DOLLARS SENSE

Excerpted from "Open Windows"...Probably no one is born stingy, but an attachment to money or a shortage of it seems to make many of us rather tight-fisted with our resources. When I was a youngster, my daddy had trouble with the idea of tithing. One Sunday before worship, I was standing nearby when he asked our pastor, "Am I supposed to tithe on my gross income or my income after taxes?" Our pastor looked at him with some obvious annoyance and said, "Lamar, don't treat God like the IRS." Somehow, too many church folks are unable to see the giving of the tithe as anything more than their Christian duty. They seem to have lost the sense of gratitude for all the great blessings of God. Even when a close friend does us a favor, we are not so ungrateful that we are unwilling to return the favor when we have opportunity. Our Heavenly Father did not just do us a favor. He saved our lives from eternity in hell. How can we help but be openhearted and openhanded with Him? Father, keep me forever grateful and generous for Your kingdom work. *Jerry Frick, Finance*



February Food Pantry collection: Saltine



Hope to see you at February's Sr. Adult fellowship Feb. 26th at 11:30 AM. Come be a part of our Seniors on the Go at SLBC which meets the last Thursday of each month. Bring your favorite food/desserts for potluck lunch sharing. Join us for a great fellowship!



Crackers; Canned Meats. Thanks so much for food

Missions Yard sale-Fri.&Sat.March 31-April 1. BBQ-April 1st only. Bring donations during church hours (Tues-Thurs) 8:30-2:30 PM. Also, make plans now for the W.Va. summer mission trip scheduled July 15-21. See Marion Steele if you have any questions and thank you for your support of all Mission Projects at SLBC.



Sympathy to Family & Friends of: Allen Jacobs; Timmy Leaphart; Claudia Wingard. Your memory is our keepsake, with which we'll never part. God has you in His keeping, we have you in our **hearts**.

YES, NO, or NOT Yet! Why you must persist in Prayer...Prayer moves the heart of God. Prayer is the difference between you fighting for God and God fighting for you. When you hit your knees, God extends His powerful right hand. He fights your battles for you. Drawing prayer circles is a metaphor that simply means praying until God answers. It's not just praying, it's praying through. Prayer circling is a determination to pray as long as it takes, even if it takes longer than you ever imagined. Sometimes God will push you to your absolute limits - the limits of your faith, the limits of your patience, the limits of your gifts. That's how God stretches faith & builds character. Don't lose heart. Don't lose hope. Don't lose faith. Don't lose patience. Drawing prayer circles isn't some gimmick to get what you want from God. God is not a genie in a bottle, and your wish is not His command. His command better be your wish! If it's not, you won't be drawing prayer circles, you'll end up walking in circles. You've got to praise Him if the answer is yes, trust Him if the answer is No; and if the answer is Not Yet, you've just got to keep circling (praying).

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
Easter Cantata Practice
5:00 PM

Wednesday Schedule

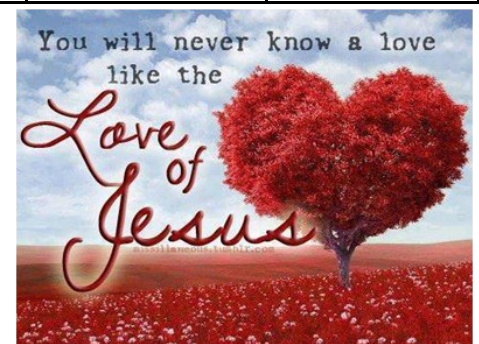
5:45 PM - 6:25 PM Supper
6:30 PM Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Revelation)

On-Going Activities

Weekly Tuesday Prayer Time (All Welcome!)	9:00 AM
Weekly Tuesday Disc. Bible Study	10:00 AM
Valentine Social Saturday-Feb.11th	5:30 PM
Deacon's 2nd Sunday Meeting-Feb 12th	4:45 PM
WMU/WOM 2nd Sunday Meeting-Feb 12th	5:00 PM
Agape Stitchers 3rd Thursday Lunch Meeting-Feb 16th	10:00 AM
Sr.'s Last Thurs. Lunch Fellowship -Feb. 23rd	11:30 AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
29 5th Sunday Lord's Supper and Insurance Deductible	30	31	1	2  Groundhog Day	3 Carol Burnett	4
5 Reesa Smith	6	7 Angela Kirk	8 Jim Bennett Susan Mingie Mae Morris	9 Linda Hooker Kristy Woodmansee	10	11 Valentine's Dinner/Movie Social 5:30 PM
12 Crystal Stanley Deacon Meeting 4:45 PM Ladies WOM 5 PM	13 Lena Watkins	14 HAPPY Valentine's Day 	15	16 Agape Stitchers 10 AM	17	18
19 Carmen Geiger	20  PRESIDENTS' DAY	21	22 Kizer Hoffman Traci Smith Ash Wednesday	23 MacKenzie Conyers Sr. Adults Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM	24 Eric Mull	25 Dave Bates
26 	27 James Bradley Mary-Catherine Wood	28 Bill Lucas	 Deadline for Newsletter information is 20th Of current month for next month's newsletter.			

Family Night Supper Wednesdays 5:45-6:25 PM
Feb 1 Hot Dogs, Chili, Chips & Dessert
Feb 8 Pizza & Salad
Feb 15 Ham, Brn Rice, Baked Beans, Sweet Potato
Feb 22 Chili, Crackers, Cheese, Sour Cream
 Includes Bread, Dessert & Drink
 Donations appreciated (No cost to Church for meals)
 Susan & Butch and Helpers Nunnie, Dee, Carole



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

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As of Jan. 22nd (4 Weeks)...

Receipts	YTD	\$44,012
Expenditures	YTD	\$27,113
Budget Requirement	YTD	\$29,243
Designated	YTD	\$13,622
Daybreak Ministries		\$ 1,025

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 *most* appreciated!



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



Christian Football: *Quarterback Sneak*-Church members quietly leaving during the invitation. *Draw Play*-What many children do with the bulletin during worship. *Half-time*-The period between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave. *Benchwarmer*-Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit. *Backfield-in-Motion*-Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service. *Staying in the Pocket*-What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work. *Two-minute Warning*-The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings. *Instant Replay*-The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations. *Sudden Death*-What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime." *Trap*-You're called on to pray and are asleep. *End Run*-Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member. *Flex Defense*-The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life. *Halfback Option*-The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service. *Blitz*-The rush to restaurants after closing prayer.

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