



...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 School**  
(For All Ages)

**9:00 AM**

**\*Sunday Worship**

**10:00 AM**

**Evening-Family**

**Ministry 6-7:30 PM**

**\*On Facebook**

**Everyone welcome!**



Mark your calendars for a late Summer “Fellowship” celebration. We will have a drop-in from 3-6 PM on Saturday, September 9th. No cooking! Pat Crapps, Fellowship Ministry Leader, will serve heavy hors d’oeuvres. Bring the whole Family and enjoy a time of great fellowship with one another as we celebrate two special people!



Special music by Daryl Frick with East Wind on Sunday morning, Sept. 17th. A love offering will be received. Come be a part of great happenings at SLBC!



Heartfelt thanks to everyone involved with construction of our new sound booth. What a tremendous difference it has already made in our sound and visuals. It definitely was a team effort with many men (and women) hours. Thanks also for all the monetary and construction material donations given for this very worthwhile, but much needed project. Also, please give our Audio/Visual volunteer techs special thanks for all their hard work and faithfulness!



Children are back in school and the Good News Club will be in two local schools again beginning Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup>-Mondays in one school and Thursdays in the other. The GNC program runs for 6 weeks. This is a great opportunity to bring the “Good News” to children who might never hear about Jesus and His love. Most of these children don’t attend church and our prayers are that God will help us make the difference in these children’s hearts so they can go home and witness to their families. If you are interested in learning more about the GNC, call Doreen Bair (803) 429-0402. The one thing we ask everyone to do, ***is PRAY-for all the volunteers*** that we will stay well and, mostly, we do as God would have us to do. ***“So, whether you eat or drink, or whatever you do, do it all to the glory of God.” 1 Corinthians 10:31***



JD Chapman-State Missions-Sept. 1-30. SLBC Goal \$1,200. “Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to all creation”. Mark 16:15. Envelopes for donations are provided in chair pew pockets. Thanks for your support of WMU projects! God bless you!



**YOUTH LOCK-IN FRIDAY, SEPT. 1ST 6 PM (PICK-UP BY 9 AM SAT)**

All Youth are welcome to join. Come and bring a friend as we dive into God’s Word while enjoying a great time of fun and games, food & fellowship!

**IGNITE - In God Nothing Is Too Extreme!** -Join us on Saturday, Sept. 16th 7-9 PM. Come and BRING FRIENDS! We will be **IGNITING** our Faith for Jesus Christ as we learn who we are and what should **DEFINE** us.

**Sept 10Th**



**God Bless You Grandparents (God’s Gift to Children). Happy Grandparents Day!**



**A Word From Pastor Butch...** Greetings in the name of Jesus! September is a pivotal point during the year for so many of us. School has started back, football returns, and summer begins its winding down. September also seems to begin a count down to two of the biggest celebration times of the year. I hesitate to call both of them holidays. The term "holidays" comes from the concept of "Holy days". Obviously, Christmas is one. But, it is sad to say Thanksgiving is not one of the two. Halloween has become the second most celebrated day of the year. The amount of money, time, and effort put into Halloween is second only to Christmas. Sadly, the gap is closing each and every year. Just watch the TV commercials that will soon begin promoting Halloween.

It demonstrates a truth that true Bible students will recognize. There are only two major forces at work in the world, God and Satan. Since the Garden of Eden, Satan has been "the Prince of the power of the air" (Eph. 2:1-2), and has continually influenced the world to turn from the truths of God. Halloween is Satan's celebration and it's quickly becoming the world's celebration as well. Understand the depth of the spiritual struggle that goes on in the world. Nobody is neutral in this struggle. We must choose God, but not to choose Him, automatically put us in the other camp.

Please join us at church as we seek to proclaim God's truths and prepare ourselves for the inevitable struggles we all face living in this world. We Love you! God Bless you, *Butch*



**Offerings Matter** 2 Kings 12:11 *"And they gave the money, being told, into the hands of them that did the work, that had the oversight of the house of the Lord."*

In 2 Kings 12, we find instructions from King Jehoash to the priest for collecting the offering in the temple. The temple was in need of repairs, and the offerings were to go toward this. But after 23 years of collections, no repairs had been made. King Jehoash stepped in and ordered that everything was to go to the ones doing the work or repairing. A church's building and repairs cost both in terms of material and labor. There are Ministries to support and people to serve, as well as curriculum to buy and utilities to pay. I liken the expenses of SLBC to those of ten of my house. That's about the number of AC units to heat and cool, utilities to pay, insurance to pay, building maintenance and grounds to keep up. And then there are salaries for the staff. Your obedience and cheerful heart honor God. When you give, you give back to God that which He has entrusted to you. **Father, give me a generous heart. Help me remember that my offerings matter.** Jerry Frick, Finance



**LIFE LESSONS:** Life is too short to waste time hating anyone...You don't have to win every argument-agree to disagree. It's ok to get angry with God He can take it...Everything can change in a blink of an eye, but don't worry, God never blinks...No one is in charge of your happiness but you...Forgive everyone everything...What other people think of you is not your business...Time heals almost everything. Give time time...God loves you because of who God is, not because of anything you did or didn't do...Growing old beats the alternative of dying young...Life isn't tied with a bow, but it's still a gift...The Bible still has all the answers and prayer is still the most powerful weapon we possess...and above all...God will forever be in control.



**Family Night Supper Resumes Wednesday Sept. 6th**  
**5:30 6:15 PM (Donations Only) No cost to Church**

**Deacons Meeting**



Deacons meetings resume the 2nd Sunday of each month at 4:45 PM (Sept.10th).



To honor/remember a loved one's birthday, celebrate an anniversary or just provide flowers for our Worship center, sign-up in Flower Book on foyer table, or see Diane Conyers or call Church office to place altar flowers in the sanctuary for any Sunday worship service. Thanks!



Monthly fellowship resumes Thursday, Sept.28th at 11:30 AM. Bring fixin's, sides, desserts to go with fried chicken provided. Come join us and be a part of our "Seniors on the Go" 55+ All Welcome!



**Food Pantry:** Well Stocked-No Collection-Sept Please support the Youth in their Nancy K. Perry mission project for various school supplies, twin sheets, etc. Ask a youth for a list of all items needed. Thank you!



Sympathy to all who grieve for the loss of their loved ones: Tony Hutto; Wayne Jeffcoat; Mary Jeffers; Viola Paxton; Elaine Price, E.O.(Butch) Smith. Grief, the most difficult of human emotions to face, although it also has the potential for being the most therapeutic. Grief isn't a bad thing; it's the cost of having loved. If we hadn't loved, we would not grieve and our lives would have been emptier. Take solace in knowing your loved one suffers no scars in Heaven and the only scars in Heaven are on the hands that hold them now-Jesus!

**Bible Study**



Discipleship Classes resume Tuesday, Sept.5th-10 AM and Sunday, Sept.10th-6 PM with Charles Stanley's book, "Relying on the Holy Spirit". See Nunnie if you need a workbook. Much appreciation to Susan Powell and Rick Belford for so freely teaching us life lessons through this great author. We are so grateful for their servant hearts!



Prayer is the most important conversation of the day, take it to God before you take it to anyone else. Worry is a total waste of time; it doesn't change anything, all it does is steals your joy, keeps you from praying, and busy doing nothing. God is the ARM that will hold you at your weakest. The EYE that will see you at your darkest. The HEART that will love you at your worst. God has a purpose for you that is held in His heart; God has a path for you that is paved with His grace. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness only LIGHT can do that; Hate cannot drive out Hate only LOVE can do that".

Some folks carry their religion on their shoulder like a burden, instead of in their hearts like a song.

# September



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## Sunday Schedule

Sunday School  
9:00 AM  
Morning Worship  
10:00 AM  
Sunday Evening  
Choir Practice 5 PM  
Family Ministry  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM  
Disc Bible Study 6 PM

## Weekly Schedule

Tuesday Prayer Time 9-9:30 AM Wed. Food Pantry 10AM-1 PM  
Wed. Supper 5:30-6:15 PM Wed. Bible Study 6:30 PM

## On-Going Activities

Choir Practice Sundays 5 PM  
Disc. Bible Study Tuesdays 10 AM Sundays 6 PM  
Deacon's monthly meeting Sun. Sept.10th 4:45 WMU/WOM 5 PM  
Agape Stitches Meet Wed., Sept. 20th 10 AM  
Sr. Adults Last Thursday Fellowship/Lunch Sept.28th 11:30AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
 <p>Sept.10Th</p> <p>JD Chapman State Missions Emphasis Sept 1-30 "What's Next" Mark 16:15-SLBC Goal: \$1,200</p>						
<p>3</p> <p>Charlie Bruner Rex Turner</p> <p>No Evening Activities Due to Holiday</p>	<p>4</p> <p>Labor Day</p>	<p>5</p> <p>Debra Chavis Detra Pennington</p> <p>Disc. Bible Study Resumes 10 AM</p>	<p>6</p> <p>Supper Resumes 5:30-6:15 PM</p>	<p>7</p> <p>Ronnie Crapps, Jr Mason McCurdy Lindsey Willis</p>	<p>8</p> <p>Justin Cozart</p>	<p>9</p> <p>Late Summer "Fellowship" Celebration Drop-in 3-6 PM</p>
<p>10</p> <p>Deacon's Meeting 4:45 PM WOM Meeting 5 PM Disc. Bible Study 6 PM</p>	<p>11</p> <p>Selena Chavis Caleb Geiger Patriot Day</p> 	<p>12</p>	<p>13</p> <p>Jase Crapps Laken Inabinet Linda Morrow</p>	<p>14</p> <p>Bob Weaver</p>	<p>15</p> <p>Asia Keisler</p>	<p>16</p> <p>Connie Faile</p> <p>Youth IGNITE 7-9 PM</p> 
<p>17</p> <p>Randy Alford Marty Griner</p>	<p>18</p>	<p>19</p> <p>Tyquisha Moore</p>	<p>20</p> <p>AGAPE Stitches 10 AM</p>	<p>21</p> <p>Scott Bruner Ronnie Moses</p>	<p>22</p>	<p>23</p> 
<p>24</p> <p>Mina Harrington</p>	<p>25</p> <p>Cassie Turner</p>	<p>26</p> <p>Joanne Fleetwood Ken Tynes</p>	<p>27</p> <p>Jenny Miles</p> 	<p>28</p> <p>Sr. Adults Lunch with Fellowship 11:30AM LBA-Lay Exec. Comm. Meeting 12:30-1:30PM</p>	<p>29</p> <p>Andrea Newton</p>	<p>30</p>

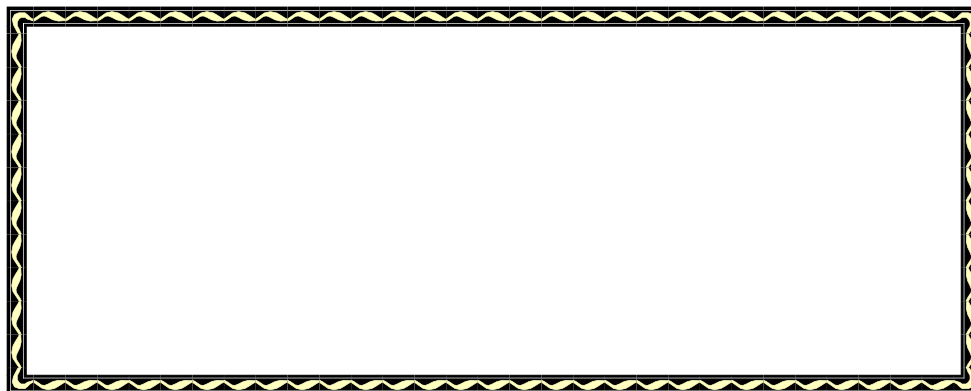
Kindness is becoming at any age. Remember, a smile can be recognized in all languages.



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**Pastor:** Butch Powell

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

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



To all who participated in the July 2nd Patriotic musical. It was a wonderful morning celebrating our God-given freedom. There was a lot of hard work and many practices involved for this outstanding performance. Much thanks to Ms Susan and everyone who shared your voice. We're looking forward to the next one! Don't forget! Choir practice Sundays at 5 PM. Now would be a great time to join the Choir!



### ***As of Aug.. 27th ...For the Record***

Receipts - YTD \$237,647  
 Expenditures - YTD \$230,007  
 Designated - YTD \$ 59,208



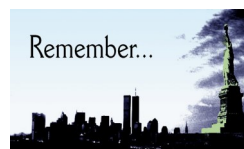
**Budget  
Update**

5th Sunday Special Offering-A/C & Sound Booth-\$8,036.

Please use personalized envelopes to ensure more accurate posting. Stop by during Office hours to pick up a box, Sign-up on table in foyer or e-mail us to receive a box.



Labor Day-picnics, cookouts and family gatherings marking the unofficial end of summer. This holiday, originally created in 1882, was to honor the social and economic contributions of American workers. In a strong economy, it's easy to take for granted the ability to work and be paid well, but there are those who continue to struggle with unemployment and financial hardships. During holiday celebrations, let's give thanks for the jobs we have, remember those not as fortunate and offer encouragement or help to someone who needs it.



**In Memory  
of those who  
lost their  
Lives.**

**A retentive memory may be a good thing, but the ability to forget (forgive) is the true token of greatness.**