



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!



Prayer



Start the
New Year
With God



Read through
Bible this Year



Ray Bair's Deacon ordination service will be on Sunday evening, Jan. 4th 6 PM with light refreshment social to follow. Please come and show your support to Ray & Dorcen Bair Family. Everyone Welcome!



Grades 6th-12th. Friday, Jan. 9th 7 PM. Let Mackenzie (608-6277) or Teresa (600-5535) know to add you to list. Wonderful night of worship thru Music!



January 18th - A special offering for Daybreak Ministries will be received. We give God praise as we all are "*fearfully and wonderfully made*".



... 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.

Begin the New Year With God!



I am the New Year. I am an unspoiled page in your book of time. I am your next chance at the art of living. I am your opportunity to practice what you have learned about life during the last 12 months. All that you sought and didn't find is hidden in me, waiting for you to search it but with more determination. All the good that you tried for and didn't achieve is mine to grant when you have fewer conflicting desires. All that you dreamed but didn't dare to do, all that you hoped but did not will, all the faith that you claimed but did not have, these slumber lightly, waiting to be awakened by the touch of a strong purpose. I am your opportunity to renew your allegiance to Him who said, "Behold, I make all things new." And as the Old Year slips away, He kindly takes the pages we have blurred and marred with failures and mistakes with him. The blighted hopes and needless fears are gone beyond recall. And ours once more the fair, clean page the New Year brings to all. God bless thy year, the rough, the smooth, the bright, the dear, God Bless Thy Year!

Make the mistakes of yesteryear 2025 your lessons for this year 2026.

BECAUSE I AM
FEARFULLY
&
WONDERFULLY
MADE.

Psalms 139:14



A Word From Pastor Butch... Greetings in the name of Jesus! As we begin a New Year at S Lex Baptist, we begin with great anticipation waiting to see how God will bless us in the coming year. But first, I want to thank Him for the blessings of last year. God has been good. As the last year progressed we saw attendance in worship services rise, with attendance on the Sunday before the writing of this article the highest it has been since Covid hit us several years ago. The last quarter of the year we have had a number of wonderful people join our fellowship with an increase in Baptisms as well this year. We saw God bless and expand ministries of the church, VBS had 5 professions of faith. Through the Good News Bible Club, which several members of our church participate in, there were 4 professions of faith in the fall session. At the last FCA breakfast, led by our church members, there were over 80 students from White knoll High School present for breakfast and hear the Word of God. There were 4 professions of faith at Fall Festival...And really exciting to me, Youth and Children's ministries have experienced physical and spiritual growth. Our Missions Committee has led the way in raising funds for mission work at home and around the world, enabling us to build two churches in India and support a number of their Pastors along with the other Ministers we support. Overall, there is a great unity and love among the people as we minister together. Of lesser importance, but still important, budget offerings were up 4-1/2% and at the same time designated offerings doubled during the year enabling us to pay \$75,000 in advance payments applied to principle of our mortgage and replacement of several main heating and air conditioning units in our church. God has been so good. We encourage all of you, to be a part of what God is doing here. We need folks who love the Lord and are looking to serve Him by serving others, carrying out the Great Commission given by Jesus in Matthew 28:18-20. God Bless You, We Love You All! - Butch

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2 Corin9:7 - Cheerful Giving! It's interesting to note that Jesus said more about money than about any other single thing, because when it comes to revealing a man's real nature, money is a key indicator.

There is a definite correlation between the development of a man's character and how he handles his money. I'm sure that may be one of the reasons why Paul, in his letter to the Corinthians, spoke about supporting the churches in their mission through generous and cheerful giving. However, the act of giving is often misunderstood as merely a financial transaction. Ultimately, it is a reflection of the condition of one's heart. The principle that "God loves a cheerful giver" emphasizes that the Spirit in which we give is far more important than the amount. We need to remember that giving originates with God because anything we own we have only because God gave it to us. In His grace, He gives us what we don't deserve. So how do we give cheerfully, even when we feel pressed financially? 1st, remember that God owns it all and we are only stewards of His gifts 2nd, give generously and purposely out of loving obedience. Excerpt from "Open Windows" Dec '25 - Mr. Jerry-Admin.



We invite all Sr Adults to join in on the fun with us for lunch fellowship and games with prizes! Mark your calendars for the last Thursday of each month at 11:30 AM. Bring Soup, Chili, Chowder, cornbread and/or dessert to share for Jan.29th lunch theme Hope to see YOU there! Walter Brown, Sr.Min. Leader.



Welcome New Member Of Our Church Family

Welcome! Ms. Clara Evarherhe (by Statement) to S Lex Baptist Church! We are so glad to have you here as part of our growing Church Family!



January Pantry needs: Toiletries and Hygiene items. Thanks for providing food, etc., to over 52 families in 2025! Your support is very much appreciated!! SLBC WOM-Food Pantry Volunteers.

Thanks for all your donations and support to Lottie Moon Int'l. Missions exceeding \$1,500 goal! RTD: \$2,023!



Anyone is welcome to provide Altar flowers to commemorate a special occasion, anniversary, birthday, or remember a loved one. Sign up for a Sunday in the flower book in foyer of worship area, see Pat Crapps or Teresa LaMotte or call church office for assistance. Thank You!

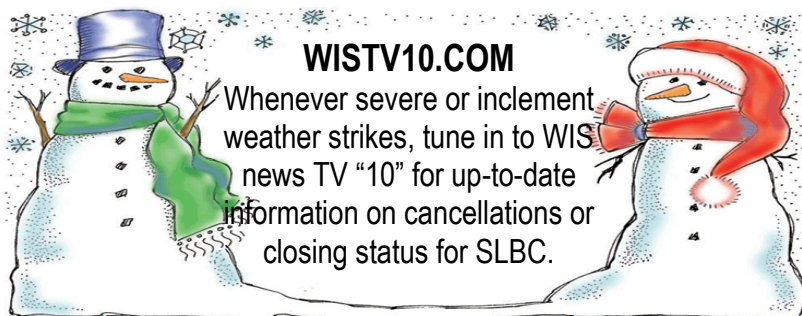


Christian Sympathy to families and friends in the loss of these loved ones: Tommy Chavis; Charles Conyers; John Harrelson; Wayne Parrish; Angel Woodard. **BEYOND THE DOOR...** To better love God and Christ, we pass thru death's door; but it's not the end. It's only the birth of something more, the eternal joy Jesus has prepared us for.



We praise God for sending more students to FCA breakfast each month. We appreciate all our volunteers who come so early to begin breakfast fixin's and for our special speakers, Pastor Butch, Randy Chalmers, Mary Ritter & Coach Shane Richardson. Please pray for FCA & if you would like to help prepare breakfast or provide monetary donations, please let Terri McCurdy know (803-730-6311).

★Thank You!★ SLBC-WOW! It's all I can say! YOU showed up when we needed you the most! Jerry and I will never be able to fully express the support and love we have felt from our Church! The phone calls, prayers and delicious meal provided are just the beginning when we think of how much ya'll have supported us through this journey. We are reminded that "To be absent of the body is to be present with the Lord" and this along with your support is where we find encouragement. Thank you so much and love always. Jerry & MacKenzie Conyers



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



Sunday Morning

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

Sunday Evening

Adult Choir 5 PM
Family Ministry
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM
Disc. Bible Study 6 PM

Wednesday Schedule

Food Pantry 10:00 AM - 1:00 PM
Bible Study 6:30 PM

On-Going Activities

Weekly Tuesday Prayer	9-9:30 AM
Weekly Tuesday Disc. Bible Study (Resumes Soon)	10 AM
Last Tuesday FCA Breakfast, Jan 27th	7 AM
WOM 1st Wed Meeting - Jan. 7th	5:30 PM
Agape Stitches 3rd Wednesday Meeting - Jan 21st	10 AM
Sr. Adults Last Thursday Fellowship Lunch -Jan 29th	11:30 AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 Office/Campus Closed New Years Day 	2 Evelyn Campbell	3 Read through Bible this Year
4 Ray Bair Deacon Ordination and Social 6 PM	5	6	7 Peggy Cathey Ronnie Crapps Sr WOM Meeting 5:30 PM	8	9 Youth Winter Jam 7 PM	10 Tammy Lucas Alice Suarez
11 Deacon Qtly Meeting 5 PM	12	13	14 Howard Bunner	15	16 Youth Retreat Jan 16th-18th	17 WINTER RETREAT
18 Helen Smith Sanctity of Human Life Day Break Ministry Offering	19 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	20	21 Dana Elliott AGAPE Stitches Meet 10 AM	22 BJ Atkinson	23 Jimmy Gooding	24
25	26 Bill Davis	27 FCA Breakfast 7 AM Arnie Kupcs DaveThomas	28 Sara Smith Sandra Woodard	29 Bryan Patterson Sr. Adults Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM	30	31



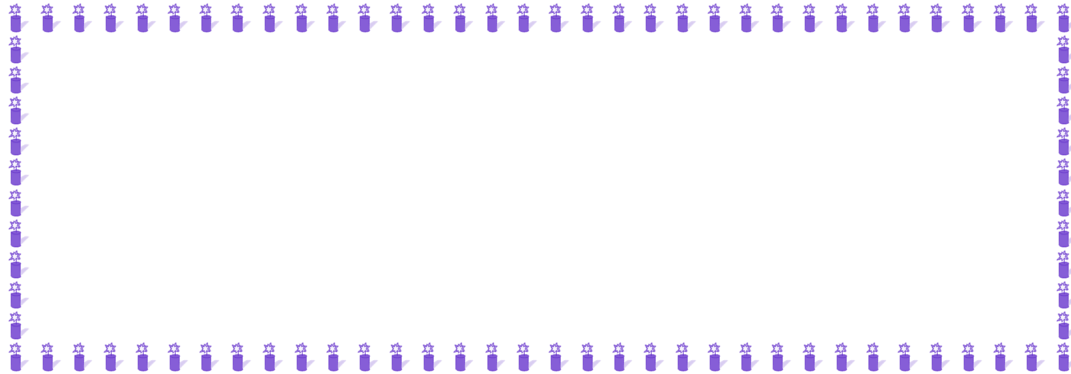
Thank you Lord for giving me the brand new year ahead. Help me live the way I should as each new day I tread.
Give me gentle wisdom that I might help a friend. Give me strength and courage so a shoulder I might lend.
The year ahead is empty, help me fill it with good things each new day filled with joy 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. 28th, 2025

Receipts (52 Wks.)	YTD	\$363,447
Expenditures	YTD	\$336,952
Budget Requirement	YTD	\$359,159
Designated	YTD	\$83,530
Bldg Debt Loan Current Loan Balance: \$395,141		



From Mr. Jerry-Admin: Thanks for using blue offering envelopes expediting the posting and ensuring more accuracy of your contributions to the correct person. If you would like to receive envelopes, pick-up from church office, use sign-up sheet in vestibules, call or e-mail me at finance@slbchurch.com. Membership not required to get envelopes. Thank You!

Top Ten (True) Predictions for 2026-1) 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 still will be God-anointed preaching. **6)** There still will be singing praises to God. **7)** God will still pour out blessings upon His people. **8)** There still will 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)

We wish to thank each of you for all the beautiful cards, gifts, and goodies given to us during Christmas. God continues to bless us greatly for allowing us to be a part of His Family here. We hope everyone had a Merry Christmas and May God bless you all in the New Year. With love and gratitude, *Butch & Susan*.

Ministry Leaders, please pencil in your events/activities to the new 2026 Church calendar in Conference room. (Be sure to co-ordinate with your Deacon). Also, please let the Church office know of any change that are made during the year. Appreciate your help!

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

