



Sharing Love  
Because of Christ  
**SLBC**

**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.

Sunday School (For All Ages) 9AM

Sunday Worship 10AM

Evening Family Ministry 6-7:30 PM

**Everyone Welcome!**



Come to our Valentine's Social for Dinner/Movie on Saturday, Feb.10th, 6 PM. Feast on Ms. Pat's spaghetti and Greek salad, w/dessert. Movie, "The Blind" will be shown afterwards. **PLEASE** sign-up for food count or call Church to be added. Thanks to everyone who makes this event so special for all!



Make a joyful noise unto the Lord. What an excellent time to join SLBC's Celebration Choir! We're practicing for our Easter Cantata and for Sunday specials. Choir practices on Sundays at 5 PM. Thanks to Susan Powell, Music Leader, and all our Celebration Choir who lift up Jesus' name with Special Music!



We're excited for the opportunity to bring Jesus' Good News to children in two (2) of our local elementary schools. Spring session resumes at the end of February. Please pray for children who will be attending and that God will prepare the children's hearts to receive His message. Also, pray for the volunteers that they will stay well and that they will stay grounded in God's word. We want to bring the message of **Love** to children who may never have attended a church service. Interested in learning more about the **GNC** or would you like to be a part of this great mission work right here in our community, contact Doreen Bair at (803) 429-0402.

***And he said to them, "Go into all the world and proclaim the gospel to the whole creation." Mark 16:15***



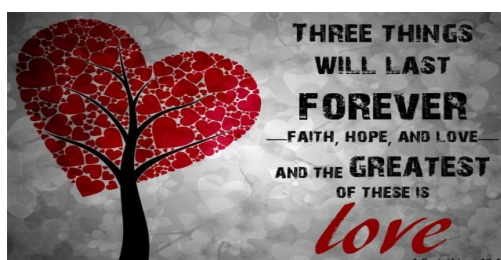
Youth Sweetheart Social (IGNITE event this month) on Saturday, Feb.17th 6-8 PM, Fun evening for parents, kids or youth and their friends to come and hang out and enjoy great fellowship with music, food-something for everyone! See MacKenzie or Lacy if you have any questions about this or any Youth activity or event.



SLBC will host a monthly Tuesday breakfast once again for FCA (Fellowship of Christian Athletes) at White Knoll High School. If you can help prepare or cover monthly breakfast cost for these young people, call church office or let Pastor Butch know. You'll be back in time for 9 AM prayer meeting. A BIG THANKS to everyone who donated cost of the food for previous breakfasts. Mark your calendars-FCA meets: **Feb.27th; Mar.19th; April 30th.**



1John 4:8



Time flies, suns rise and shadows fall. Let time go by. Love is forever.



### *A Word From Pastor Butch...* Greetings in the name of Jesus!

In February, Valentine's Day reminds us and encourages us to express our love to those closest to us. It's a good thing. But, be reminded that nobody loves us more than God. God is love (1 John 4:8). From His heart of love, He gave us Jesus (John 3:16) and Jesus died that He might give us abundant and eternal life. What an expression of love.

How can we show God our love? Let me share four ways. 1) By living in obedience to Him, John 14:15. An obedient life is a changed life. The change expresses our love for God. 2) By expressing our love in words and in song, Psalm 100 says, "*Come into His presence with singing*" and also, "*Enter His gates with thanksgiving, and his courts with praise*". 3) By joining with others to worship and celebrate God and His love (Hebrews 10:25). 4) One final way is to serve the Lord. Deuteronomy 10:12 says, "*...serve the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul.*" The heart has long been seen as the center of our emotion and our love. Valentine's Days' best-known symbol is a heart.

If we really think about it, all of these things will be helped and promoted in our lives by an active involvement in a Church, the body of Christ. *We Love you! Butch*



### **John 15:13 "Greater love has no one than this, than to lay down one's life for his friends."**

We think of February as the "Love" month with Valentine's Day approaching. So, what is love? From the movie "Love Story" we get the words "Love means never having to say you're sorry." Can't say I agree with that, if we do something that hurts the people we love then we do need to say we're sorry. But Hollywood is different, right? In the real world we can look at the best example of what love really is, the example God gives to all of us through Jesus Christ and His willingness to lay down His life for all our sins. Ultimately, "to lay down" means to die but we can also lay down our own desires, time, or opinions to show love. True love is simply giving of one's self, to God, to family, to others. John 3:16 God loved the whole world. Our love to God is measured by our everyday fellowship with others and the love it displays. *Jerry Frick, Finance*

Agape Stitchers invite anyone who would like to come learn BASIC sewing skills. Supplies/instructor provided. Contact Mrs. Sara Smith (803) 413-6264 if you have any questions or are interested. You don't have to be an Agape member to learn. They meet third Wednesday of each month at 10 AM and share a meal. Would be glad to show you how easy and fun sewing can be!



Spaghetti Noodles/Pasta Sauces and Jellies. Thanks so much for all your food donations! WOM Ministry



Hope to see you for February's Sr. Adult fellowship Feb. 29th at 11:30 AM. Come be a part of our Seniors on the Go at SLBC which meets the last Thursday of each month. Bring your favorite Soup/Chili/Chowder to share. Join us for a great fellowship! Walter Brown, Ministry Leader.



Can you help with Childcare/Children's Church? If you can volunteer once a month, every other month or even once a quarter, call Reesa Smith (309-3304) to offer your "gift" of service. Much Thanks!!



Begin bringing items (in good condition) for our April 5th-6th Garage Sale Missions fundraiser. \$10 BBQ tickets are now available for our April 6th BBQ. Plan now to join other Missions Team members for our West Virginia Mission trip scheduled July 20th-26th. Thanks for supporting Missions at SLBC!



We would like to pray for you for any upcoming procedure or if you become hospitalized. You can leave a message on church phone, send e-mail or fill out "Hospital/Procedure" portion on back of "Welcome" slip in chair pocket and place in offering plate or wall pocket outside church office so we can pray for you during Tuesday morning prayer time.

**YOU TOOK MY PARKING SPACE AT CHURCH** -*This should wake us all up....* One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver, got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!" The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing. After Sunday School, he went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still he said nothing. Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place."

*Let me give so much time to improving myself that I won't have time to criticize others.*



### Sunday Schedule

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

### Sunday Evening

Choir Practice  
5:00 PM  
Family Ministry  
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

### Wednesday Schedule

5:30 PM - 6:15 PM Supper  
6:30 PM Wednesday Evening (Philippians) Bible Study

### On-Going Activities

Weekly Tuesday Prayer Time (All Welcome!)	9:00 AM
Weekly Tuesday Disc. Bible Study	10:00 AM
Valentine Social Saturday-Feb 10th	6:00 PM
Deacon's 2nd Sunday Meeting-Feb 11th	5:00 PM
WOM 2nd Sunday Meeting-Feb 11th	5:00 PM
Agape Stitches 3rd Wed. Lunch Meeting-Feb 21st	10:00 AM
Sr. Adults Last Thurs. Lunch Fellowship -Feb 29th	11:30 AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Jan 28	Jan 29	Jan 30 <b>FCA</b>	Jan 31	1	2  Groundhog Day	3 Carol Burnett
4	5 Reesa Smith	6	7 Angela Kirk	8 Jim Bennett Susan Mingie Mae Morris	9 Linda Hooker	10 <b>Valentine's Dinner/Movie Social 6:00 PM</b>
11 <b>Deacon Meeting 5 PM</b> <b>Ladies WOM 5 PM</b>	12	13 Lena Watkins	14 <b>Ash Wednesday</b>  HAPPY Valentine's Day	15 Shirley Chalmers	16	17 <b>Youth Social (Ignite) 6-8 PM</b>
18	19  PRESIDENTS' DAY	20	21 <b>Agape Stitches 10 AM</b>	22 Traci Smith	23 MacKenzie Conyers	24 Eric Mull
25 Dave Bates  The POWER of Love	26	27 <b>FCA</b> Mary-Catherine Wood	28 Bill Lucas Tonya Williamson	29 <b>Sr. Adults Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM</b>	 NEWSLETTER DEADLINE 20th of current month for next month's newsletter.	

**YES! NO! or NOT Yet!** Why you must persist in Prayer...Prayer moves the heart of God. Prayer is the difference between you fighting for God and God fighting for you. When you hit your knees, God extends His powerful right hand. He fights your battles for you. Drawing prayer circles is a metaphor that simply means praying until God answers. It's not just praying, it's praying through. Prayer circling is a determination to pray as long as it takes, even if it takes longer than you ever imagined. Sometimes God will push you to your absolute limits - the limits of your faith, the limits of your patience, the limits of your gifts. That's how God stretches faith & builds character. Don't lose heart. Don't lose hope. Don't lose faith. Don't lose patience. Drawing prayer circles isn't some gimmick to get what you want from God. God is not a genie in a bottle, and your wish is not His command. His command better be your wish! If it's not, you won't be drawing prayer circles, you'll end up walking in circles. You've got to praise Him if the answer is yes, trust Him if the answer is No; and if the answer is Not Yet, you've just got to keep circling (praying).

The world is full of beauty when your heart is filled with love.



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\*Joe McKay 603-8792 \*Marion Steele 609-6115



### As of Jan. 28th (4 Weeks)...

Receipts	YTD	\$21,641
Expenditures	YTD	\$27,400
Budget Requirement	YTD	\$26,633
Designated	YTD	\$ 2,764
Daybreak Ministries		\$ 1,269
Eternal Harmony		\$ 784

Your financial support of South Lexington Baptist Church  
in advancing God's kingdom is *greatly* appreciated!



Church Office Hours Tuesday thru Thursday  
8:30 AM - 2:30 PM. Closed Monday/Friday.  
Voice mail checked daily. Please leave a message  
(803) 957-8285 or e-mail office@slbchurch.com



**Christian Football:** Quarterback Sneak-Church members quietly leaving during the invitation. Draw Play-What many children do with the bulletin during worship. Half-time-The period between Sunday School and worship when many choose to leave. Benchwarmer-Those who do not sing, pray, work, or apparently do anything but sit. Backfield -in-Motion-Making a trip to the back (restroom or water fountain) during the service. Staying in the Pocket-What happens to a lot of money that should be given to the Lord's work. Two-minute Warning-The point at which you realize the sermon is almost over and begin to gather up your children and belongings. Instant Replay-The preacher loses his notes and falls back on last week's illustrations. Sudden Death-What happens to the attention span of the congregation if the preacher goes "overtime." Trap-You're called on to pray and are asleep. End Run-Getting out of church quick, without speaking to any guest or fellow member. Flex Defense-The ability to allow absolutely nothing said during the sermon to affect your life. Halfback Option -The decision of 50% of the congregation not to return for the evening service. Blitz-The rush to restaurants after closing prayer.

Love in your heart wasn't put there to stay. Love isn't love 'til you give it away.