



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.

Sunday School

(For All Ages)

9 AM

Sunday Worship

10 AM

Evening Family

Ministry 6-7:30 PM

All Are Welcome!



Church Directory

A Directory will be made available soon that you can easily turn to when a computer isn't convenient for our on-line directory. It will be made "in-house" and the \$5 cost will cover materials only. We would like to include everyone and we urge you if you haven't already, to please sign up now to our on-line directory. Appreciation to Cindy Grigsby who can assist you in signing up and she is also our volunteer photographer to include a pic of you/family as well. Help us all get to know one another even better at SLBC!

Happy New Year Happy New Year Happy New Year



Sanctity of Human Life Sunday-January 21st

A special love offering for Daybreak Pregnancy Ministries will be received as we celebrate how "fearfully and wonderfully God has made us all".

BECAUSE I AM
FEARFULLY
&
WONDERFULLY
MADE.

Psalms 139:14

Bible Study



Tuesday Morning and Sunday Evening Discipleship

Bible Study will resume and announced soon. We are so very thankful for Susan Powell and Rick Belford as they lead us through these wonderful studies of God's Word.



GNC Exciting News!

We are excited to let you know about the first 6-week session. We had the opportunity to bring the Good News of Jesus' Love to approx. 100 children between two (2)

local elementary schools. The memory verses was Matt6:9-13-the Lord's Prayer. The excitement on the children's faces as they learned the verses, listened to the Bible Stories, and sang the songs was priceless! Professions of faith were made by three children. We praise God for these, and we thank God for being with us and allowing us the opportunity to plant seeds in the lives of all the children. We know that God has a plan for each of them and their families. We are on break now but we ask that you continue to pray for the GNC; for the children in each school; for the children who will be a part of the GNC starting in February; that God will be preparing them now for the Club. Pray for the children who have made a profession of faith, that they will be connected to a family of believers so that they may learn and grow. If you are interested in learning more about the GNC or would like to be part of this great mission work right here in our community, contact Doreen Bair at 803-429-0402. *Train up a child in the way he should go; even when he is old he will not depart from it. Prov.22:6.*



Begin the New Year With God!

A NEW YEAR WISH - May the New Year bring us Enough happiness to keep us sweet; Enough trials to keep us strong; Enough hope to keep us lively; Enough sorrows to keep us dependent upon God; Enough failure to keep us humble; Enough success to keep us eager; Enough friends to give us comfort; Enough wealth to meet our needs; Enough enthusiasm to keep us looking forward; Enough faith to overcome despair; And Enough determination to use every day and situation somehow for good.

Make the mistakes of yesteryear (2023) your lessons for this year (2024)



A Word From Pastor Butch... Greetings in the name of Jesus! We have just celebrated Christmas. Without a doubt Jesus is the greatest gift any of us has ever received. Christ is the gift that can bring life and light to the lives of anyone and everyone that truly believes in Him.

As I grow older I realize that time is a gift from God. The Bible does not give any concrete promises of time on earth to be given to any of us (James 5:13-14). Scripture does say that honoring our parents will give us the greatest opportunity for *"our days to be long in the land"* (Exodus 20:12). Time is limited and should never be wasted. In fact, the Bible clearly tells us that we should make the best use of our time, (Ephesians 5:15-16a).

Though there are no promises of determined amount of time on earth, the Bible makes it clear that we all will have an eternal existence beyond this earthly life. We can live with God in the eternity to come or we will live separated from God and His blessing in eternity. The thought of scripture is clear, use the time you have on earth wisely because in that time our eternal destiny is settled. Secondly, the way we use our time will determine the eternal rewards we will receive in eternity (Rev. 20:12).

A New Year is here. It is man's way of keeping track of time. I've been given a lot of years, but I have no assurance of another one. I surely hope to use this one wisely. We Love you! *Butch*



The New Year is here! Ready or not!! How many of you have made those same New Year's resolutions like I do every year and, like me, you most likely won't keep them all, if any. We look at the New Year as a new beginning, a time to reflect and set out to be better, to become better at our job, to be a better parent or a better spouse. These are admirable goals and we all probably could do better in them. I would like to suggest one New Year's resolution for all of us that will help in attaining the above...that we be more obedient to our Lord Jesus Christ; that we strive to serve Him better with each passing day, to be better stewards with all that He has blessed us with and give back what He most richly deserves, not only with our finances, but also our time - time in service, time in worship, and time in Bible study. Give freely of yourself to Him as He did for you. Some things we just don't have any control over and can't change even if we want to, but then there are some things we do have control over. We just have to do it. *Mr. Jerry-Finance*



A New Year's Blessing... May God make your year a happy one! Not by shielding you from all sorrow and pain, but by strengthening you to bear it as it comes. Not by making your path easy, but by making you sturdy to travel any path. Not by taking hardships from you, but by taking fear from your heart. Not by granting you unbroken sunshine, but by keeping your face bright, even in the shadows. Not by making your life always pleasant, but by showing you when people and their causes need you most, and by making you anxious to be there to help. God's love, peace, hope and joy to you for the year ahead. Look ahead and prepare-don't look back and regret.



Clean-up Crew Beginning this year, we will have an outside service clean the church on a weekly basis as per our 2024 budget meeting. We are so appreciative of all our clean-up Team members who have been so faithful during these past years keeping our church clean. But we still need your help to be sure to turn lights off as you exit bathrooms, etc., and not use chair envelope holders as trash receptacles, wipe up spills and leave drinks outside of worship areas. May we all work together in keeping God's House welcoming & inviting to all who enter. Again, huge thanks to our five teams and 25 clean-up members!



Join with other Sr. Adults on the last Thursday of each month for their fellowship/lunch. Hope to see you Jan.25th at 11:30 AM. Baked Potato bar, bring your favorite sides. Walter Brown, Min. Leader.



Welcome
New Members
Of Our
Church
Family

Welcome! Mallory Crapps (for Baptism) and Randy & Shirley Chalmers by Letter. So glad to have you all in our Church Family at South Lexington Baptist Church!

Thanks for your donations and support to the Lottie Moon Int'l. Missions. SLBC Goal: -\$1,200 - RTD: \$1,818!



Providing altar flowers for a Sunday is a great way to commemorate anniversaries, birthdays, a special occasion or to honor or remember a loved one. Sign up for "your" Sunday in the flower book in foyer of larger worship area or call church office for assistance.

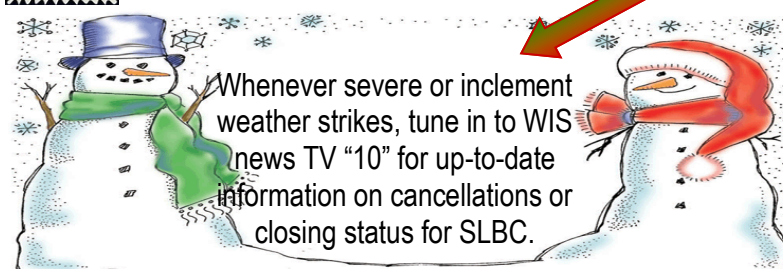


Christian Sympathy to the families and friends in the loss of their love ones: Billy Deater; Johnny Hook; Daniel Jeffcoat; Susan Mitchell; Linda Morrow. **BEYOND THE DOOR...** To better love God and Christ, we pass thru death's door; but it's not the end. It's only the birth of something more, the eternal joy Jesus has prepared us for!

Visitors, let us know.....we are glad to provide this newsletter, however, if you would like to be removed from this monthly mail-out, call the Church Office (803) 957-8285 or e-mail us at office@slbchurch.com or finance@slbchurch.com. Thanks!



1st class Stamps will increase from \$.66 to \$.68 and postcards from \$.50 to \$.53 on January 21st.



You can't change the past, but you ruin a perfectly good present by worrying about the future.



Sunday Schedule

Sunday School
9:00 AM
Morning Worship
10:00 AM

Sunday Evening




Family Ministry
6:00 - 7:30 PM

Wednesday Schedule

5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Supper 6:30 PM Evening Bible Study

On-Going Activities

Weekly Tuesday Prayer Time (All Welcome!)	9:00 AM - 9:30 AM
Deacon's 2nd Sunday Meeting-Jan14th	5:00 PM
WMU/WOM 2nd Sunday Meeting-Jan14th	5:00 PM
Agape Stitchers 3rd Wed. Meeting/Lunch-Jan17th	10:00 AM
Sr.'s Last Thurs. Lunch Fellowship Jan25th	11:30 AM
Youth IGNITE Saturday, Jan 20th	6:00 PM - 9:00 PM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1 New Years Day 	2	3	4	5	6 
7 Peggy Cathey Ronnie Crapps	8	9	10 Tammy Lucas Alice Suarez	11	12	13
14 Howard Bunner Deacon's Meet 5 PM WOM Meeting 5 PM	15 Tyler Adams Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16	17 AGAPE Stitchers Meet 10 AM	18	19	20 Youth IGNITE 6 PM - 9 PM
21 Dana Elliott Sanctity of Human Life Day Break Ministry Love Offering	22 BJ Atkinson	23 Jimmy Gooding	24	25 Sr. Adults Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM Baked Potato Bar	26 Kendra Smith	27 Arnie Kupcs
28 Sara Smith Taylor Tynes	29 Bryan Patterson Daniel Smith	30	31	 Read through Bible this Year		



Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread. Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend. The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things each new day filled with joy and happiness it brings.

It is better to look ahead and prepare than to look back and regret.

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As of Dec. 24th (53 Sundays in 2023)

Receipts (52 Wks.)	YTD	\$346,294
Expenditures	YTD	\$317,488
Budget Requirement	YTD	\$358,448
Designated	YTD	\$ 93,670



From Mr. Jerry-Finance: Thanks for using blue offering envelopes which expedites posting of your contributions and ensures greater accuracy in posting to the correct person. If you would like to receive envelopes, stop by or call church office, use sign-up sheet in vestibules or e-mail me at finance@slbchurch.com. Membership not required to get envelopes.

Jan 20th February Newsletter *Deadline*



Top Ten (True) Predictions for 2024-1. The Bible will still have all the answers. 2. Prayer will still be the most powerful thing on Earth. 3. The Holy Spirit will still move. 4. God will still honor the praises of His people. 5. There will still be God-anointed preaching. 6. There will still be singing of praise to God. 7. God will still pour out blessings upon His people. 8. There will still be room at the Cross. 9. Jesus will still love you. 10. Jesus will still save the lost when they come to Him. Isn't it great TO REMEMBER WHO IS REALLY IN CONTROL, and that; "the Word of the Lord endures forever." (I Peter 1:25)



2024 Church calendar is in Conference room. Ministry Leaders, please pencil in your events and or activities after coordinating with your Deacon. Also, please let the Church office know of any changes you make during the year. Appreciate your help!

There is no right way to do the wrong thing. Waste not fresh tears over old griefs.