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SOUTH LEXINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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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
*On Facebook
Everyone Welcome!

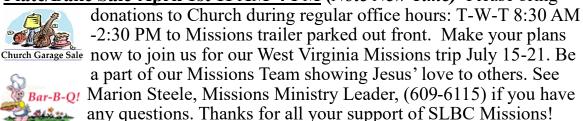




Musical Cantata Easter Sunday, April 9th, 10 AM Come, let's worship
Our Great and Glorious Savior together! Join us as we give honor and praise
to the One who loved us enough to send His Son as the Sacrifice for our
sins. Volunteers have been practicing since January to bring the Easter
Musical "Calvary's Love Story" through narration and song. Their
prayer is that this musical worship event will deeply move you to
think about, worship and to honor the greatest gift ever given
(J E S U S) as Pastor Butch presents a message of Hope,

"The Promise of Easter". (No PM Family Ministry or activities).

Missions Fundraiser Garage Sale March31st-April 1st 8-2 PM & BBQ Plate/Bake Sale-April 1st 11 AM-4 PM (Note New Time) Please bring



MISSIONS, Bake Sale!

Can you help out? We need (Homemade) Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Cupcakes for our Missions BBQ fundraiser. Please bring to Church Fri., March31st or by 10 AM Sat., April 1st. Thank you so much!

No Wed. evening supper/Bible study April 5th; Maundy Thurs. w/Lord's Supper (April 6th, 7 PM); Easter Egg Hunt Sat. (April 8th, 2 PM). Easter Sunday (April 9th) Bible Study

9 AM and Easter Cantata & Easter Message, 10 AM. No PM Family Ministry or activities. Our services are meant to lift up Jesus and share His Light. We encourage you to come join with us and be uplifted!



Observance of the Lord's Supper will be on the 5th Sunday, April 30th along with receiving an offering for our Building Debt loan. Please pray about what God would have you give to help reduce this outstanding debt balance. Thank you and God Bless!



SAVE THE DATE! VBS-June 25-29 6-8 PM Twists & Turns "Following Jesus Changes the Game" Psalm 25:4. Volunteers needed! Sign-Up table in back of large Worship Center. See Ashley McCartha if you have any questions. Children are our greatest asset...Invest in their Future!



A Word From Pastor Butch...Greetings in the name of Jesus! April is almost here and along with it comes Easter with all of its reminders of the blessedness of being the Children of God. We will soon be seeing in fullness God bringing new life and new growth into our world. We move from what seems to be the gloominess and coldness of Winter into the brightness of Spring and the beauty of the flowers in bloom. Physical change unfolds before our eyes.

But we surely must remember the spiritual change that Easter made and continues to make for all who believe in Jesus. The events that we know as Easter are in truth the death, burial, and resurrection of Jesus. Apart from him, we would be stuck in the gloominess of natural life that sees us grow old and weakened. But in Him, there is the

promise of the regeneration of life. Scripture calls it "a new birth" that promises an abundant eternal life. Easter gives the promise of Heaven and its beauty beyond measure. It speaks of living with Jesus and the Father forever in the glorious home He has prepared for us. Sometimes we take these promises for granted. Often we get weighed down in our own pains and struggles.

Sadly, sometimes as we carry the weight of life's struggles and the pain of our very own humanness; we lose sight of the Savior who died for us and is the only source of life and hope. Simply put, we leave Jesus out of our thoughts and lives. This Easter be reminded that Jesus bore the weight of His cross all the way to Calvary to die on that cross for us that He might give us life. Don't let the weight of the world keep us from worshiping and giving glory to our glorious Savior every day, and especially at Easter. God Bless you, Butch



A Word From Pastor Scottie... It's April! I can't believe how fast time goes by. As I think about this time of year and the new birth we see all around us, I can't help but think about God's timing. Why does God choose to have new birth occur this time of year? Is that the only thing that occurs during this season?

Read Ecclesiastes 3:1-8. We may not understand why God chooses to do something or when he chooses to do it, but our faith should lead us to trust that God's timing is always better than ours. As you go through life and the different ups and downs that come with it, remember that God is in control and He has a

reason for why you will go through events in your life and when you will go through them. Trust that the Creator knows what's best for you and lean on Him during these various times. With much love in Christ, Scottie

True Giving Mark 12:44 For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living. My pastor shared a story about being on a mission trip when a family invited the group to a meal. The group ate and after they left someone in the group started talking about the quality and quantity of the food when the interpreter that was with them told them they didn't understand. The food they were offered and ate was the food the entire family had to live on for the whole week! They gave from what little they had. Jesus taught His disciples two lessons in the passage above, one was warning against the teachers of the law whose sins included taking widows' houses and lengthy prayers for show. The second was about giving, some gave large amounts, mainly to impress others with their generosity. The widow giving only two coins (a fraction of a cent today) gave the greater gift because of her sacrifice and her trust in God to provide. Pray that God will open our own eyes to our lack of trust in Him to provide our needs, to help us in our generosity in giving, both financially and in giving of our time and talents.



Christian Sympathy to the families & friends of: Lynn Cathey Moody; J P Watson; Audie Williams. Death is not the end of light, it is only the gate-way to eternity. For if there were no grief to hollow out our hearts, there'd be no room for joy. Prayers for God's Peace-remembering you always in your sorrows.



Sr Adults monthly last Thursday lunch fellowship April 27th-11:30 AM. Seniors are invited for fun, food and great fellowship. Bring sides/desserts to share in our "Baked Potato" Bar lunch. Be a part of Seniors On The Go group at SLBC, Walter Bown, Leader.

Migrant Health Kits-Helping Our Neighbors - Health Kits due by April 23rd. Bags provided in bin outside church office with list of items needed in each bag. Donations also accepted! Such small items but ones that mean the world to those who don't have anything. Be a part of touching lives in Christ's name. Thank you for caring! WMU/WOM



Check us out! www.slbchurch.com. See calendar of events, connect to Facebook for Pastor Butch and Scottie's sermons or make on-line donations.



Canned Vegetables; Boxed Cereals. Much thanks to all our "Food Angels". Jean Felts, WOM Min. Leader

Mr. Jerry. Finance

I will be forever grateful for your prayers, kindness and support during the loss of my daughter. You have revealed the true foundation of SLBC is Love, Kindness and the power of Prayer. Thank You! Peggy Cathey



Fools for Christ - April Fools' Day isn't a religious holiday, though it may date to Pope Gregory XIII and his new calendar. In 1582, he shifted New Year's Day from April to January, and people who didn't believe the change were called April fools. April Fools' Day may also be connected to the lightheartedness that comes with warmer weather, as well as to medieval Christian festivals that involved pranks, disguises and a temporarily inverted social order. Yet,

in Scripture, such reversal characterizes the kingdom of God. In I Cor.1:18-25, St. Paul writes that the gospel seems foolish to people who don't know Christ, that God uses the "foolishness of our proclamation" to offer salvation to all and that God's foolishness is wiser than human wisdom. Jesus "foolishly" inverted the social order, saying the last will be first and the first, last. So, if on April 1st (and every day) we live as "fools for Christ," we're precisely what He calls us to be!



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
Easter Egg Hunt-Saturday, April 8th 2:00 PM
WOM Monthly Meeting-Apr 16th 5:00 PM
Agape Stitchers 3rd Wednesday Lunch Meeting-Apr 19th 10:00 AM
Sr.'s Monthly Lunch Fellowship –Thurs Apr 27th 11:30 AM

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
CHE IS DEATH COULD NOT HOLD HIM. Rejoice in the resurrection of Jesus Christ.		Family Night Super 5 No Supper pr 19 Beef Stew	Apr 26 Ham	Dogs	Mar 31 Missions Garage Sale Fri & Sat 8 AM-2 PM Church Garage Sale	1 Katherine Elliott Andrew Kneece Caleb Kneece Barbara Priester BBQ Plate/Bake Sale 11-4 PM
2 Dee Griner Susan Powell Palm Sunday	3	4 Dalton Stanley	5 Ron Matthews No Supper or Bible Study	6 William Rast Amy Turner MAUNDY Thursday Service w/Lord's Supper 7 PM	7 Wendi Crout Cindy Grigsby Jesse Szuman	8 Elijah Alewine Michael Puckett Vivian Smith Community Children's Easter Egg Hunt 2 PM
9 Noah Hatchell Easter Sunday Music Cantata No PM Family Ministry EASTER	10 Ron Howell Annie Arm	11 strong Easter Of	12 fering -SLBC Go	13 Terry Lacy DJ Watson	14 David Brown \$1,257	15 Danny Loftis
16 Gabi Edwards	17 Marie Turner	18	19 Irma McKay Noah Thomasson	20	21	22
23 Jaman Smith 30 5th Sunday Lord's Supper and Bldg Debt Loan Offering	24	25	26 Jerry Conyers Linda Stratakos	27 Sr. Adults Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM	28	29 Marina Reynolds Brian Sox

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Pastor: Butch Powell

Family Minister Pastor Scottie Redd

Deacons: *Primary Deacons for Month of April

*Jerry Conyers 518-3738 *Marty Griner 605-9972 Ron Matthews 312-3036 Don Miller 770-862-9739

Marion Steele 609-6115 Rex Turner 429-8466 As of Mar. 26th (13 Weeks)...

Receipts YTD \$102,545 Expenditures YTD \$ 83,291

Budget Requirement YTD \$91,369 (13Wks)

Designated YTD \$ 22,598

On-line Giving is now available thru Tithe-ly on Facebook or thru Church's website slbchurch.com. Your prayers and financial support are much appreciated!



Not what I get, but what I give, this be the gauge by which I live. Not merely joys that come my way, but

the help I give to those astray. Not the rewards of money and fame, but the loads I lift in mankind's name. This be the pay at the end of the day, not what I keep, but what I give away.



The GNC year is now complete and what a great year it was! Approx. 100 children (between the 2 schools) have heard the good news and 5 children have made a profession of faith! P-T-L! The number of children has been down from previous years, but we trust that God has sent the children that He would have us minister to. We are praying that in the fall the numbers will be up so that more seeds can be planted. But we ask that you continue to pray for all the children that have heard

the Good News and for their families. Pray that we will be able to return to the schools in the Fall with the opportunity of reaching more children with the "Good News"! Contact me (803-429-0402) if you have any questions or would just like to know more about the GNC, I'm always available to share how God is Blessing this Club! Thanks, Doreen Bair.



The Garden of Daily Living-Plant three rows of Peace: Peace of Mind, Heart and Soul. Plant four rows of Squash: Squash Gossip, Indifference, Grumbling, and Selfishness. Plant four rows of Lettuce: Lettuce be Faithful, Kind, Patient, and Lettuce really Love One Another; and remember, no garden is without Turnips: Turnip for Meetings, Service and Turnip to Help One Another. **Because Christ**

Because He Lives! I can face tomorrow and all fear is gone!