



...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 AM

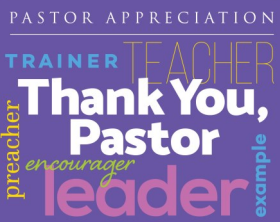
Sunday Worship

10 AM

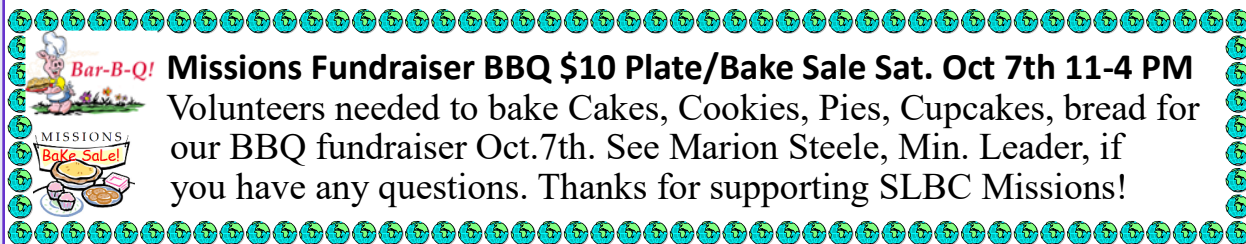
Evening Family

Ministry 6-7:30 PM

Everyone Welcome!



Much thanks to everyone who came out and shared in Pastor Butch & Susan's 50 years in the Ministry celebration. Annual "Pastor Appreciation" is Sunday October 15th. A table will be set-up for cards and monetary donations (payable directly to Pastor Butch). Your prayers for him and Ms. Susan & Family is most sincerely appreciated. May God continue to bless them and their Family.



Missions Fundraiser BBQ \$10 Plate/Bake Sale Sat. Oct 7th 11-4 PM

Volunteers needed to bake Cakes, Cookies, Pies, Cupcakes, bread for our BBQ fundraiser Oct. 7th. See Marion Steele, Min. Leader, if you have any questions. Thanks for supporting SLBC Missions!



Saturday, October 28th-Autumn Market 4-7 PM and Fall Festival 5-7 PM

We need volunteers and individually wrapped candy. Containers at church entrances. See MacKenzie Conyers or Reesa Smith to see how you can help!

Pray for God's will and His blessings upon all we do at SLBC. Thank you all for your support and your prayers are graciously appreciated!!



5th Sunday-Oct. 29th-Ordinance of the Lord's Supper and a special offering for Bldg. Debt Loan. Please pray about what God would have you give towards reducing this outstanding loan debt. We have made two extra payments of \$10,000 each towards principle this year!!



God's beautiful handiwork of Fall colors. Thank You, Lord for Your many blessings!



Pick up a shoebox (or two) and start filling now to share God's love and Christmas joy for a precious child overseas. Such a simple gift but one that will make an eternal difference in a child's life! Shipping cost \$9 per box payable to SLBC. Shoebox Deadline and Dedication Date: November 19th. Thank You!!



Stewardship is not just about raising funds, it's about raising Christians. Stewardship is not a matter of budgets, it's a matter of faith. Please keep this in mind as we begin our budget process for **2024**. Ministry Leaders, please pray about specific needs to relay to your respective Deacon. Budget forms will be available to Ministry Leaders on Oct. 1st to be returned to Deacons by Oct. 15th. Pray for a spirit of unity for everyone involved as we vote on **2024** Budget Nov. 26th.

Never let a difficulty stop you; it may be only sand on your tracks to prevent your skidding.



A Word From Pastor Butch... Greetings in the Name of Jesus! Over the last couple of years, a song entitled "The Goodness of God has become a true favorite for me. It expresses how I feel about God's love and blessings that have been extended to me and to Susan and I as a couple as well. The goodness God sends our way truly comes through His grace and love. I deserve so little, we deserve so little, yet He continually sends blessings our way. Enumerating the blessings would be impossible. But first and foremost, is the gift He has given us in His Son, Jesus. Jesus has given us eternal life. He purchased that gift with His blood on an Old Rugged Cross. Jesus also has promised abundant life (John 10:10). He has done far more than just meet our needs. He has given a bounty in things that matter the most; faith, hope, love, joy, peace, assurance, etc. He has blessed us with a wonderful family, a gift that could have no price tag ever attached to it. Not least among the gifts we've been blessed with are the friends, brothers and sisters in Christ that have surrounded us and given us so much joy through the years. A few weeks ago, some of the many of our extended family honored us at the completion of our 50th year of ministry. What a blessing! Words cannot express our joy brought by your outpouring of love. I confess that it has not always been easy ministering through a lifetime; yet, even if there were not an eternity to be experienced with Jesus and our Heavenly Father, and I assure you there is, all of the hardships would be far out-weighed by the joy we have experienced through you and many more like you who are a part of our family, the family of God. Thank You All!! And thank God for putting you in our lives!!! We Love You! God bless you, *Butch*



The **GNC** is scheduled to begin on October 2nd & 5th at two local elementary schools. Our greatest need is for PRAYER! Please pray for God to empower His servants to make a difference in children's hearts and enable them to be a witness to their families. Continue praying for all school staff and for volunteers to be well and positive examples of Jesus to all we encounter. We will be sharing Jesus: God of Power and Glory with the children to let them know that they have hope knowing Jesus as their Savior. If you are interested in learning more about GNC, please contact Doreen Bair at (803) 429-0402. Thank you for praying for this ministry.

"Whatever you eat or drink or whatever you do, you must do all for the glory of God." I Corinthians 10:31

DOLLARS SENSE

OUT OF CONTROL? Keep reading and see what you think. Dave Ramsey (Christian Financial Guru) gave this great illustration of our country's current financial situation: *"If the US Government was a family, they would be making \$58,000 a year, they would spend \$75,000 a year, and would be \$327,000 in credit card debt. They are currently proposing BIG spending cuts to reduce their spending to \$72,000 a year. These are the actual proportions of the federal budget & debt, reduced to a level that we can understand. "We, the American people, understand that cutting spending means to spend less next month than you did this month. They understand it because most households and businesses have had to make those kinds of cuts. **This is not just a financial or a political issue - it's a moral issue.** Spending money we don't have and leaving it to our children and grandchildren to pay for our out-of-control spending is morally wrong. Imagine you were in a restaurant where grandparents, parents, and children went out to dinner. Then imagine how you would feel if you noticed that the grandparents and parents left before the bill was paid so that the kids were forced to pay the bill for *everyone*! That's exactly what we are doing to this future generation.*

Mr. Jerry-Finance



Sympathy to family & friends in the loss of their loved ones: "Dewey" Smith; Johnnie Wingard. *If I should go tomorrow it would never be goodbye; for I have left my heart with you, so don't you ever cry. The love that's deep within me, shall reach you from the stars, you'll feel it from the heavens and it will help to heal the scars.*



Food Pantry: Rice & Powdered Milk
Prisoner Packets: Pick up a bag in hallway-items listed inside bag; Any monetary donations will be used to purchase items.



Sr. Adults monthly Fellowship is the last Thursday, Oct.26th at 11:30 AM. Bring your favorite Casserole dish and dessert for sharing. Ya'll come! Walter Brown, Ministry Leader.

Steven Craps and his group, Eternal Harmony, will provide the special music for us on Sunday, Oct.22nd. A Love offering will be taken for them at the close of service.



Monthly 2nd Sunday WOM meeting, Oct.8th 5PM. Please come and join us!

Note: Kids' Christmas in West Virginia. See Marion Steele if you would like to provide a \$25 gift for a child. Deadline is December 3rd. Gifts to be delivered December 8-9. Thank You!

Sr. Adult Fall Festival

DATE: Thursday, Nov.9th **TIME:** 10:30 AM-Noon
LOCATION: Willow Ridge Church
Cost: FREE! Shealy's BBQ Meal
RSVP: lba@mylba.org (803) 356-2543
Registration begins Oct. 1st

Church Business Meeting October 22nd (AM)

Budget Business Meetings Nov.19th & 26th

Good, better, best; never let it rest till your good is better and your better is best.

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Fall Festival



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As of Sept. 24th

Receipts (39 Wks.)	YTD	\$260,154
Expenditures	YTD	\$245,690
Designated	YTD	\$ 64,311



**Budget
Update**

Love Offering - East Wind \$754 JD Chapman \$1,375 RTD
 Don't forget! Use your numbered offering envelopes. They help ensure accurate posting. Sign-up, E-mail or drop by if you need a box. Your support is most appreciated!

LIFE LESSONS: Happy Moments, Praise God; Difficult Moments, Seek God; Quiet Moments, Worship God; Painful Moments, Trust God; Every Moment, Thank God. God puts us all in each other's lives to impact one another in some way. Look for GOOD in others. The best and most beautiful things cannot be seen or touched-they must be felt with the heart. May God give you...for every storm a rainbow, for every tear a smile, for every care a promise, and a blessing in each trial. For every problem life sends a faithful friend to share, for every sign a sweet song, and an answer for each prayer. Angels just for you! ^j^ ^j^ ^j^ ^j^



The Beauty of Growing Old—"How beautifully leaves grow old," wrote 19th-century essayist John Burroughs. "How full of light and color are their last days." Society doesn't think highly of old age. Beauty products tout the supposed virtues of maintaining a youthful appearance. Older adults' wisdom, born of much life experience, is often disparaged, ignored or not sought. But God says this about the righteous, whose lives are rooted in Him: "In old age they still produce fruit; they are always green and full of sap, showing that the LORD is up-right". (Ps.92:14-15). The aging leaves of Fall can prompt us to look for beauty in seniors, to notice the "light and color" that still abound. From all the fruit they produce by their service, prayer, and love, may we learn to live faithfully until our own "last days."

"Cast your cares on the Lord and He will sustain you." Psalm 55:22 .Is your Attitude that of Gratitude?