



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) 9 AM

Sunday Worship
10 AM

Family Ministry
6-7:30 PM

Everyone Welcome!



CHRISTMAS BRUNCH ... For ALL Ladies, Saturday, Dec.6th beginning at 10 AM. Come, bring a friend and fellowship together with good food, great music by Steven Craps and be inspired once again by Cheri Nettles, guest speaker. ***"As friendships among women strengthen, so will the chord of fellowship within the Body of Christ"***

Our Children will present a short program on Sunday morning, Dec.14th. Children ages 3-thru 5th grade are *all* invited to take part but must come to practice for Program on Sundays at 6 PM. Please come and show your support for them & their leaders' hard work and practice.

Our Adult Choir will also present a variety of Hymns, Carols, etc., on Sunday morning, Dec 21st. Be sure to let a Choir member know how much they are appreciated as they set the tone for our Worship each Sunday. We very much appreciate Ms. Susan as she leads the music and for Steven Craps and Jackie Frye for sharing their wonderful musical talents with us!

Lexington Christmas Parade-Sunday, Dec.7th @ 3 PM-SLBC will participate with a float in the Parade. Come! And cheer them on!



Join us for a Candlelight Service Sunday, Dec.21st at 6 PM. Invite others to come and experience this very special and worshipful service...***"Come, Let us Adore Him! For He Alone Is Worthy!"***

Lottie Moon Missions-December 1st-31st SLBC Goal-\$1,500-For Int'l. Missionaries - Reaching the Nations Together. Please give prayerfully as God leads. Please use special envelopes provided in chair pockets. Thanks!



Not too late to order your poinsettias to Honor or in Memory of Loved Ones. They will be placed Dec14th and can be picked up after morning Worship, Dec 21st or after Candlelight Service that evening. Thank you for making SLBC welcoming to all and in celebration of our Lord's birthday! God Bless you!



Regular Sunday Worship Dec.7th,14th, 28th. Children's Christmas program; Dec.14th; Adult Choir, Dec.21st (AM) and Candlelight Service 6 PM. Worship Service only Dec.21st 10 AM
No Sunday School. Office/Campus closed Dec.24-25th and Jan.1st.

Merry Christmas **AND NEW YEAR BLESSINGS!**

*Lord, Bless us Everyone this Christmas with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and kind to each other. Cleanse our hearts and prepare us to celebrate **You** at Christmas, the Season for Families, gift giving, a time to create and renew relationships. May we emphasize Christ and His birthday and greet with "Merry Christmas" NOT "Happy Holidays" and, foremost, let us not forget Jesus is the REAL and ONLY Reason For The Season.*

Blessings to you and your Family as we remember the "Reason for the Season".



A Christmas Wish from Pastor Butch... Greetings in the name of Jesus! I want to wish everyone a blessed Christmas. When I think about it, the coming of the Son of God into the world offers all of us the greatest opportunity for blessings that could ever be. If we look to the scriptures we understand that mankind (since Adam's fall in the Garden of Eden) faced an impossible task of reaching a standard of righteousness that would make us acceptable in the sight of God. But, God gave us His Son. He fully met that standard, and by giving Himself as a ransom for us all, we could be cleansed by His blood and bought back to God. Christmas is the celebration of the coming of Jesus into our world. How grateful I am for the grace and love that resulted in Christmas. Yet, many who celebrate Christmas, miss the blessing Jesus came to bring to them. When younger, I looked so forward to Christmas. I still enjoy the celebration, the sharing of gifts and the wonderful love we experience with family and friends. But as I grow older there is also a growing longing for the second coming of Christ. My eyes see a world upside down from God's intended purpose. A world that can only be fixed by Jesus Himself. Scholars tell us that the first coming of Christ was prophesied 318 times in the Old Testament. Did you know there are over 500 prophecies of the second coming of Jesus. As I prepare to celebrate another Christmas, I am also making sure I am prepared for His return as King and Judge. Are you? Accept the gift God gave us, **"JESUS"** and you will be prepared to meet your King and Judge. God Bless You - Butch



Pick up a box of Offering envelopes from the church office, use sign-up sheet or send me an e-mail at finance@slbchurch.com. You don't have to be a member of the church to use envelopes and using them greatly helps me and improves accuracy in posting. Remember, please do not file your 2025 tax return until you have received your Contribution statement from the Church (around mid-January). For Contributions to be eligible in 2025, they must be received or post-marked by Dec.31st. Thanks for supporting SLBC! Mr. Jerry-Finance



Thanks! to everyone participating in the Shoe Box Ministry. We collected **75** shoeboxes and received **\$850** shipping. Thanks for letting a child experience Jesus' love through a simple shoebox! Marion Steele, Missions Leader.



With much thanks and appreciation, you have helped feed **48** families so far this year through your generous donations. December collection will be Dried Beans & Powdered or Evaporated Milk. Can goods are always welcome. Thank-You. Jean Felts, Food Pantry



Thanks to Everyone! for coming and for all the great sides, desserts and help for our Family Thanksgiving meal! I feel so blessed when we get together and fellowship with one another! Pat Crapps, Fellowship Min. Leader & Team.



Thank you for the 50 Christmas Packets for Prisoners, SLBC! WMU/WOM LADIES



Congratulations to Denise Williamson as she followed Christ's example through the Ordinance of Baptism. We welcome her along with Betty DeShong, Dolly Stroud, and James & Julie McNamar as newest members to our Church Family.



Sr Adult Fellowship Thurs Dec 18th 11:30 AM Bring sides/desserts (Ham provided) Join us for great fellowship, food and games w/prizes! Walter Brown, Ministry Leader.



Welcome New Members Of Our Church Family



God Bless each of you who have lost loved ones this year. Prayers to comfort your hurting hearts especially during the holidays.

SLBC Women's Ministry will meet Dec 3rd to put final touches on Ladies' Dec 6th "Brunch". Join us the 1st Wed. of each month. New Year meeting Jan 7th. Rosemary Miller-WMU/WOM-Min Leader

Keep CHRIST in your CHRISTmas!



Look at the Candy Cane, what do you see?
Stripes that are red, like the blood shed for me
White is for my Savior, who's sinless and pure!
"J" is for Jesus, My Lord, that's for sure!
Turn it around, and a staff you will see
Jesus my shepherd was born for Me!



Lottie Moon Post Office

Christmas Cards For Lottie Moon Offering

"Mail" Christmas cards to members using the Church's alphabetical mailbox (located in Hallway below Office). Place your cards in the A-Z (for last name) slot and make a donation to Lottie Moon for what you would have paid in postage. Pick up cards "mailed" to you and please help "deliver" others, too! All proceeds go to Lottie Moon's Int'l. Missions SLBC goal of \$1,500.






We thank Ray Bair for his willingness to serve as Deacon beginning Jan.1,'26. Special thanks to Marty Griner who will rotate off Dec.31,'25. Please pray for Pastor Butch, and our Deacons for their leadership as they seek God's will and plans for His Church (SLBC). Deacon's upcoming Qtly Meeting, January 11th 5:00 PM.

People will forget what you did or said, but they'll never forget how you made them feel.

December 2025

Merry Christmas

HOPE
Love Joy
PEACE

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Nov 30 Vote 2026 Budget Lord's Supper Bldg. Debt Offering	Dec 1	2 Teresa LaMotte FCA Breakfast 7 AM	3 Jamie Burnett WOM Meeting 5:30 PM	4 Marilyn Lown	5 Savannah Salyer	6 WOM Ladies Brunch 10 AM
Lottie Moon Int'l. Missions Dec. 1-31 "Reaching the Nations Together"-SLBC Goal: \$1,500					W. Virginia Trip for Children's Christmas	
7 Lex Christmas Parade 3 PM	8 Mason Warren	9	10 Carson Turner	11 Gayle Williamson	12	13 Sharon Burkett Steven Craps
14 Gabriella Fombe' Jamie Williamson Children's Christmas Program	15 Jayden Fombe'	16	17 AGAPE Stitches NO Meeting	18 Beryl Bledsoe Sr. Adults Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM 	19	20 Zelda Patterson 
21 Adult Choir AM 	22	23 Charles Conyers Beverly McCain	24 Jean Felts Frank Stratakos Office/Campus Closed No Food Pantry	25 Happy Birthday Jesus! 	26	27 Marilyn Hatfield
28	29 Jerri Spires-Sivik	30	31 Office/Campus Closed No Food Pantry 	January 1, 2026 Office/Campus 		



God's Blessings to you and your Family as we remember "Jesus is the Reason for the Season". Pastor Butch & Ms. Susan and Mr. Jerry & Ms. Betty-Church Office



*Christmas is a time to be happy!...A time for celebrating and sharing. For God stooped down to be one of us, born as a poor baby so that we can be "rich". He does not leave us to get along as best we can. He joins us where we are. God is committed to us. Christmas is proof that God cares. That is why we celebrate and show our care in turn to those who need it. John 3:16...For God so loved the world that **HE GAVE** us His **ONLY** begotten Son, that whoever believes in Him will not perish, but have everlasting life...Our lives are so often chaotic but we hear You best in silence, Lord. Help us to be still and listen to You with quietness of mind; Teach us to be patient and kind to each other. Help us to "be still and know you are Lord"; Cleanse and prepare our hearts to celebrate Your birthday and let us not forget that JESUS is the REAL and ONLY Reason For The Season.*

God doesn't call the "qualified" He qualifies the called.

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As of Nov. 23rd...

YTD-Receipts (47 Wks.)	\$320,952
YTD-Expenditures	\$307,893
YTD-Budget Requirement	\$324,624
YTD-Designated	\$ 70,955



We have prepared our homes and Church for Christmas, Lord. Now, please help us prepare our hearts. As we celebrate Christmas joy, let's look beyond the glitter and material gifts to the priceless gift of God's love for us in the Person of Jesus Christ, His Son! Amen.



GOOD NEWS CLUB - As this session of GNC has come to an end, we are thankful for the 104 children that we had the opportunity to present the Good News of Jesus Christ and His Love. We are also thankful for the four (4) professions of Faith and the many seeds that were planted. We come with grateful hearts that God has seen us through another six (6) weeks of GNC. As part of the GNC we always have a memory verse that we go over with the children. This session we had two (2) memory verses. The children are taught the verses and the meaning of the verses. This session the children have done a great job in memorizing both the verses. We hope that they will keep these verses in their hearts and be able to recall them when needed. At one school we have a group of girls that decided to start their own "Jesus" club. They invite their friends, and they read Bible stories and sing the songs they have learned at GNC. They are very excited to share what they learn at GNC with other children. It is a blessing to see God working through these young children. Please continue to pray that God will keep the doors open to the schools so that we can continue to do His work. We are planning to be back in the schools in January. Pray for all school staff and all students for safety and good health. If you are interested in learning more about GNC and how you can get involved, please contact Doreen Bair at (803) 429-0402. **Galatians 6:9 "So don't get tired of doing what is good. Don't get discouraged and give up, for we will reap a harvest of blessing at the appropriate time."**

Christmas is a time for children no matter what their age; Spirit is the only ticket and heart the only gauge.