

Sharing Love
Because of Christ



SOUTH LEXINGTON BAPTIST CHURCH

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A Church that Serves

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!



EASTER

Celebrate Easter with us as our Choir performs a powerful message through music and song and Pastor Butch shares an Easter message for us all. Come, be uplifted and blessed! Sunday School 9 AM Worship 10 AM. (No PM Activities).



**EASTER
EGG HUNT!**

Saturday, March 23rd 10 AM-12 PM. Containers at entrance foyers for Easter candy. Volunteers needed. Call or text MacKenzie if you can volunteer to help-(803) 608-5277. Thanks so much!



No Wednesday evening supper or Bible study March 27th. Maundy Thursday service with Lord's Supper March 28th, 7 PM. Our services are meant to lift up Jesus-join us and help share His Light with others!



"Make Jesus Known" -N. American Missionaries, though their stories are different, share one common desire, to change the world. Whether it is starting a new church, meeting needs of the homeless or leading worship, they depend on your faithful prayers and generosity. Please pray for missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 1st thru Easter, March 31st. **SLBC Goal-\$1,200.** Thank You!



Guest Gideon Speaker on March 17th. He will provide a short segment on how God uses the Gideon Ministry to spread His Word throughout the world with their Bible distribution ministry. A Love Offering will be received (make checks *payable* to Gideons). Give to this Ministry as God leads and on behalf of the Gideons, "Thank You!"



The Spring session of the GNC began Feb. 19th with approx. 80 children between the two schools. Some children are returning from the Fall session and some are new to the Club. One thing we talk about is prayer. At the start of club each child may write a prayer request and drop it in our "God" can. These requests are typed and emailed to all the volunteers. Volunteers pray for these requests daily. We want the children to know that God loves them and He always wants to hear from them no matter what the situation. We ask that you please pray for the GNC and volunteers for their health and they will stay grounded in God's word. Pray for the children. We want them to be open to listening to what God is speaking to their hearts. This may be the only time that they hear about Jesus and this is our opportunity to plant seeds that only God can use to draw them to Him. We are thankful to be His workers in these schools. **Praying at all times in the Spirit, with prayers and supplication. To that end keep alert with all perseverance, making supplication for all the saints, (Ephesians 6:18).** Want to know more about the GNC, call Doreen Bair at 803-429-0402.

Alleluia!
HE IS ALIVE!



He is not here, He is Risen as He said He would-Indeed! Hallelujah!!



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

We have reached the month of March. March for me is the pivotal month that can bring bitter cold or bring a promise of spring and new life. I have learned that I can face the cold much better if I cling to the hope that spring will soon follow.

For me life is much like that. I can face the harsh realities of life much better if I can keep in mind the promises of much better times. My years of living have brought those harsh realities to light. Job 14:1, says, "*Man who is born of woman is few of days and full of trouble.*" As I grow older, having experienced many years of life, and having seen the world around me change so greatly, I realize my hopes of better days do not come from this world. There is a verse of scripture that addresses this thought, 1 Corinthians 15:19, says this, "*If in Christ we have hope in this world only, we are of all people most to be pitied.*" Jesus has promised us great blessings. In John 10:10, Jesus says this, "*....I have come that they may have life and have it more abundantly.*" Though my days of trusting in Jesus have made my life here much more enjoyable, it is the promises of a future life with Him in glory that keeps me filled with hope. Romans 8:18, "*For I consider that the sufferings of this life are not worth comparing with the glory that is to be revealed to us.*"

If your life is short on hope, join us in our studies and in our worship. We can share Jesus with you and tell you of the promises that fill us with hope for the future. We Love you! *Butch*



Matthew 6:21 Where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. An ancient parable, "The Monkey Fist," teaches a profound lesson. Native tribes would hollow out coconuts, fill them with bait, then tie them to a tree to lure and catch monkeys. When the monkey would reach in with his hand it would fit through the hole but when he grabbed the bait in his fist he couldn't remove his hand unless he let go of the bait which he wasn't willing to do. Greediness was his ultimate undoing. When we clutch to material things so tightly that it negatively impacts our family, friends and faith, our undoing is just around the corner. We need to unclench our fist and get out of the trap. We need to put God first, giving Him what belongs to Him, our time, talents and treasures. We need to open our hands now; God has incredible gifts and resources for us, more than we could ever hold in our fist. God doesn't look at just what we give, He also looks at what we keep. *Jerry Frick, Finance*



Christian Sympathy to families and friends in the death of these loved ones: Helen Hangar; Harvey Keisler; D.E. Shumpert; Donald L. Smith and Frank Taylor, Sr. On Angel's wings you were taken, but in our hearts you'll stay, in God's light you will find joy, till we meet again!



Welcome
New Members
Of Our
Church
Family

So glad to have Inez (Nezzie) Dinkins and Steven Craps with us by transfer of Letter. And Jacob Warren accepting Christ as his personal Savior to follow Jesus' example thru Baptism. Please pray for these newest members and Let them know how glad we are to have them at SLBC!



Join us for our monthly Seniors get-together on Thursday, March 28th (11:30 AM) and "Pot Luck" lunch. Bring your favorite dish/dessert to share. Join us for great fellowship, food and games! See you there! Walter Brown, Sr. Adult Ministry Leader.



Please begin praying for this years VBS June 2nd-6th (6-8PM). Also, please let Lacy or MacKenzie know if you can help, please volunteer. Thank You!



Canned Meats & Vegetables. Thanks to all our faithful pantry food donors! Food Pantry Ladies

Mission Fundraiser Garage Sale Apr 5th-6th 8-2 PM

BBQ Pork Plates Apr 6th 11-4 PM

Please bring items for garage sale to Missions trailer parked out front. Call Church, Joe McKay or Marion Steele to have larger items picked up. Get your tickets for BBQ plates (only) April 6th 11-4 PM. Be a part of our Missions Team at SLBC. Make plans to join them for the West Virginia Summer Mission trip July 20-26.



He's Alive!! Two words that shout sin is defeated, that sing death doesn't have the final say. They're as true today as they were that first Easter morning when Mary ran from the tomb to tell the disciples: ***He's Alive!!*** The life-giving, life-changing power of our Redeemer means He's alive in our prayers, our praise, our hearts. ***He's alive*** in our homes, our churches, our workplaces. This is news we simply have to share. Sing it in praise. Whisper it to a weary soul. Celebrate it in all its marvelous majesty. ***He IS Alive!***



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead one hour before going to bed on Saturday, March 9th so you won't miss out on Sunday School! Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 10th at 2 AM.

It's not the number of hours you put in, but what you put in the hours that counts.

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Sunday Schedule

Morning Bible Study
9:00 AM
Morning Worship
10:00 AM

Sunday Evening










Easter Cantata Practice
5:00 PM
Family Ministry
6 - 7:30 PM
Disc Bible Study 6 PM

Wednesday Schedule

Food Pantry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Wednesday Supper 5:30 PM - 6:15 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study (Philippians) 6:30 PM

On-Going Activities

FCA Breakfast White Knoll High School Tues Mar 19th 7:00 AM
Weekly Tuesday Prayer Time (All Welcome!) 9:00-9:30 AM
Weekly Tuesday Disc. Bible Study 10:00-11:00 AM
WOM 2nd Sunday Meeting-Mar 10th 5:00 PM
Agape Stitches 3rd Wed Meet & Lunch-Mar 20th 10:00 AM
Senior's Last Thurs Fellowship & Lunch- Mar 28th 11:30 AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Feb 25	Feb 26	Feb 27 FCA	Feb 28	Feb 29 Sr Adults Fellowship and Lunch 11:30 AM	1 Ruth Crumpton Ted Priester	2
3	4	5 Pat Crapps	6	7 World Day of Prayer	8	9 
Annie Armstrong Easter Offering March 1st - 31st (Easter) "Make Jesus Known" SLBC Goal: \$1,200						
10 WOM Meets 5PM  Deacons Meet 5 PM 	11	12 Sherry Nicewonger	13	14	15	16
17 Gideon Speaker Love Offering 	18 	19 FCA	20 AGAPE Stitches 10 AM	21	22	23 Roger Evans Hailey Williamson Children's Easter Egg Hunt 10 AM - 12 PM
24 Linda Kupcs Palm Sunday 	25 Carole Belford 	26	27	28 Sr. Adults Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM MAUNDY Thursday Service w/Lord's Supper 7 PM	29 Thomas Riffle GOOD FRIDAY 	30 
31 Joe McKay Easter Cantata 5th Sun-Bldg Debt Offering						

He who has no money is poor, but he who has nothing but money is the poorest of all.

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*Marty Griner 605-9972 *Ron Matthews 312-3036
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As of Feb. 25th (8 Weeks)...

Receipts	YTD	\$77,989
Expenditures	YTD	\$53,301
Budget Requirement	YTD	\$56,227
Designated	YTD	\$19,210



**Budget
 Update**



Reminder: On-Line Giving thru Tithe-ly on Facebook or thru Church's website: slbchurch.com Call Church Office if you need personalized envelopes. Your prayers & financial support are so much appreciated!

Easter



He Is Risen!

We know our Redeemer Lives! You may ask how we know it's true-that the Savior lived and died, And if we believe the story that He was crucified? There are so many answers to prove His Holy Being, answers that are everywhere within the realm of seeing; the leaves that fell at Autumn, buried in the sod, now budding on the tree boughs to lift their arms to God. The flowers that were covered and entombed beneath the snow, pushing through the darkness to bid the Spring "Hello". On every side Great Nature retells the Easter Story so never question the Resurrection Glory!!



Not what I get, but what I give, this be the gauge by which I live. Not merely joys that come my way, but the help I give to those astray. Not the rewards of money and fame, but the loads I lift in mankind's name. This be the pay at the end of the day, not what I keep, but what I give away.



Special thanks to all who came and supported our Valentine's Social Feb 10th and Youth/Parents at our sweetheart social Feb 17th and especially to Pat Crapps, Family & Helpers for the delicious meals, setup and cleanup, audio. Ya'll make these events extra special for us ALL-Thanks a bunch!!

Because He Lives! I can face tomorrow and all fear is gone!

