

Sharing Love  
Because of Christ



# SOUTH LEXINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

**SLBC**  
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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

Sunday School

(All Ages) 9 AM

\*Sunday Worship

10 AM

Evening Family

Ministry 6-7:30 PM

\*On Facebook

Everyone Welcome!



**"United: Called To Be One"** -North American Missionaries, though their stories are different, share one common desire, to change the world. Whether it is starting a new church, meeting the needs of the homeless or leading worship, they depend on faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists. Please pray for missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 1st thru Easter April 9th. **SLBC Goal-\$1,200.** Thank You! WOM/WMU Ladies.



## **Mission Fundraiser Yard Sale March 31st-April 1st 8-2 PM** **BBQ Plate Sale-April 1st 11 AM - 4 PM (Note New Time)**

Please collect items now to bring or call Marion Steele or church to have larger items picked up. Be sure to get your BBQ tickets for plates (only) April 1st-11-4 PM. Make your plans now to join us for our W. Virginia Summer Mission trip July 15-21. Be a part of our Missions Team at SLBC! See Marion Steele.



**Date/Time of Easter Egg Hunt** will be announced later. However, we will need Easter candy (individually wrapped). Containers are located at entrance foyers. Volunteers also needed. See Ashley McCartha to find out how you can help! Thanks so much!

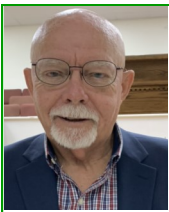


**Guest Gideon Speaker-March 12th**-We will have a special speaker from the Gideons on Sunday morning, March 12th who will provide a short segment of how God uses the Gideons to spread His Word throughout the world through various ways, especially with their Bible ministry. A love offering will be received for them, but please make checks payable to SLBC, the Church will issue one check for the amount received. Please pray about what God would have you give towards this ministry and on their behalf thank you!

The GNC will begin in 2 local elementary schools Feb. 27th for 5 weeks. We are thankful to God for allowing this opportunity to bring the "Good News" to children, some who have never heard of Jesus because no one has told them. The volunteers are grateful for an opportunity to minister to these children and bring them the message of Jesus' love. The one thing we ask is that you pray for each child who attends, that their hearts may be open to the message, and they will take the message of Jesus home to their families. Please pray for the volunteers to be in tune with how God is leading. If you would like to know more about the GNC, contact Doreen Bair at (803) 429-0402.

**1 Corinthians 10:31** "Whether you eat or drink or whatever you do, do all for the glory of God."

He who has no money is poor; but he who has nothing but money is the poorest of all.



**A Word From Pastor Butch...** Greetings in the name of Jesus! 2023 is moving quickly! Maybe it's because of my age, but it sure seems like time is flying by. Time moving so quickly causes me to think about the future, not about the future here on earth, but what lies beyond this place and this life. In a recent study from the Book of Revelation, we learned that the garments we wear in heaven will be determined by our righteous deeds, while on earth (Revelation 19:7-8). Our service and work for God will be tested, as if by fire. (1 Corinthians 3:10-15 and 2 Corinthians 5:10). What is not consumed by the testing fire will become the adornment for eternal garments.

We plan so much for our earthly experiences, but what about our eternity. God has done such wonderful things for His children. His blessings are eternal. How are we using our earthly opportunities to prepare for our life in eternity. Church involvement gives us many opportunities to find places of service and activities that can afford us righteous deeds and adornment for our eternal garments. Let's not waste our time and opportunities, time is short and limited and it's flying by. God bless you!



**A Word From Pastor Scottie...** March is here! And it seems like only yesterday we were celebrating Valentine's Day. Now, we're looking forward to St. Patrick's Day. You know, Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day have a connection. Valentine's Day is all about love. St. Patrick's Day celebrates St. Patrick. But who was St. Patrick? The spread of Christianity to Ireland is largely attributed to him. Born in Britain, St. Patrick was kidnapped at a young age and forced into slavery. He would escape and reunite with his family. However, a love for the Lord led him to obey God's call and go to Ireland, the land of his captors, and share the gospel of Jesus Christ. He obeyed God's call out of love for the lost. So, as we think about Valentine's Day and St. Patrick's Day, think about loving the lost by sharing Jesus with them. After all, that's what we are called to do as Christians, sharing the gospel of Jesus with the lost. With many prayers and much love, *Scottie*



**Tithes-Gifts-Giving** - The practice of tithing was introduced in the Old Testament. The Old Testament tithe was 10% but we are told that because it was collected more than once, it would reach approx. 30% when all was completed. The standard was 10% but this was to be the first and best 10%, not the last or what was left over. The writer in Hebrews in the New Testament used the term "tithes" three different times. We believe that 10% of all we have should be returned to God for the support of His work through the church. Anything beyond 10% would be a gift from us to God. If God has blessed us with more than we need, why do we think He will stop doing so? Giving, I think, pertains to what we do with the talents, service, and time He has blessed us with. We should also consider giving back to God His fair share of these things. Even if we give all we have, it would still fall way short of what we owe Him for our salvation and promise of eternal life, for all who believe on the name of His Son Jesus Christ. *Jerry Frick, Finance*



## Bible Study



A Discipleship Bible Study for Men begins on Sunday, March 5th at 6 PM with the book, "Pursuing a Deeper Faith" by Charles F Stanley. A \$10 donation is requested to help offset workbook cost. Rick Belford will be the facilitator for this 10-week study. Contact him if you have any questions. 803-603-1635.

## Family Night Supper Wednesdays 5:45-6:25 PM

**Mar 1** Sandwiches (Meals include Dessert/Drink)

**Mar 8** Beef Pot Roast w/Carrots & Potatoes

**Mar 15** Hamburgers w/Chips

**Mar 22** Tacos & Fixin's

**Mar 29** Breakfast Supper

Donations appreciated (No cost to Church for meals)



**Christian Sympathy** to families/friends in the death of these loved ones: Maude Allen Boyte; James Bradley; Jason & Billy Crumpton; Joby Deater; Renelle Futch; Charles Gooding; Chester Keisler; Ralph Price; Jerry Williamson. On Angel's wings you were taken, but in our hearts you'll stay. In God's light you will find joy, till we meet again!



Join us for our last Thursday lunch fellowship March 30th at 11:30 AM. Bring your favorite sides/desserts to go with chicken (provided). We look forward to seeing you for Fun, Food, and Great Fellowship! Walter Brown, Ministry Leader.

**Welcome New Members**  
Of Our  
**Church Family**

So glad to have the Watson Family (DJ & Hope and Eli and Barrett) with us by transfer of Letter. And Dave Bates accepting Christ as his personal Savior to follow Christ's example thru Baptism. Please pray for and make welcome to all of them!



Food Pantry-Needs: Boxed Mac' N Cheese & Jiffy Cornbread mix; Thanks to all our faithful food donors! WOM/Food Pantry Ladies



**Move Forward Together...** WMU Mission Encounter and Annual Meeting March 24-25 at Riverland Hills Baptist Church, Irmo, SC. Contact Jean Felts if interested.



**How Are Our Health Kits Used for Ministry?** Migrants, families in need, State Fair day laborers, Charleston seafarers ministry, mental health clients and others. Over 200 of our Health Kits were recently delivered to Moldova and Ukraine. An *items list* is in the 2-gallon Ziploc bag (provided). Pick up bags in tub outside Church office and return by Sunday, April 23rd. Be a part of touching lives in Jesus' name and showing others His love! Thank You! WMU/WOM Ministry (for Lexington Bapt. Assoc.)

VBS Theme this year, *Twists & Turns* ("Following Jesus Changes the Game") Psalm 25.4 June 25-29 6-8 PM



### Sunday Schedule

Morning Bible Study  
9:00 AM

Morning Worship  
10:00 AM

### Sunday Evening

Easter Cantata Practice  
5:00 PM

Family Ministry  
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Food Pantry Wednesdays 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM  
Wednesday Supper 5:45 PM - 6:25 PM  
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 PM

### On-Going Activities

Weekly Tuesday Prayer Time (All Welcome!) 9:00-9:30 AM  
Weekly Tuesday Disc. Bible Study 10:00-11:00 AM  
Guatemala Mission Trip (Gary Elliott) Mar 7th-17th  
Deacon's 2nd Sunday Meeting-Mar 12th 4:45 PM  
WOM 2nd Sunday Meeting-Mar 12th 5:00 PM  
Agape Stitches 3rd Wednesday Lunch Meeting-Mar 15th 10:00 AM  
Sr.'s Last Thurs. Lunch Fellowship -Mar 30th 11:30 AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 Ruth Crumpton Ted Priester	2	3  World Day of Prayer	4 Sylvia Mishoe
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 1st thru April 9th (Easter) "United: Called to be One" Phil 2:1-2 SLBC Goal: \$1,200						
5 Pat Crapps  Men's Disc. Class 6 PM	6 Joanne Kelley	7	8	9	10	11  
12 Sherry Nicewonger Gideon Speaker Deacon's Meeting 4:45PM WOM Meeting 5:00 PM	13	14 Jimmy Faile	15 AGAPE Stitches 10 AM (Note: Day Change)	16	17  	18 Sherry Clark Brandi Moore
Guatemala Missions Trip (Gary Elliott) March 7th - March 17th						
19	20  	21	22	23 Roger Evans	24 Linda Kupcs	25 Carole Belford Jeff Knight
26 Thad Bustle Kathy Esterline Rachel Sox	27	28	29 Thomas Riffle	30 Sr. Adults Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM	31 Joe McKay  	April 1   BBQ Plate/Bake Sale Missions Fundraiser 11-4 PM
Missions Garage Sale 8-2 -Mar.31st-Apr.1st						



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before bedtime on Saturday, March 11th. Don't miss out on morning Bible Study! Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday morning, March 12th at 2 AM.

It's not the number of hours you put in, but what you put in the hours that counts.



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**Pastor:** Butch Powell

**Family Minister** Pastor Scottie Redd

**Deacons:** \*Primary Deacons for Month of March

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 Ron Matthews 312-3036 Don Miller 770-862-9739  
 \*Marion Steele 609-6115 \*Rex Turner 429-8466

*As of Feb. 19th (8 Weeks)...*

Receipts	YTD	\$77,989
Expenditures	YTD	\$53,301
Budget Requirement	YTD	\$56,227
Designated	YTD	\$19,210



**Budget  
 Update**

You may now contribute thru on-line Giving thru Tithe-ly on Facebook or thru Church's website slbchurch.com or call Church Office if you need personalized envelopes. Your prayers & financial support are much appreciated!

**Deacons Meeting**



Deacons meet on the 2nd Sunday of each month (March 12th) at 4:45 PM. No Meeting in April due to Easter 2nd Sunday, April 9th.



Special thanks to all who came and supported our Valentine's Social Feb 11th in spite of all the rain! To MacKenzie Conyers for Audio/Movie; and especially to Pat Crapps & Family and Team for the delicious meal, all the setup and cleanup. Thanks a whole bunch ya'll!



St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three persons: Father, Son and Holy Spirit=the Holy Trinity.

Recognize your weakness, acknowledge God's strength=receive His Grace.