

**CHURCH DIRECTORY**

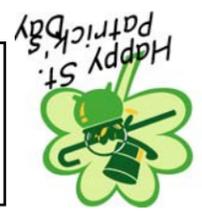
Interim Pastor ..... Dr. Ron Daves  
 Church Office & Finance ..... Betty & Jerry Frick  
 Church Treasurer & Assistant Treasurer ..... Ron Matthews; Ruth Crumpton  
 Discipleship Director ..... Gloria Steele  
 WMU/WOM Director ..... Beryl Bledsoe  
 Sr. Adults (Seasoned To Serve) ..... BJ Atkinson  
 Church Clean-Up Team Co-Leaders ..... Susan Bishop; Gene Crumpton  
 Deacon Chair ..... Ron Matthews  
 Deacon Vice-Chair ..... Marion Steele  
 Deacon Secretary & Pastor Search Team Chair ..... Brian Bishop

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**SLBC Interim Pastor** Dr. Ron Daves 240-8859  
**SLBC Deacons** \*Deacons for the month of March  
 Brian Bishop 414-9831 Ron Matthews 312-3036  
 Joe McKay 603-8792 John Meador 960-8395  
 \*Toby Spire 260-1404 \*Marion Steele 609-6115

**Irish Blessings**-May God grant you a sunbeam to always warm you ; a moonbeam to charm you; a sheltering Angel so nothing can harm you; laughter to cheer you; faithful friends near you—and Heaven to hear you when you pray. May you always have work for your hands to do; may your pockets always hold a coin or two; may the sun shine bright on your window pane; may the rainbow be certain to follow each rain; may the hand of a friend always be near you; and may God fill your heart always with gladness to cheer you. **Shamrock**-St. Patrick used the shamrock to teach people about the Godhead. Holding up a shamrock, he challenged them, "Is this one leaf, or three?" Inevitably, people replied that it was both, prompting St. Patrick to draw the analogy that so, too, is God: one God in three persons—the Holy Trinity-Father, Son & Holy Spirit.

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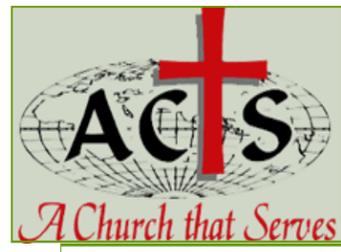
**For The Record...**

<b>Feb. 2nd - Attendance</b>	<b>Feb. 9th - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 101	Sunday School 112
Worship 159	Worship 159
<b>Feb. 16th - Attendance</b>	<b>Feb. 23rd - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 118	Sunday School 102
Worship 167	Worship 148

**General Fund Offerings** Weekly Budget Requirement \$7,079.80

Feb. 2 Offering	\$ 10,616.02
Feb. 9 Offering	\$ 5,787.76
Feb. 16 Offering	\$ 5,817.50
Feb. 23 Offering	\$ 6,541.50
<b>Budget Requirement YTD (8 Weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 56,638.40</b>
<b>Offerings Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 53,448.61</b>
<b>Expenses (Actual) YTD</b>	<b>\$ 54,307.68</b>
<b>Designated Receipts (YTD)</b>	<b>\$ 1,151.80</b>
<b>Love Offering (Day Break Center)</b>	<b>\$ 276.00</b>
<b>Valentine Dinner/Movie</b>	<b>\$ 628.00</b>

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**South Lexington Baptist Church**  
*"People Sharing Jesus"*

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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



**Missions Fundraiser**

**For West Virginia Mission Trip - July 12-19th**  
 Garage Sale Friday & Saturday March 14-15 8 AM - 1 PM  
 \$8-Plate BBQ tickets for Saturday, March 15th 11 - 5 PM  
 Tickets good only for day of BBQ Plate fundraiser, March 15th.  
 Please bring items in good condition during regular office hours to church (T-W-T-8:30 AM-2:30 PM). Call Marion Steele (356-2506) or church (957-8285) to arrange for larger item pick-up. Get your BBQ tickets from a Missions Team Member or send check (\$8/per ticket) to church to have mailed to you. Our West Virginia mission trip is scheduled for July 12-19. Please pray about joining our SLBC Missions Team. Thank you for your continued



We need ALL hands on deck (young and young at heart) on Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> for our Church work-day (8-2). Help us give SLBC a thorough Spring cleaning and sprucing up inside and out! Wear your work clothes and your SMILE and bring your gloves and your work gear. There will be plenty of wide range projects and something for everyone's skill level. Please come and share your time & talents with us as we glorify God and His House. Contact Susan Battles, Ministry Leader, (331-4078) if you have any questions. Thanks so much & God Bless!!



We will observe the Lord's Supper Ordinance on the 5th Sunday, March 30th and will also receive a special love offering for SLBC's Benevolence Fund. Please pray about what God would have you give towards this Ministry. Thank You!!



Amp'd for Jesus Café will be open Sunday, March 9th (9 AM) before Sunday School, & Sunday evening at 7:30 PM. Please let Crystal Bouknight know if you can donate baked goods for this Youth sponsored event. Let's fellowship with our Youth!



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday March 8th so you won't miss out on Sunday School! Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 9th— 2AM.

Keep your eyes fixed on Jesus rather than on your circumstances.

**Pastor Ron...** I remember seeing an advertisement on a church marquee with this message, "The pastor told me to put a message on this sign, so I did." This is both humorous and alarming. Humorous because we can relate to being told to do something we do not want to do or as this person, doing it to the letter of the law but no more. Alarming because this is far too often how we respond to circumstances in our lives. This person revealed themselves through their words, words which were in their heart. Proverbs 6:2 says, "You are snared by the words of your mouth; you are taken by the words of your mouth." How can we handle life's circumstances? Only one of two ways; either we face and handle each day with the help of the Lord or we do so in our own strength. Paul understood this and in Philippians 4:13 tells us "I can do all things through Christ who strengthens me." All things? Yes, all things; the easy, the hard, the pleasant, and the unpleasant. We can do all things through Christ. We can do all things so that God may be glorified in our lives and seen by the lost world. When someone responds as the person on the church sign did, it reveals the way in which the person is walking. The Bible tells us "A good man out of the good treasure of his heart brings forth good things, and an evil man out of the evil treasure brings forth evil things" (Matthew 12:35). Therefore, let us look and face all things in our lives as events God has allowed to bring us closer to Him and allow others to see Jesus in us. Not like the young man who was forced to take a day off from work to appear for a minor traffic summons. He grew increasingly restless as he waited hour after endless hour for his case to be heard. When his name was called late in the afternoon, he stood before the judge, only to hear that court would be adjourned for the rest of the afternoon and he would have to return the next day. "What for?" he snapped at the judge. His honor, equally irked by a tedious day and sharp query, roared "Twenty dollars for contempt of court. That's why!" Then, noticing the man checking his wallet, the judge relented. "That's all right. You don't have to pay now" The young man replied, "I'm just seeing if I have enough for two more words." Let us allow God to have the last word and that word will be seen in our lives as a faithful, trusting resource of strength making it possible for us to do all things. See you Sunday. *Pastor Ron John 14:6*

**DOLLARS & CENTS** *God First-Proverbs 23:5-Wilt thou set thine eyes upon that which is not? For riches certainly make themselves wings; they fly away as an eagle toward Heaven.* We live in a culture that is obsessed with material "things". It seems the more we have the more we want. We work tirelessly to make the most money, have the best house, newest cars, and best and latest design of clothing. At what point will enough "things" be enough? We are reminded in the verse above that all these "things" are temporary; they will grow wings and fly away. We must avoid putting too much time and energy in gaining earthly wealth and not enough time in eternal wealth. We cannot take any of these earthly "things" with us when our time on earth is finished. In Matthew 6:33 we are reminded: "But seek ye first the kingdom of God, and His righteousness." There is nothing wrong with gaining earthly "things", it's a matter of where we place them in our lives. If gaining earthly "things" are keeping us from supporting God's work with our time and tithing, then maybe we need to rethink what is most important. **God-first and foremost. Prayer:** Father, keep my heart in check when it comes to money and "things". Keep my eyes & heart on You first. *Jerry Frick, Finance*

**Senior Adult Ministry**-Monthly lunch meeting is on **Thursday, March 27th** at 11:30 AM. Tentative cook-out planned. Come join us for food, fun and lots of great fellowship! Also, mark your calendars for **April 24th!** The Group, "For Heaven's Sake" will be with us for our April meeting. A free-will offering will be received. Also, don't forget about our retreat planned for Sept. 8-12 at Spring Maid Beach. We need to have reservations in by April 1st and deposits are due by May 27th. Hotel Room for four (4) nights: Breakfast-Tuesday thru Friday; Dinner-Monday, Tuesday, and Thursday. Dinner & Show Tickets Wednesday, Carolina Opry or Alabama Theater-\$20 PP. Single (one person in room) \$350; Double (two people in room) \$211; Triple (three people in a room) \$165; or Quad (four people to a room \$142). See BJ if you have any questions.

**NEWSLETTER DEADLINE** Please don't forget! Deadline to get articles in for next month's newsletter is by the 20th of this month. Ministry Leaders, help keep everyone informed of your Ministry events. Your help is most appreciated! Thanks, *Ms Betty*

**Deacons Meetings** **Reminder:** Deacon's monthly meeting on: Monday, March 10th-7:30 PM.

**Visitors**, we are glad to provide this newsletter to you,; however, if you no longer wish to receive it, would you please let us know and we will remove your name from our newsletter mailing list. Please fill out this form and mail or e-mail to SLBC at slbchurch@windstream.net or call Church Office at 957-8285. Thank you for taking the time to respond to this request.

Family name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

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**In Christian Sympathy & Love** To the Families and Friends of the following: Dorris Adams; Sarah Brandt; Lanny Cope; Ben Mabry; William Oswald; Bill Taylor; and Bobby Whitehead. May God give you His Peace.

 Please continue to lift up our **Pastor Search Team** in prayer as they strive to find God's man as Pastor Leader for SLBC: Brian Bishop; Crystal Bouknight; Donna Gooding; John Meador and Toby Spires.

 Tune in to WIS TV "10" news for up-to-date information regarding cancellation/closing status for SLBC during inclement weather.

 **Youth!!** Join us for Winter Jam on Friday, March 14th. The Bus will leave the church at 4:30 PM for the Colonial Life Arena. Cost is \$10 to get in but bring extra for snacks, t-shirts, etc. See Mrs. Crystal (Bouknight) if you have any questions. Thanks!!

**MISSION OPPORTUNITIES...**

**Migrant Health Kits - Helping Our Neighbors**  
The Lexington Baptist Association wants your help in collecting health kits for people in need in our area: migrants, ministry centers, mental health clients, State Fair workers & others. *Please put all items in the two gallon Ziploc bag provided & bring your kits to the Church for delivery by April 24th. Be a part of touching lives in Christ's name. See Beryl Bledsoe if you have questions.*

- Items:**
- 1 Toothbrush
  - 1 Toothpaste
  - 1 Soap 4.5 oz.
  - 1 Wash Cloth
  - 1 Comb
  - 1 Bath Towel

**ANNE ARMSTRONG** "Firmly Planted-Rooted in the Gospel" emphasis, March 2-9. North American Missionaries, though their stories are different, they share the common desire to change the world. Whether it is starting a new church, meeting the needs of the homeless or leading worship, they depend on the faithful prayers and generosity of Southern Baptists. Please pray for missionaries and give generously to the Annie Armstrong Easter Offering. **SLBC Goal - \$1,200.** Thank you!

 Providing flowers for a Sunday worship service is a wonderful way to honor or remember a loved one or give recognition to a special anniversary or birthday. Call church office (957-8285), Diane Conyers (359-0365) or sign up on Altar Flower book in foyer to reserve your Sunday.

 A VBS Leader Clinic will be held on Saturday, April 5th 8:30-noon at First Baptist Church of West Cola. Cost is \$5 prior to April 2nd & \$10 after this date. See Susan Battles or Susan Bishop, co-Ministry Leaders if you have any questions about VBS or to offer help with VBS.

 **LIBRARY HOURS**  
1st & 3rd Sundays 9:15 - 9:30 AM  
Wednesdays (Upon Request)

 **We need your help** in decorating our Worship Centers with beautiful Easter Lilies in celebration of our risen Lord and Savior. If you would like to place a Lily in memory or honor of someone special, please complete this order form and return it to the church office by Sunday, March 30th along with your check made payable to **SLBC for \$12.50 (per lily)**. The Lilies will be placed for Palm Sunday and can be picked up following the morning Easter worship service. Thanks for your participation. Brenda Loftis, Ministry Leader (Special Events).

**Given by:** \_\_\_\_\_

In honor of                       In memory of

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Each person has his place in God's service, and only God deserves the Glory.

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

# MARCH



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### Sunday Schedule

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

### Wednesday Schedule

7:00 - 8:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
 7:00 - 8:00 PM Team Kids  
 7:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Meeting  
 7:30 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal

### Tuesday Schedule

10:00 AM Discipleship Bible Study  
 10:00 AM WOM-Last Tuesday

### On-Going Activities

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

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						<b>1</b> <b>Ruth Crumpton</b> <b>Ted Priester</b> <b>Curtis Richburg</b>
<b>2</b>  	<b>3</b>  	<b>4</b> <b>Kiersten Addy</b> <b>Robbie Brumfield</b> <b>Sylvia Mishoe</b>  <b>10 AM</b> <b>Disc. Bible Study</b>	<b>5</b> <b>Pat Crapps</b> <b>Morgan Midgett-Taylor</b>	<b>6</b> <b>Joanne Kelley</b> <b>Xavier Smith</b>	<b>7</b> <b>James Austin</b> <b>Josh Steele</b>	<b>8</b> <b>Vicky Shady</b>  Move your clock up an hour before going to bed!!  
Season of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, "Firmly Planted" Mar. 2-9 SLBC Goal: \$1,200						
<b>9</b> <b>Amp'd For</b>  	<b>10</b> <b>Patsy Sharpe</b>  <b>Deacon's Meeting</b> <b>7:30 PM</b>	<b>11</b> <b>Chris Asbill</b>  <b>10 AM</b> <b>Disc. Bible Study</b>	<b>12</b> <b>PJ Brock</b> <b>Richard Schleyer</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> <b>Jimmy Faile</b>  	<b>15</b>  <b>BBQ Plates</b> <b>11-5 PM</b>
Missions Garage Sale 8-1 PM Mar. 14-15						
<b>16</b> <b>Jerry Atkins</b> <b>Bonnie Carter</b>	<b>17</b>  	<b>18</b> <b>Sherry Clark</b> <b>Brandi Moore</b>  <b>10 AM</b> <b>Disc. Bible Study</b>	<b>19</b> <b>Daniel Faulkner</b> <b>Sharon Taylor</b>	<b>20</b> <b>Ashlee Oakley</b>  	<b>21</b> <b>Desarae Humphries</b>	<b>22</b> <b>Adara Steinmetz</b>
<b>23</b> <b>Louise Ennis</b> <b>Roger Evans</b> <b>Hailey Williamson</b>	<b>24</b> <b>Garrett Dooley</b> <b>Linda Kupcs</b>	<b>25</b> <b>Jeff Knight</b>  <b>10 AM WMU</b> <b>Nursing Home</b>	<b>26</b> <b>Thad Bustle</b> <b>Kathy Esterline</b> <b>Rachel Sox</b>	<b>27</b> <b>Wickey Shumpert</b>  <b>11:00 AM</b> 	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b> <b>Melissa Carlyle</b>    <b>8-2 PM</b>
<b>30</b> <b>Brennan Battles</b> <b>Lord's Supper</b> <b>Benevolence</b> <b>Love Offering</b>	<b>31</b> <b>Joe McKay</b>					



God Bless you all for the loving response to the Lottie Moon Offering for International Missions and the pounding for the Missionary family from Alaska who will be staying in the Lexington Baptist Association missionary house for the next few months. A great big thanks for the ladies who prepared the house for their arrival and filled the pantry and freezer with food and filled other needs. *Beryl Bledsoe*

Dear Friends: Our staff would like to take a moment and thank each of you for your contribution to our 2013 Christmas Party. Without the support that you provide, many families would struggle during the holidays. We fed 647 people a hot meal and made Christmas possible for a total of 472 children. 78 Seniors and disabled people attended this year (the highest number yet). We also distributed 210 food boxes. All of your support makes this happen. We could not do this without you. Thank you! *Staff-Big Creek People in Action, War, West Virginia.*

On behalf of Daybreak Crisis Pregnancy Center, I would like to thank everyone at South Lexington Baptist Church for the love offering taken January 19th for the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in the amount of \$276. We are greatly appreciative. Please be assured that this donation is received in the spirit in which it was given. Again, thank you for helping us further our goal of "saving one baby at a time." *Sincerely, Joellen Miller.*

Dear Friends: On behalf of LICS we would like to thank you for your investment in LICS during 2013 in the amount of \$1,000. With generous contributions from you and others, we were able to service over 20,000 people in Lexington County; 11,500 received food; almost 7,000 received free clothing; 640 received financial assistance; and over 1,000 referrals were given to other agencies. Our goal is to help facilitate the health of the whole person, including prayers, so that they no longer need LICS to support themselves and family. You have glorified God by helping your neighbors in crisis. May you be blessed beyond measure in the coming year. *Robin Bowers, Exec. Director-Lexington Interfaith Community Services.*

We appreciate everyone who helped with our Valentine's Dinner/Movie on February 15th. Special thanks for the delicious food prepared by Faye Hunter; ALL who helped after the movie taking down tables; our video team; to our Adults who helped with childcare; and to our young people who helped serve food and went the "extra mile" to help with childcare. Thanks so very much! *Susan Bishop, Ministry Team Leader.*

Thanking everyone for your thoughts, prayers, calls & visits during Cameron's accident and hospitalization. We are very blessed to have a caring Church family and are very thankful. We know God's hands surrounded and protected Cameron along with prayers. God Bless you ALL - *McCurdy Family*

We had a wonderful time at the Ministry Fair last Sunday evening. Seeing all the marvelous ministry tables and to listen as each ministry leader shared was truly encouraging. Thank you Ministry Leaders for your devotion and dedication to the ministries here at SLBC. Thank you to all that came out and signed up to serve in these different ministries. Thank you to those of you who have committed to pray and pray for specific ministries this coming year. All of you are important and your contribution to SLBC in fulfilling our ministry is cherished. Yet, with excitement and anticipation is the fulfilling of the Lord's ministry of the Great Commission right here in our Community. Matthew 28:18-20 "And Jesus came and spoke to them, saying, "All authority has been given to Me in heaven and on earth. 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." Amen." Yes, Amen, we will and for the glory of the Lord. Again thank you, *Pastor Ron-John 14:6*



Rejoice in  
Every Day!

If your birthday isn't listed on other side, "We're sorry", but please let us know by phone or e-mail so we can fix it for next time. Thanks. 957-8285; slbchurch@windstream.net.