

Sharing Love
Because of Christ

SLBC

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SOUTH LEXINGTON
BAPTIST CHURCH

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ACTS
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 Worship

10:00 AM

Sunday School

(For All Ages)

9:00 AM

Evening-Family

Ministry 6-7:30 PM

*On Facebook

Everyone Welcome!



God
Bless
America

AMERICA
250TH
BIRTHDAY
1776-2026

Join us for a Patriotic Song/Worship service as we say Happy 250th Birthday America and gratefully celebrate God's gift of freedom on Sunday AM, July 5th. No PM Family Ministry or Activities.



Heal our land Lord, hear our cry-please turn our Nation back to You...Bless America again!



Mission Trip July 18th-25th Our 18-member West Virginia Missions Team will covet your daily prayers as they will minister thru construction projects & Bible Schools as they share the love of Jesus with others. Please pray specifically for their safety, health, travels, good weather and that God will use them to bring lost souls to a saving knowledge of His Grace, Love and Mercy. A Commissioning prayer will be offered for them on Sunday morning, **July 12th**. Also, if anyone could lend a helping hand, Missions trailer will be loaded at Church on Friday evening, July 17th 6 PM. Van departs for West Virginia Saturday, July 18th. Your support of trip is greatly appreciated.



A Prayer for America: Almighty and ever-living God, we humbly praise You for this Nation in which we live. We cherish its wonder and beauty. We are thankful for its fruitful lands, its bountiful waters, its great resources and its unlimited opportunities. We thank You for our founding Fathers & Mothers, and for their foresight, wisdom, and steadfast courage in establishing freedom and a lasting document of fairness. Stir up within each of us the will to be good stewards of all the blessings You have blessed us with and this land we love. Amen.



Pray for SLBC Youth

Youth and chaperones will be attending a spiritual summer retreat at Southern Wesleyan College July 20th-24th. They will be interacting w/other youth their age from various upstate churches. Please pray for them as they seek God's will in their lives, for traveling mercies, health and for God to bless. Thanks SLBC for all your support thru various fundraisers and personal donations!



Please Note! Church Office open Monday/Tuesday-June 29th-30th and closed on Wednesday & Thursday, July 1st-2nd for Holiday. NO Food Pantry Wed., July 1st but we will have regular Wednesday Evening Bible Study at 6:30 PM.



Pray for our Country...If my people who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray--and seek My face and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from Heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. 2 Chronicles 7:14

America! America! God Shed His Grace On Thee... Please Do It Again!



A Word From Pastor Butch... Greetings in the name of Jesus! The highlight of the month of July, for many, is the celebration of our Independence on the 4th. Freedom and independence are so precious. Ultimate freedom should be the goal of everyone. I have lived 79 years experiencing the freedoms that most Americans experience. Yet, I live with so many limitations. The years themselves limit me and everyone else as they grow older. Health has become a greater concern as these bodies wear out. The sin and evil that surround us can cause fear and concerns as we try to enjoy experiences that our freedom give us. As I grow older, I have come to realize that the greatest freedoms are yet to come for those who know Jesus. John 8:36 says, *"So if the Son shall set you free, you will be free indeed."* Real freedom comes with faith and trust in Jesus Christ. Through Him, the limitations of life will all come to an end setting us free for an eternity. Isaiah 40:30-31 says, *"Even youths shall faint and be weary, and young men shall fall exhausted; but they who wait for the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings like eagles; they shall run and not be weary; they shall walk and not faint."* Faith, hope and love come to those who trust Him. Our hope in Jesus will be met in the eternal life He gives to us. This promised life of true freedom is described in Revelation 21:3-4, *And I heard a loud voice from the throne saying, "Behold, the dwelling place of God is with man. He will dwell with them, and they will be his people, and God Himself will be with them as their God. He will wipe every tear from their eyes, and death shall be no more, neither shall there be mourning, nor crying, nor pain anymore, for the former things have passed away."* Come and join us at SLBC as we celebrate true freedom in our services. - Butch



John 8:32-36-God's Promise to you is Freedom; And you shall know the truth and the truth shall make you free. If the Son therefore shall make you free, you shall be free, indeed. Live as free men, but do not use your freedom as a cover up for evil; live as servants of God.

DOLLARS SENSE

"A Matter of Perspective"-There's a story about a Texas rancher who was doing agriculture consulting for a farmer in Germany. He asked the German farmer about the size of his property, to which he replied, "About a mile square." When the German asked the Texan about the size of his ranch, the Texan explained that if he got in his truck at dawn and drove until sunset, he would still be on his ranch. Not to be outdone, the German farmer replied, "Yea, I used to have an old truck like that." It's important to have the right perspective. The Christians in Laodicea had the wrong perspective about their wealth. They had plenty of earthly goods and thought they needed nothing, not even Jesus. But Jesus has a different perspective as He states in Revelation 3:17 "You do not know that you are wretched, miserable, poor, blind, and naked". Jesus invited them to become truly rich by seeking only what He can provide. So let's keep the right perspective about what it means to be rich. True wealth is not measured by what we have but rather by whom we are in Christ Jesus. The poorest person is he whose only wealth is money. When we give of our Tithes & Offerings, it is equally important as to the perspective with which we give. Jesus set the example, give generously and from the heart. *Mr. Jerry-Admin/Finance*



Huge thanks to ALL VBS workers-for all your hard work, giving of your time and sharing Jesus and His love with precious children. You all are special blessings to the SLBC Church Family! We give God the glory and praise for the eight (8) professions of Faith!



July Pantry-Canned Meats and Flour. God bless you! Jean Felts, Min. Leader & FP Volunteers!



Zachary Drake, Robert Shoun and Rhett Turner, God Bless your obedience to follow Jesus example through the Baptismal waters-Baptized June 28th.



Sr. Adult's Fellowship/Lunch-Thursday, July 30th, 11:30 AM. Join us for an "Italian" themed lunch. Bring your favorite Italian dish, spaghetti, lasagna, ravioli, pasta salads, etc.& desserts to share. See ya then! Walter Brown, Sr. Adult Min Leader.

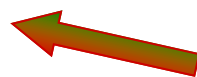


Welcome New Members Of Our Church Family

So blessed to have Robert Shoun and Rhett Turner as newest members of the SLB Church Family. WELCOME! So glad you're here!!



First-Class Mail Forever stamps will increase from **78 cents to 82 cents**, on **July 12, 2026**.



No meetings during Summer. First Wednesday monthly meetings will resume Sept.2nd at 5:30 PM. Stay safe this Summer. Please pray for SLBC and each other. Rosemary Miller, WOM/WMU Leader.



Sympathy to Families/Friends of: Nichole Frye; I can no longer see you with my eyes or touch you with my hands-but I will feel you in my heart forever. Prayers for God's Peace and Comfort!

Heal our land Lord, hear our cry, turn our Nation back to You!



Upcoming Events

July 5th Patriotic Service,
w/Songs, Flags

Reg. Sunday Morning

Sunday School 9:00 AM
Worship 10:00 AM

Reg. Sunday Evening

Family Ministry
6:00 PM - 7:30 PM

Wednesday Schedule

Food Pantry Wednesdays (No Pantry July 1st) 10 AM-1 PM
Wednesday Evening Bible Study 6:30 PM

On-Going Activities

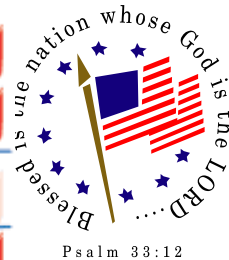
Weekly Tuesday Prayer Time (All Welcome!) 9-9:30 AM
SS & regular Worship Service (No PM Activities) July 5th AM
Commissioning Prayer for West Va. Mission Team July 12th AM
Deacon's Qtly Meeting July 12th 5 PM
Load Trailer for W Virginia Mission Trip July 17th 6 PM
West Virginia Missions Trip July 18th-25th
Youth Summer Camp Southern Wesleyan July 20th-July 24th
Sr Adult's Fellowship/Lunch July 30th 11:30 AM

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
June 28 Baptism Deadline La'vie Baby Bottles Campaign	June 29 Office Open	June 30 Office Open	July 1 Office Closed NO Food Pantry Regular Wed Evening Study 6:30 PM	2 Office Closed	3 	4 Joe Woodard Happy 250th Birthday, America! 1776-2026 
5 Travis Turner Patriotic Service No Evening Activities	6	7	8	9 Valree Wooten	10 Raleigh Skipper	11 Julie McNamar
12 Commissioning Prayer-W Virginia Deacon's Qtly Meeting 5 PM	13 Eddie Carter Pam Raley	14 Lynn Hoffman Caroline Rast	15 Christian Bunner	16	17 Bailey Conyers Help needed to load Trailer for W VA Trip 6 PM	18 West Virginia Mission Team Leaves Church 8 AM
19	20	21	22	23	24	25 Cameron McCurdy Norma Nates
SLBC Youth Southern Wesleyan Univ. Spiritual Retreat July 20th - 24th						
W VA Mission Trip July 18th--25th. Please pray daily for the safety and health of our Mission Team Members						
26 Ryan Turner Janie Weaver	27 Hope Watson	28 Lachlan Patterson Annah Rast	29 Arthur Waites	30 Kim Kneece Sr Adult's "Italian" Themed Lunch Fellowship 11:30 AM	31 	

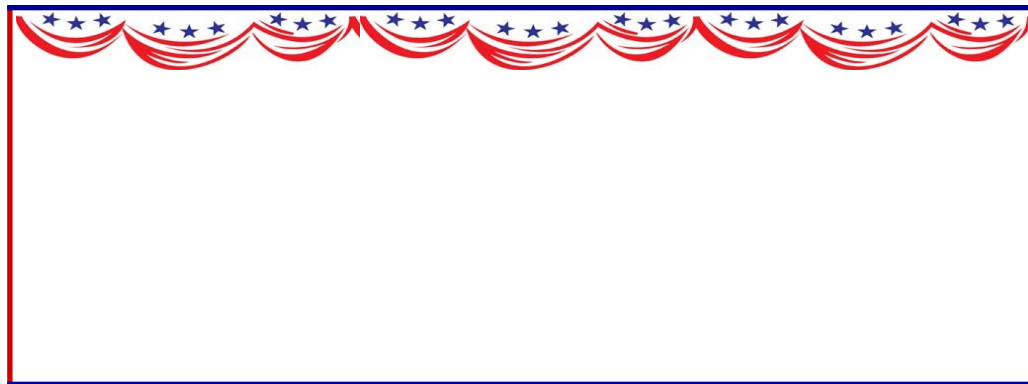
JULY 4TH INDEPENDENCE DAY 1776-2026

Long May Our Land Be Bright, With Freedom's Holy Light; Protect Us By Thy Might, Great God, our King!

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 Joe McKay 603-8792

As of June 21st . . . (25 Weeks)

Receipts	YTD	\$184,003
Expenditures	YTD	\$164,348
Budget Requirement	YTD	\$174,620
Designated	YTD	\$ 42,484
La'Vie Baby Bottle Campaign	\$	1,526 RTD
Bldg Debt Loan Balance		\$320,631



*Don't Forget Your Tithe
 During Summer*

Give! On-line Giving is available thru Tithe.ly on
 Facebook or thru Church's website
www.slbchurch.com. Your prayers and financial support
 are very much appreciated! Mr. Jerry/Admin-Finance



"A Nation's Strength" Not gold but only men can make a people great and strong; Men who
 for truth and honor's sake stand fast and suffer long. Brave men who work while others sleep,
 who dare while others fly... They build a nation's pillars deep and lift them to the sky.
 Ralph Waldo Emerson

PRAY FOR OUR



MILITARY

As we celebrate the July 4th holiday, which represents our independence from foreign
 governments, let's not forget the price paid by our forefathers. A price is still being paid today
 by our families and friends who are serving in armed forces fighting for injustices in our world with families loss of
 loved ones. Remember our Military members and their families in prayer and be sure to thank them when you see
 them. May we always remember the Supreme sacrifice given by God for the independence from our sins. It is said
 there are two people who will give their life for you, Jesus Christ for your sins, and the soldier for your freedom.

My Country 'tis of Thee, Sweet Land of Liberty of Thee I sing...