

Sharing Love
Because of Christ

SLBC



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...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.

*Sunday Worship

10:00 AM

Morning Bible Study

(For All Ages)

9:00 AM

Evening-Family

Ministry 6-7:30 PM

*On Facebook

Everyone Welcome!



Independence Day

Join us as Ms. Susan Powell leads our Choir in a special Patriotic song celebration along with a flag tribute on Sunday, July 2nd as we give thanks to God for our freedom! **Note:** No PM Family Ministry.



West Virginia Mission Trip July 15-21 Please keep our West Virginia Mission Team Members in your daily prayers as they provide construction work and minister through VBS/Bible Camps. Pray specifically for their safety, health, travels, weather and that God will use them to plant seeds to bring lost souls to a saving knowledge of our Savior. A Commissioning prayer for the Mission Team will be offered on Sunday morning, **July 9th**. Missions Ministry Leader, Marion Steele, and Team covet your prayers and thank you for your support! We also look forward to hearing from our Team as they share trip experiences with us.



God's Promise to you is Freedom-And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free indeed. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover up for evil; live as servants of God.
John 8:32-36.

Children In Action/Mission Friends - Summer Schedule

See schedule below for our **Sunday** evening service for children ages K5-5th Grade from 6 PM-7:30 PM until School resumes, August 9th.

July 2nd - NO CLASS

July 9th - BINGO

July 16th - SWIMMING

July 23rd - TRAMPOLINE PARK

July 30th - WATER GAMES

Aug 6th - SWIMMING



"Given for you ..."

We will observe the Ordinance of the Lord's Supper on the 5th Sunday, July 30th, and receive a special offering for SLBC's Bldg. Debt Loan. Please seek God's guidance in what to give toward this debt.



Please Note! Church Office/Campus will be closed on Tuesday, July 4th for Holiday and No Food Pantry or Wednesday evening Bible Study July 5th.



Pray for our Country...If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray--and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

God

Bless
America

Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Glory! Glory! Hallelujah! Our God is Marching On



A Word From Pastor Butch... Greetings in the Name of Jesus!

When I was a young boy, there was only one negative concerning the Fourth of July, it didn't come during the school year so that we would get a day off from school. The Fourth is still very special. To me, it is a celebration of freedom. As I have grown older, and I hope wiser, I have seen that patriotism is linked closely with the very teaching of the Bible. Those who try to rewrite history would disagree with the truth that our country was founded by those with a great motivation to have a Nation where all were free to **worship the Lord Jesus Christ**, who is the One and only One, that can truly set us free. Oh, that those who are free to seek God would only exercise that freedom and take a close look at Jesus. I believe the honest seeker would find in Him a freedom that brings peace, hope a blessed future that nothing of this world could ever bring. Look to John 8:36.

Join us July 2nd, in our morning worship. We will celebrate America, Freedom and Jesus, with a special service. God Bless You. We Love You. *Butch*



A Word From Pastor Scottie... July is here! Summer is here and we celebrate our country's independence on July 4. Our country was founded on religious liberty and our forefathers wrote our founding documents from a religious perspective. But most importantly, many men and women have served our country to ensure our freedoms; many have given the ultimate sacrifice to keep us free. As good as all of that is, and as thankful as I am for that, it is in vain if we forget that our eternal freedom is made possible because Jesus sacrificed his sinless, perfect life in our place. **1 John 3:16 says "By this we know love, that he laid down his life for us, and we ought to lay down our lives for the brothers."** So this July, as you celebrate your freedom, I pray that you know Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior and you have eternal freedom in Him. In Christ, *Scottie*



We've heard the phrase "Been there, done that". Concerning getting started tithing, we all can say been there, done that. It's been a long time ago but I can still remember when I begrudgingly put \$20 in the offering plate thinking that I was being generous. When we were finally convicted to tithe we soon learned that we did not miss the money we contributed. God has truly blessed us and He will bless you too. He will make the 90 percent go a lot farther. If you've decided to give regularly, you might be asking, how do I get started? Here are five steps to help with the practice of giving Tithes and Offerings. 1. Create a Monthly Budget including your Tithe. 2. Set Up Recurring Giving once you've decided on a regular portion of your income. 3. Choose a Method of Payment. Put in offering plate, mailing or on line. 4. Cover the Fees if online. Every giving transaction comes with a small fee. 5. Go Above and Beyond. Once you've set up your regular giving, you might want to consider making offerings above your regular Tithe giving. *Jerry Frick - Finance*



A Prayer for America: Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise You for this Nation in which we live. We cherish its wonder and its beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities. We thank You for our founding fathers and mothers, and for their foresight, wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness. Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings of this land we love and You have blessed us with. Amen.



We are so very grateful for everyone's help during VBS. Teachers, Helpers, Cooks, Staff, Audio, Leaders, Directors, Food/Money Donations and ***EVERYONE*** who had a part in making our VBS "Twists & Turns" such a great success. "Following Jesus Changes the Game Plan" Psalm 27:4 We give God the praise for the decisions made to accept Jesus as Lord and Savior!



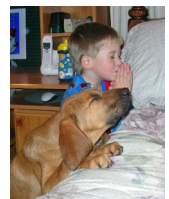
Dear Bereavement Team and Church Family, you have given us ***peace*** and ***healing*** through your comforting words and prayers during a difficult time, we are forever grateful. Thanks so much for the meal you provided at Mother's funeral. It was greatly appreciated and was such a relief to all our family. Love, *Sunny Riffle and Family (Mrs. Sylvia Mishoe).*



Thank you so much for my graduation gift! It means a lot for everyone to take the time to recognize the high school seniors. I love the pens and the Bible, everything will be useful to me as I start this new chapter of my life. Love, *Hailey Williamson.*



We All Need that Special Prayer Partner!



Sympathy to Families/Friends of: Mary Beth Creech, Wayne Howell, Robert Jumper, and Ellen Shealy. I can no longer see you with my eyes or touch you with my hands-but I will feel you in my heart forever. Prayers for God's Peace and Comfort!

My Country 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty of Thee I sing...



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As of June 18th . . . (25 Weeks)

Receipts -	YTD	\$182,346
Expenditures -	YTD	\$167,885
Designated -	YTD	\$ 47,365



Don't Forget Your Tithe
 During Summer

Sign-up, E-mail, or drop by during office hours to pick up a box of personalized envelopes, they help ensure accuracy in posting your contributions! Your prayers and financial support both are greatly appreciated!

Pastor: Butch Powell

Family Minister Pastor Scottie Redd

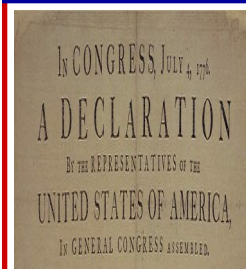
Deacons: *Primary Deacons for Month of *July

*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

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 MILITARY

It's the Soldier, not reporters whose given us the freedom of the press. **It's the Soldier**, not poets, who have given us the freedom of speech. **It's the Soldier**, not politicians that ensures our right to Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness. **It's the Soldier** who salutes the flag, who serves beneath the flag, and whose coffin is draped by the flag.



Declaration of Independence, in U.S. history, document was approved by the [Continental Congress](#) on July 4, 1776, and announced the separation of 13 North American British [colonies](#) from Great Britain. It explained why the [Congress](#) on July 2 "unanimously" by the votes of 12 colonies (with [New York](#) abstaining) had resolved that "these United Colonies are, and of right ought to be Free and Independent States." Accordingly, the day on which final separation was officially voted was July 2, although the 4th, the day on which the Declaration of Independence was adopted, has always been celebrated in the [United States](#) as the great national freedom holiday - the [Fourth of July](#), or [Independence Day](#).

Faith is not about everything turning out okay, but about being okay no matter how things turn out.