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SLBC Deacons *Deacons for the month of August
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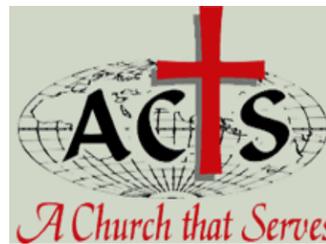


For The Record...

June 30th - Attendance	July 7th - Attendance
Sunday School 99	Sunday School 114
Worship 147	Worship 182
July 14th - Attendance	July 21st - Attendance
Sunday School 106	Sunday School 94
Worship 137	Worship 162
July 28th -Attendance	Sunday School 102
General Fund Offering (Weekly Budget Requirement \$8,489.31)	Worship 161
June 30 Offering \$ 9,933.00	
July 7 Offering \$ 8,069.00	
July 14 Offering \$ 4,627.84	
July 21 Offering \$ 6,350.00	
July 28 Offering \$ 3,989.00	
Budget Requirement YTD (30 Weeks) \$ 254,679.30	
Expenses (Actual) YTD \$ 208,877.39	
Offerings Received YTD \$ 198,907.57	
Designated Receipts YTD \$ 16,224.87	
Love Offerings (YTD) \$ 3,260.14	



Psalm 117 is the shortest chapter in the Bible. Psalm 119 is the longest. Psalm 118 is at the center of the Bible. There are 594 chapters in the Bible before Psalm 118, and 594 chapters after Psalm 118 (1,188 total chapters). This number can be split 118-8, or Psalm 118:8. Now we know that the chapter divisions in the Bible are not part of original scripture, but isn't it interesting how this little word exercise worked out? Or was God in the center of it all? And if He was, shouldn't the central verse of the Bible contain its central theme? Guess what! It does: "it is better to trust in the Lord than to put confidence in man."



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Our Mission

South Lexington Baptist Church exists for the sole purpose of glorifying God. Our mission consists of reaching people for Christ, worshiping in Spirit and in Truth, teaching people the Bible, training people (discipleship), ministering to people's needs, and fellowshiping with people in Christ's name. Let His light shine through you!

All Welcome!

Sunday Worship

10:30 AM

Sunday School

(All Ages)

9:30 AM

Evening Worship

6:30 PM

Wednesday Bible

Study and Prayer

7:00 PM

WELCOME ALL!!



Pastor Ron & Ms. Karen

SLBC welcomes Dr. Ron & Karen Daves. Pastor Ron will serve as our **Transitional** Interim Pastor until a Pastor Search Team is established and a full-time Pastor is found. Please make them feel welcome and be patient as they come to know us. Look for opportunities to encourage them in every way possible especially with your prayers! I have noticed Pastor Ron ending his letters, notes, e-mails, etc. with the Scripture: John 14:6...Jesus said, "I am the Way, the Truth, and the Life...no one comes to the Father, but by me." Amen, Pastor Ron!



Note: Sunday School Promotion Day is **September 1st**, you will "move" up to your new class on this date. (Whatever grade you are in at school).



Church Picnic September 8th 3-6 PM
New Member Class (Date: TBA)
Fall Festival (Date: TBA)



DEACON NOMINATIONS

Deacon Nominations will be held Sunday, August 25th. These men are currently serving as Deacons and will not be eligible for nomination: Jerry Atkins, Joe McKay, Ron Matthews, Robert Mitchell, Toby Spires and Marion Steele. Deacon election will be held in November to fill vacancies of Jerry Atkins and Robert Mitchell who rotate off December 31st. Pray for God's guidance and His direction as you nominate men as your servants for Deacons at SLBC.

Awana Clubs ATTENTION: AWANA Leaders: We will have a training workshop on Saturday, August 10th from 9-3. Anyone interested in working with the Awana Club this year (new to the Club or those returning), please call Samantha McGee-803-580-9629. We offer special thanks to our outgoing Commander, Susan Battles for her leadership and service and thanks to Samantha McGee as incoming new Commander. A big "Thank You" to all of those that help make this such a wonderful program.

There are hundreds of languages in the world, but a smile speaks to all of them!

August



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Pastor Ron **A Word from Pastor Ron**

Karen and I are so pleased to be with South Lexington Baptist Church and all the fine people. We thank you for your kind welcome. We also look forward to getting to know you as we serve *together* with you in the ministry of SLBC. My prayer for us is found in Colossians 1:9-12. Read these words slowly, "For this reason we also, since the day we heard it, do not cease to pray for you, and to ask that you may be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding; that you may walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work and increasing in the knowledge of God; strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and longsuffering with joy; giving thanks to the Father who has qualified us to be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light." Paul said "since the day we heard", they had come to faith, he has been praying for them. Praying for several things; first, Paul prayed that they would **know something**, that they would all "be filled with the knowledge of His will in all wisdom and spiritual understanding". Second, Paul prayed that they would **be something**, that they would all "walk worthy of the Lord, fully pleasing Him, being fruitful in every good work, increasing in the knowledge of God, strengthened with all might, according to His glorious power, for all patience and long-suffering with joy, giving thanks to the Father". Lastly, Paul prayed that they would **receive something**, that they would all "be partakers of the inheritance of the saints in the light". I pray we would all know the Lord God who saved us and loves us, that we all would be something; the children of God walking in His love with each other and receive something; the inheritance due the children of God. That inheritance is for today, tomorrow and forever. May our prayer and desire be that those outside have what we have inside for the glory of the Lord. See You Sunday, *Pastor Ron* John14:6

DOLLARS&CENTS **The "one" or "one" of the nine?** Luke 17:15-17 **And one of them, when he saw that he was healed, returned, and with a loud voice glorified God, ¹⁶ and fell down on his face at His feet, giving Him thanks. And he was a Samaritan. ¹⁷ So Jesus answered and said, "Were there not ten cleansed? But where are the nine?..."** Jesus was traveling through Samaria and Galilee when he met ten men who stood afar because they all were lepers. All ten lifted up their voices and asked Jesus to have mercy on them. Jesus told them to go to the priest and show themselves because in those days the priest were the only ones that could declare them clean. Of course Jesus could have cleansed them on the spot but He did not want to draw attention to Himself at that time. They did as Jesus asked and were cleansed of their leprosy. How wonderful they must have felt to be cleansed and accepted back into society, to be able to lead normal lives. What I noticed most in the above verses was not that Jesus showed mercy or that the men were healed. Not even that the men had faith in Jesus and followed His instructions to go to the priests. What struck me most was that only one returned to thank Jesus, to fall on his face at Jesus' feet and give Him praise. We say how ungrateful the other nine were, but first let us take a look at ourselves. If we look at leprosy as being sin, and Jesus cleansed us of our sin, should we not be as the one and not the nine? Read His word, pray often. Let us thank Him in our praises, service and stewardship. Be the "one", not "one" of the nine. *Jerry Frick, Finance*

The God on the mountain is still God in the valley; He is worthy of praise in all Seasons-Winter, Spring, Fall and Summer-don't take a vacation from Him. Put God first as He is worthy.

Senior Adults GROUP Our Hawaiian Luau themed lunch was a great success. Looking forward to our Fall apple picking trip. Let BJ know if you're interested in taking a road trip to the mountains for a great day of fellowship, eats and picking apples! Sr. Adults meet at 11:30 AM the last Thursday of each month at the church for great food and fellowship.

Women on Mission - Would you like to know more about Missions; how you can take part and become involved? Why not come and join us on the last Tuesday of the month (after Bible Study when in session) as we pray, plan, and learn. Or if you enjoy crafts or want to learn a craft, join the Women on Mission Crafts group which meet on the other Tuesdays after Bible Study. See Beryl/Missions or BJ/Crafts

How would you feel...

- If God gave us the same amount of time and attention that we devote to Him?
- If God put as many things ahead of us as we put ahead of Him?
- If God offered as many excuses as we do and if the excuses were not more justifiable than ours?
- If God's promises were no more certain than ours?
- If God withheld His blessings from us as we withhold our offerings to Him?

WELCOME!! - New Members
Vicky Shady
Samantha Tucker

PRAYER FOCUS Pray one for another and especially for Search Team for Student Ministry Leader, Deacons, and Pastor Ron (Ephesians 3:17-19)

The Goal in marriage is not to think alike, but to think together!

Thank You Notes.

Jerry and I both are truly grateful for all the calls, well wishes, beautiful cards and especially your prayers lifted up for us both during Jerry's surgery and for me during my procedure. Your continued prayers are coveted as Jerry recovers during the next several weeks. Thank you our Brothers & Sisters at SLBC...with love, *Jerry & Betty (Frick)*

We appreciate so very much you giving us VBS decorations that were so helpful and saved us a lot of time and energy so we could concentrate on other things. Your ministry to us was a true blessing and we are so grateful for your kindness and generosity towards us. You were a part of our successful VBS. Praise the Lord for His provision and that He continue to bless you and your ministry at S Lexington and to the surrounding community, Phillip Davis-Pineview Bapt.

Condolences and Christian Sympathy to the following families in the loss of their loved ones... Billy Joe Carr; Wayne Hunter; Jason Johnson; Sharee Livingston; Jacob Meetze; Rose Ott; Izella Price; Erica Smith; Kelly Smith; Loreina Steele; Deloris Strickland; Mary Tucker; and Rick Williamson. We pray for God's Peace and Calm in all the storms of life. Receive our prayers for God's Peace and Comfort during difficult times and days ahead. Although it is difficult today to see beyond the sorrow, may looking back in memory help comfort your tomorrow.

AWANA Go therefore and make disciples of all the nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, TEACHING them to observe ALL things that I have commanded you; and lo, I am with you ALWAYS, even to the end of the age. Matthew 28: 19-20. As I was reminded of this passage of scripture I couldn't help but think of all the children out there in the world who are facing times that we as adults, and maybe even senior citizens could not even fathom. So I feel now, more than ever, that it is a serious need in our church to really think about our future generation-after all, they are the future of our church. So please begin to pray with me for our upcoming AWANA year, for all of the leaders, teachers and helpers. And for the children that God knows need to be touched by Him. If we as Christians don't tell the kids out there about our loving, caring and kind Savior Jesus Christ, you can bet the world sure isn't going to. In Christ, Samantha.

MISSION TRIP The West Virginia Mission Trip was a great success again this year with 49 participants. Everyone worked extra hard as usual and a lot was accomplished. We worked on the plumbing, electrical, framing and a wheelchair ramp on six houses. We also worked at the place where we stayed. Everyone did a great job with VBS and we had 18 professions of faith. Praise the Lord for His many blessings on this trip. Thanks to the Church for allowing us to go to West Virginia and experience these blessings. Start making plans now to go with us next year to experience one of the greatest blessings you'll ever receive. *Marion Steele,*

SCHOOL SUPPLIES NEEDED A great time to buy school supplies for our next West Virginia trip. With school supplies discounted and tax free week-end, you can almost double your purchases to give to these young children who have virtually nothing. It is a great blessing to see these young people as we present these "gifts" to them showing Jesus' love and that others care for them. Anyone wishing to donate money can do so and we will make the purchases-just mark for West Virginia "supplies". Thanks, Marion Steele, Missions Ministry

Samaritans' Purse This special project is only a couple of months away, but what better way to start collecting items for those shoe boxes during this time of reduced school supplies and no tax! The power of a simple gift...share God's love and the joy of Christmas by packing a gift-filled shoe box for a hurting

We are in great need for Pre-school & Children's Church Teachers and for Nursery and Toddler volunteers. If you can help out for just one Sunday a month, please contact Terri McCurdy, 730-6311 or Marion Steele, 356-2506. Thank you!

Food Pantry Needs August-Collecting bags of dried beans and/or powdered milk (small boxes or boxes with individual packets). Our food pantry has been doing very well due to your support and assistance. If you have a need, or know someone who has a need, please let either me or a Deacon know. Thanks, Beryl & WMU Ladies

PRISON MINISTRY We are beginning in August collecting items needed for Prison Packets. Please bring life saver type mints/candy and small note pads (like legal pads). Help us surpass last year's total of 55 packets. Baskets are set up throughout the church for your donations. Thanks, Beryl & WMU Ladies.

Worry is like a rocking chair; it will give you something to do, but it won't get you anywhere!



Sunday Schedule

Morning Worship
10:30 AM
Sunday School
9:30 AM
Evening Worship
6:30 PM
AWANA Sept.-May
5:30 PM

Wednesday Schedule

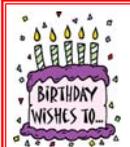
Bible Study & Prayer Meeting
Team Kids
Youth Recreation
Youth Meeting
Celebration Choir Rehearsal

Tuesday Schedule

10:00 AM Discipleship Bible Study (Resumes in Sept.)
11:30 AM Women's Craft Group (Resumes in Sept.)

On-Going Activities

11:30 AM Sr. Adults-Seasoned to Serve - Last Thursday

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	<p>Sing Praises Unto the Lord! A great time to join the Choir. Be thinking Christmas music! Practice resumes Wednesday, August 7th @ 7:30 PM.</p>	<p>Lord! A great time to join the Choir. Be thinking Christmas music! Practice resumes Wednesday, August 7th @ 7:30 PM.</p>		1	2 Gloria Steele	3
4 Tax Free Week-End	5 Mel Harley	6 Walter Fulmer	7 Samantha McGee Ted Orcutt Choir Practice Resumes @ 7:30 PM	8	9 Joe Wood, Jr.	10 Darlene Day Joey Jennings Jared Steinmetz Kaylin Stratakos  Leader Training 9-3
11 Corinne Carter Madyson Glenn Christina Wooten	12 Gerry Cox Amelia Rast	13 Hilbert Cantley	14 Micha Humphries	15 Kayla Hood	16	17 Ronnie Aguilar
18 Sandra Voelker	19 Mel Carlyle Judy Matthews	20 Erika Goff Rachel Kaney	21 Debby Hatchell 	22	23 Ramona Harley	24 Daniel Dahlgren Justin Hall Cheyenne McCune Leanne McCune Lorri Moorer Dixie Walker
25 Margaret Fisher Kimberly Sharpe Blake Whitesides Deacon Nominations	26 Devin Dooley Maycee Jumper	27 Susan Mitchell Bruce Stanley	28 Wyatt Williams	29 Bonnie Ard Irene Farmer	30	31 Britt Altman Evelyn Stogner Kyleigh McGraw
 <p>IF WE'VE MISSED YOUR BIRTHDAY, PLEASE CALL THE CHURCH OFFICE AT 957-8285 SO WE CAN UPDATE OUR COMPUTER RECORDS AND WISH YOU HAPPY BIRTHDAY NEXT YEAR. THANKS!!</p>						

August



Flashlight TAG

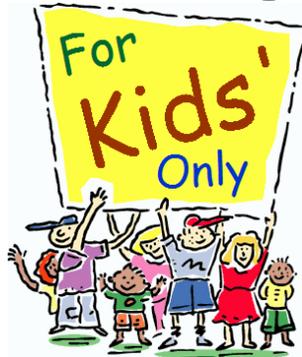
Sometimes we resist the light of Christ. But when his light touches us, we can then share it with others. Play this fun game on a summer night to remember how Christ's light shines in the world.

What you need:

- Friends
- Safe open space outdoors
- A flashlight for each player

How to play:

1. Choose one person to be the Tagger, known as the Light. Only that person can have his or her flashlight on.
2. The Light tries to shine his or her flashlight on other players, who run around and try to hide in the darkness.
3. Once players have been touched by the Light, they turn on their flashlights and join in, trying to shine on others.
4. Play until everyone has been tagged by the Light. Repeat, giving everyone a turn to be the Light.



For Kids Only



GOD'S LIGHT

Summer's long days can remind us of our Creator, who made the sun and wants us to live in his light.



Directions: First, write the opposite of each word in parentheses. Then use the Word Bank words, in order, to complete 1 John 1:5-7, NIV.

WORD BANK: is in is at if in as is in with

God _____; _____
(dark) (her)

there _____ ness _____ ...
(yes) (light) (none)

But _____ we _____ the _____,
(run) (dark)

_____ the _____,
(she) (dark)

we have fellowship _____ one another. ...

1 John 1:5-7, NIV

Answer: God is light; in him there is no darkness at all. ... But if we walk in the light, as he is in the light, we have fellowship with one another. (1 John 1:5-7, NIV)



HOORAY

for Kids!