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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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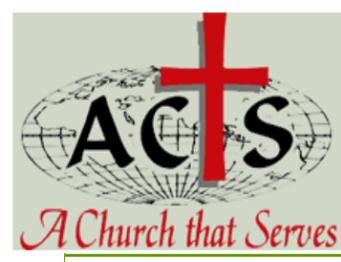


For The Record...

	Feb. 1st - Attendance	Feb. 8th - Attendance
Sunday School	101	Sunday School 85
Worship	163	Worship 121
	Feb. 15th - Attendance	Feb. 22nd - Attendance
Sunday School	96	Sunday School 98
Worship	130	Worship 150

General Fund Offering (Weekly Budget Requirement \$7,349.15)

Feb. 1 Offering	\$ 9,892.50
Feb. 8 Offering	\$ 5,266.53
Feb. 15 Offering	\$ 5,588.00
Feb. 22 Offering	\$ 7,271.50
Budget Requirement YTD (8 Weeks)	\$ 58,793.20
Budget Expenses (Actual) YTD	\$ 55,228.17
Budget Offerings Received YTD	\$ 54,000.94
Designated Receipts YTD	\$ 2,105.95
Love Offerings YTD (Gideon's & Daybreak)	\$ 398.00



South Lexington Baptist Church
"Sharing Love Because of Christ"

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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



Everyone is invited to the Deacon Ordination service of Charles Conyers and Ted Priestler during the evening service on Sunday, March 1st beginning at 6 PM. A light reception fellowship follows. Please come and show your support for these servants of God and their families.

Bring items for garage sale during regular office hours to Church on (T-W-T-8:30 AM-2:30 PM). Call Marion Steele (356-2506) 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. Make your vacation plans now for our West Virginia mission trip July 11-18. Please pray about joining our SLBC Missions Team. Your continued support for Missions at SLBC is most appreciated!!



Garage Sale-Friday & Saturday March 20-21 8 AM - 2 PM
\$8-Plate BBQ tickets-Saturday, March 21st 11 - 5 PM



March 1st & March 8th taught by Pastor Ron during the SS hour. See Pastor Ron or call Church office to take part.



Brian Bishop, Joe McKay and Marion Steele will join with other men for the Jesse Powers Romania construction project April 5-14th. Please begin praying for them and if you would like to donate towards their trip, please indicate "Romania Construction" on your check stub. We also will receive a special offering on March 29th for this Romania Mission Project. Your support AND prayers are greatly appreciated!



Join us for the Lord's Supper Ordinance during the morning worship service on Sunday, March 29th.



Don't forget to set your clocks ahead before you go to bed on Saturday March 7th so you won't miss out on Sunday School! Daylight Savings Time begins Sunday, March 8th— 2AM.



An Irish Blessing... May you have walls to keep out the wind, a roof to keep out the rain, warm drinks by the fire, laughter to cheer you, those you love near you, and all that your heart may desire, including the love of God within...

The smallest good deed is better than the grandest good intention.



Pastor Ron

Listen to what the psalmist says in Psalm 34:8-9 "Oh, taste and see that the LORD is good; Blessed is the man who trusts in Him! Oh, fear the LORD, you His saints! There is no want to those who fear Him." This is the call of God upon the lost world through His word, the Bible. In the Bible God declares and speaks about His glory and holiness. In the Old Testament Book of Numbers, God declares His holiness and that holiness is a requirement to approaching Him. In Numbers chapters 3 - 5, God speaks to the sons of Aaron and how they are to minister, covers the duties of the Sons of Kohath, speaks about isolating ceremonially unclean people, and the law of the Nazirite. Then in chapter 7, God declares the appropriate dedication offering for the tabernacle. Repeatedly the leaders offer the same dedication offering because the same offering is required to approach Him - holiness.

Yet in Numbers 7:89 listen to what is said "Now when Moses went into the tabernacle of meeting to speak with Him, he heard the voice of One speaking to him from above the mercy seat that was on the ark of the Testimony, from between the two cherubim; thus He spoke to him." Everything before this verse was preparation for God to speak to Moses.

God continues to speak by a better word, the living Word of God, the Lord Jesus. In the New Testament, Hebrews 1:1-2 says "God, who at various times and in various ways spoke in time past to the fathers by the prophets, has in these last days spoken to us by His Son, whom He has appointed heir of all things, through whom also He made the worlds."

Comparing the Old and New Testament is sometimes difficult for people. They say the old is full of harshness, death, judgment and a bunch of "Thou shalt nots". The new, on the other hand, is full of grace, mercy and love. This could not be further from the truth. The old and the new are both full of God's grace, mercy and love revealed as God speaks to this lost world and to His children. The Old Testament in Numbers tells us God spoke to Moses. The New Testament in Hebrews tells us God speaks through Jesus. Jesus came and was seen and heard. Here is a wonderful picture and fulfillment of hearing and seeing God in these last days. Jesus came and walked among us and told us to come to Him and to eat and drink of Him. Jesus said if we do this He would save us. This is what God was speaking to Moses and continues to speak through Jesus. Jesus came speaking but also revealed in physical form what God had been revealing and speaking in Numbers. God loves us and sent Jesus to speak the words God has always spoken. He is holy and we are not. He is in heaven far above us and we are headed for hell. He is willing to speak and come that we who would look, listen, eat and drink would be saved and saved forever. The Old and the New Testament are full of words of comfort, grace and salvation to those who will hear and respond. Have you? Will you? If you do Jesus will not cast you out but He will receive you and save you for forever. Is that not good news? Indeed it is. See you Sunday. Pastor Ron-John 14:6

DOLLARS & CENTS The Truth Hurts Malachi 3:8 - Will a man rob God? Yet, ye have robbed me. But ye say, wherein have we robbed thee? In tithes and offerings.

We all know that when we do something we know is wrong it is sin against God. What we don't realize sometimes is that when we don't do what we know we should do, it is also sin against God. In the verse above it is quite clear what God thinks about our withholding of tithes. Sometimes the truth really hurts, but sometimes we need to hear the truth anyway; it is a way of getting us back on the right course.

God has and continues to bless SLBC by enabling us to meet our expenses each month. He has provided for our needs. But just imagine how much more we as a church, the body of Christ, could do for His kingdom work if we all would commit to His tithe. He wants to bless us; we just have to allow Him to by following Him in all things, not just the ones we want to choose. If you can trust Him with your soul, you surely can trust Him with your finances. Jerry Frick, Finance



Sr. Adults-Monthly lunch meeting-**Thursday, March 26th** at 11:30 AM. Come join us for food, fun and lots of great fellowship! Special speaker with the "Vial for Life". Upcoming, trip to Connie Maxwell Children's Home with lunch "on the grounds". More information coming. Also, mark your calendars for our Spring Maid Beach retreat Oct. 5-9. 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). We need to have reservations in by April 1st and deposits are due by May 27th. See BJ if you have any questions.



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

Bible Study



Bible Study in the Book, "Conversation Peace" resumes Tuesday, March 3rd at 9 AM (note new time). Still time for you to take part in this study. See Gloria Steele.



Tea Party Ladies (all ages)-You are cordially invited to our 3rd Annual Mother/Daughter Tea on Saturday, April 11th from 2 - 4 PM at SLBC hosted By the WOM Ladies. Don your most elegant hat and join us for a great time! Thanks! Beryl & WOM Ladies

Deacons Meeting



Reminder: Deacon's monthly meeting on is on Monday, March 9th-7:30 PM.

Primary Deacons for the Month of March

Ted Priester 250-9753 Marion Steele 609-6115



To the Families and Friends of the following: Nell Bullock; Vivian Frazier; Lester Rickenbacker; Patrick Satterfield and Debbie Stanton. 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.



On behalf of Daybreak Crisis Pregnancy Center, I would like to thank everyone at SLBC for the love offering taken January 18th for the Sanctity of Human Life Sunday in the amount of \$329. 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 with our goal-"saving one baby at a time." Sincerely, Maggie Downing.



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 like Harold & Doris Cryer did for their 60th anniversary on February 12th. Call church office, Diane Conyers (359-0365) or sign up using Flower notebook in foyer to reserve your Sunday.

MISSION OPPORTUNITIES...

Migrant Health Kits - Helping Our Neighbors

The Lexington Baptist Association will again be 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 30th. 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



We will be collecting Mac 'n Cheese; Pasta Sauce and Crackers (saltines) during the month of March. Much appreciation for all your donations and support! Beryl.



This year's West Virginia Mission Trip is scheduled for July 11-18 See Marion Steele if you would like to go and take part in this

Mission trip or if you have any questions about this or any SLBC Mission Project. Please pray about becoming a "Missions" Team Member at SLBC.



Please help us decorate SLBC with traditional Easter Lilies in celebration of our risen Lord and Savior. If you would like to give special recognition this Easter in memory or honor of someone special, please complete this order form and return it to the church office by Wednesday, March 25th along with your check made payable to **SLBC for \$8.00 (per lily)**. The Easter Lilies will be placed in our Worship areas on Palm Sunday, March 29th and can be picked up after the morning Easter service on April 5th. A Memorial/Honorarium list will be placed in the bulletin for these 2 weeks. Thanks for your participation. Brenda Loftis, Ministry Leader (Special Events/Decorations).



Given by:

In honor of

In memory of

You can't control the length of your life, but you can control its' width & depth.

Make your life a mission - not an intermission!

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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

*9:00 AM Discipleship Bible Study (*Note: New Time)
 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
1 Ruth Crumpton Ted Priester Curtis Richburg 	2	3 9 AM Disc. Bible Study	4 Sylvia Mishoe	5 Pat Crapps Morgan Midgett-Taylor	6 Joanne Kelley Xavier Smith	7 James Austin Josh Steele Move your clock up an hour before going to bed!! 
Season of Prayer for Annie Armstrong Easter Offering, Mar. 1-April 5 SLBC Goal: \$1,200						
8 Vicky Shady	9 Deacon's Meeting 7:30 PM	10 Patsy Sharpe 9 AM Disc. Bible Study	11 Chris Asbill	12 PJ Brock Sherry Nicewonger Richard Schleyer	13	14 Jimmy Faile 
15	16 Jerry Atkins Bonnie Carter	17 9 AM Disc. Bible Study 	18 Sherry Clark Brandi Moore	19 Daniel Faulkner First Day of Spring 	20 Ashlee Oakley 	21 Desarae Humphries BBQ Plates 11-5 PM
					Missions Garage Sale 8-2 PM Mar.20-21	
22 Adara Steinmetz	23 Louise Ennis Roger Evans Hailey Williamson	24 Garrett Dooley Linda Kupces 9 AM Disc. Bible Study	25 Jeff Knight	26 Thad Bustle Kathy Esterline Rachel Sox 11:30 AM Se... 	27 Wickey Shumpert	28
					Youth Lock-In Fri. 7PM-Sat. 10 AM	
29 Melissa Carlyle Kyle Oakley Thomas Riffle Palm Sunday Lord's Supper & Benevolence Love Offering	30 Brennan Battles	31 Joe McKay 10 AM Ladies WOM				



SLBC YOUTH NEWS

Silver Ring thing at Red Bank Baptist Church on Wednesday, March 4th "Speaking honestly to Youth about purity. Winter Jam-Saturday, March 14th. The Bus leaves the church at 2 PM for the Colonial Life Arena. Cost is \$10 to get in but bring extra \$ for snacks, t-shirts, etc. Also, we will have a lock-in Friday, March 27th (7 PM) until Saturday, March 28th (10 AM). See Mrs. Crystal (Bouknight) if you have any questions. Thanks!!

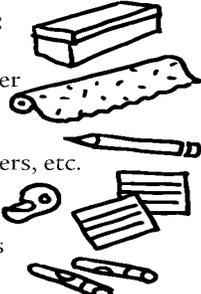


PRAYER BOX

Family prayer time is a good habit. Make it fun with this activity for all family members. They can use this special box whenever they have a prayer request.

What you need:

- Shoebox
- Wrapping paper
- Scissors
- Tape
- Stickers, markers, etc. (optional)
- Index cards
- Pencils or pens

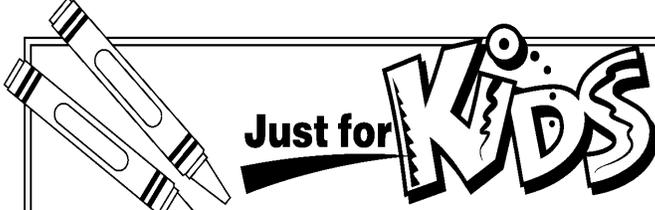


What you do:

1. Wrap the shoebox like a present. Be sure to wrap the lid separately so it can be removed.
2. Let the whole family help decorate the box. You can write Bible verses about prayer, draw pictures, glue on pictures or add stickers. Be creative!
3. Put the box in a prominent location of your house. Keep a pile of index cards and pencils or pens near the box.
4. Whenever a family member has a prayer request, he or she can write or draw it on a card and put it inside the box.
5. Family members can share the cards in a prayer circle, or people can take turns praying for all the requests. Throughout the week, family members can check the box for new prayer needs.



Rejoice in Every Day!



A FAMILY OF PRAYER

The book of Acts tells about a man named Cornelius. He was a Roman centurion from Caesarea who worshiped God. Through his encounter with Cornelius, Peter learned that God accepts everyone who fears him and does what is right.

Use the code below to see the example set by Cornelius and his family. Solve the math problems by using the grid. Then use the key to find the letter that matches each answer. Write the letter on the blank.

GRID	
A	B
2	4
C	D
6	5

KEY: a=7 e=8 i=10 o=9 u=11 y=6

"H e _ _ nd _ _ ll h _ s f _ m _ l _
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 A+C A+C A+C B+D C+D A+D

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r _ _ g _ l _ r l _ ." _ _ cts 10:2, NIV
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Answers: "He and all his family were devout and God-fearing; he gave generously to those in need and prayed to God regularly." Acts 10:2, NIV

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-957-8285; slbchurch@windstream.net. We want to recognize all SLBC members on their "special" day.