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**SLBC Deacons** \*Deacons for the month of September  
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Prayer is the most important conversation of the day, take it to God before you take it to anyone else. Worry is a total waste of time; it doesn't change anything, all it does is steals your joy, keeps you from praying, and busy doing nothing. God is the ARM that will hold you at your weakest. The EYE that will see you at your darkest. The HEART that will love you at your worst. God has a purpose for you that is held in His heart; God has a path for you that is paved with His grace. "Darkness cannot drive out darkness only LIGHT can do that; Hate cannot drive out Hate only LOVE can do that".



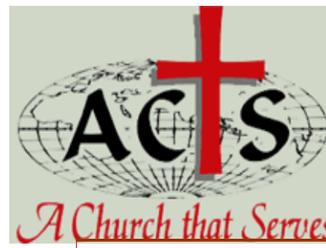
**For The Record...**

<b>Aug. 3rd - Attendance</b>	<b>Aug. 10th - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 85	Sunday School 54
Worship 155	Worship 101
<b>Aug. 17th - Attendance</b>	<b>Aug. 24th - Attendance</b>
Sunday School 99	Sunday School 84
Worship 149	Worship 143



**General Fund Offering (Weekly Budget Requirement \$7,079.80)**

Aug 3 Offering	\$ 10,593.00
Aug 10 Offering	\$ 3,986.10
Aug 17 Offering	\$ 5,492.25
Aug 24 Offering	\$ 5,116.06
<b>Budget Requirement YTD (34 Weeks)</b>	<b>\$ 240,713.20</b>
<b>Budget Expenses (Actual) YTD</b>	<b>\$ 220,262.32</b>
<b>Budget Offerings Received YTD</b>	<b>\$ 229,610.88</b>
<b>Designated Receipts YTD</b>	<b>\$ 23,292.09</b>
<b>Love Offerings (YTD)</b>	<b>\$ 276.00</b>



**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, worshipping 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



**PICNIC** Sunday, September 14th 3-6 PM at \*Fisher's (331 McLee Road\*) Church provides hot dogs, burgers & buns. We will need sides of baked beans, coleslaw, fruit, pasta & potato salads, drinks and desserts. Bring a chair and whatever you need for fishing, swimming, horse rides, games, etc. And, of course, expect a visit from camel Abraham! Invite others, too!  
 Thanks, Honey Keisler



**Fun Day-Saturday, September 27th-9-5 PM**  
 For ages 8-15 girls and boys. Games, Food, Desserts, Skits Devotionals and Prizes! PLEASE sign up! Contact: Church Office or Dennis Pennington at Dpenni1025@aol.com for additional information.

**PRICELESS** Janie Chapman Season of Prayer for State Missions Emphasis September 14-21. SLBC Church Goal - \$1,000 "Thanks be to God for His indescribable gift! 2 Cor. 9:15"



Labor Day brings to mind picnics, cookouts and family gatherings. It marks the unofficial end of summer and the beginning of a new school year. The holiday was originally created in 1882 to honor the social and economic contributions of American workers. In a strong economy, it's easy to take for granted the ability to work and be paid well. But times have changed during the past few years, with many people still struggling with unemployment and underemployment. During our holiday celebrations this year, let's give thanks for the jobs we have, pray for those who aren't as fortunate and offer words of encouragement or help to someone who needs it.



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God Bless You Grandparents (God's Gift to Children). Happy Grandparents Day Sept 7th!





## A Word From Pastor Ron...

We want success but do we want it the way it often comes. John C. Maxwell in his book "Be All You Can Be" shares one of the ways to success. "Rubber bands come in different sizes and different colors and different shapes, but they all work on the same principles: they must be stretched to be effective. Like rubber bands, our personalities, talents, and gifts are different; we're also not effective unless we're stretched. If you're not stretching in your personal walk with God and in your leadership abilities, then you're not going to be able to be as effective for God as you really need to be".

Often, we think of success as all ease and comfort but in reality it is the very opposite. One person said it is easy to float down stream as any dead fish can do, but to swim upstream against the current takes a fish that is alive and willing to put forth the effort.

In our efforts for success, we need to listen to the writer of Hebrews in chapter 12:1-5; "Therefore we also, since we are surrounded by so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which so easily ensnares us, and let us run with endurance the race that is set before us, looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith, who for the joy that was set before Him endured the cross, despising the shame, and has sat down at the right hand of the throne of God. For consider Him who endured such hostility from sinners against Himself, lest you become weary and discouraged in your souls. You have not yet resisted to bloodshed, striving against sin. And you have forgotten the exhortation which speaks to you as to sons".

Let us look also to this blessed hope of encouragement of these saints who put forth this effort and follow their example. How is your stretching?

See You Sunday! Pastor Ron John 14:6

### **DOLLARS & CENTS** You cannot serve two masters: God and money. Matthew 6:24 (TLB)

Tell me what you think about money, and I will tell you what you think about God, for these two are closely related. A man's heart is closer to his wallet than anything else. It is a staggering fact that for the past few years people have spent ten times as much for luxuries and non-essentials as they have for all charitable and religious purposes. This is a commentary on our shallow and superficial religious faith. While the Bible warns us against greed and selfishness, it does encourage frugality and thrift. Even Jesus said to His disciples after He fed the multitude, "Gather up the fragments that remain, that nothing be lost." Although our Lord had the power to create, He Himself lived frugally and without luxury. John Wesley had a threefold philosophy about money. He said, "Make all you can; keep all you can; and give all you can." Most of us get all we can, spend all we can; borrow all we can; and give meagerly to God. **Prayer:** Lord, give me a generous heart so that others may know Your love and compassion.

Jerry Frick, Finance



Senior Adults Cookout

Senior Adults will resume their monthly lunch meeting on September 25th (11:30 AM) with a hamburger cook-out. Please bring sides and desserts. Spring Maid Beach attendees will be sharing their experiences. Also, mark your calendar for the Sr. Adult Fall Festival at Oakwood Baptist on November 13th (10-1 PM) with a BBQ lunch catered by Shealy's. No meeting in November. Seniors be thinking about where and when to have our Christmas luncheon and we'll decide at our October 30th meeting. Appreciate any in-put senior adults have. Thanks so much! BJ

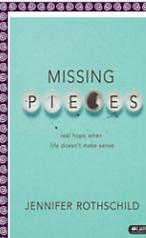


**Sept. Canned meats; Jelly & Crackers.**

**Sept. Prisoner Packets:** Toothpaste (5.8 oz or larger) and factory-sealed adult toothbrushes (no multi-packs).

### **Camille Griffin Graham Correctional Institute**

Picnic Saturday, September 6th. Join us as we minister to the inmates to find salvation and hope in Christ. Please bring only home-baked cakes and cookies ; P-nut butter & jelly sandwiches, etc. Wrap food in clear plastic-no foil. Have food at church by 9 AM. See Beryl Bledsoe for more information.



Thanks to Gloria Steele as she again leads our Tuesday morning Bible Study with "Missing Pieces by Julia Rothschild (real hope when life doesn't make sense). Study begins Tuesday, September 16th at 10 AM. Please sign up so a workbook can be purchased for you; a \$10 fee is also requested to help offset workbook cost. See or Call Gloria if you have any questions: 356-2506.



Christian Sympathy to these Families as they grieve for their loved ones: Hannah Bickley; Frances Derrick; Craig Jumper; Jack Kyzer; David Langford; Bobby Moorer, Jr.; Judy Spradley Porter; Chris Reynolds; and Esther Tindal. God Bless You, Family and Friends. Receive our Prayers for God's Peace and Comfort during difficult times and days ahead. Grief is perhaps the most difficult of human emotions to face, although it also has the potential for being the most therapeutic. Grief isn't a bad thing; it's the cost of having loved. If we hadn't loved, if we had not cared, we would not grieve and our lives would have been emptier.



Awana registration-Saturday, September 6th 9 AM-12 Noon. Awana begins Sunday, September 7th at 5:30 PM. We appreciate Susan Bishop as this year's Commander. Let her know if you can help be a part of this vital Ministry. Your Prayers for the Leaders, Children & Mrs. Susan are appreciated.

**Samaritans' Purse** Begin collecting items now for shoe boxes during this time of reduced price school supplies. 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 child overseas. Your filled shoebox can make an eternal difference in a Child's life. God Bless you for caring!

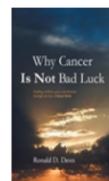


"O Lord, you will hear the desire of the meek; You will strengthen their hearts, you will incline Your ear to do justice for the orphan and the oppressed, so that those from earth may strike terror no more" (Psalm 10:17-18 NRSV). 13 years have passed since that tragic September morning in 2001 when terrorists took thousands of innocent lives and shattered America's sense of security. As we reflect on this anniversary, Psalm 10 reminds us that God is on the side of the victim, the weak and the helpless. He won't ignore the cries of people in need, and He ensures that justice is ultimately done.



### **October 6-7 Pre-Fair Ministry-October 8-19 Fair Ministry**

Share the love of Jesus with workers and exhibitors at the SC State fair this year! Make or serve sandwiches, baked goods, distribute literature, etc. Be a volunteer missionary at your own "back door."Great Mission Opportunity! Contact Lexington Baptist Association to let them know where **You** Can Help!! (803) 356-2543.



So many people are suffering and in need of God's comfort and grace. The book written by Pastor Ron Daves, "Why Cancer is Not Bad Luck" ,is a really good resource to give to your loved ones and friends who are suffering not only with cancer but any illness. Call the Church office to get your copy (\$8/ea.).

### **5-Finger Prayer**

>1. Your thumb is nearest you. So begin your prayers by praying for those closest to you. They are the easiest to remember. To pray for our loved ones is, as C. S. Lewis once said, a 'sweet duty.' > 2. The next finger is the pointing finger. Pray for those who teach, instruct and heal. This includes teachers, doctors, and ministers. They need support and wisdom in pointing others in the right direction. Keep them in your prayers.> 3. The next finger is the tallest finger. It reminds us of our leaders. Pray for the president, leaders in business and industry, and administrators. These people shape our nation and guide public opinion. They need God 's guidance.> 4. The fourth finger is our ring finger. Surprising to many is the fact that this is our weakest finger, as any piano teacher will testify. It should remind us to pray for those who are weak, in trouble or in pain. They need your prayers day and night. You cannot pray too much for them. > 5. And lastly comes our little finger - the smallest finger of all which is where we should place ourselves in relation to God and others. As the Bible says, 'The least shall be the greatest among you.' Your pinkie should remind you to pray for yourself. By the time you have prayed for the other four groups, your own needs will be put into proper perspective and you will be able to pray for yourself more effectively.

**Notice to all Medicare Beneficiaries:** Change in enrollment program period begins October 15 and ends December 7, 2014. If you need help with your choices or just have general questions, you can contact Paul Copes at 808-0152 who is certified to work with Medicare programs. We appreciate Paul and his willingness to share his field of expertise with others.



**Sunday School Promotion-September 7th.** Children will move up to their age appropriate class. **EVERYONE** is welcome at Sunday School-we have a class for you!



Nothing we wear makes as much difference as the expression on our faces.

The time to pray is not when we are in a tight spot, but just as soon as we get out of it!

# September



# 2014

### 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

7:00 - 8:00 PM Bible Study & Prayer Meeting  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Team Kids  
7:00 - 8:00 PM Youth Meeting  
7:45 - 8:30 PM Celebration Choir Rehearsal-Sept. 3

### Tuesday Schedule

10:00 AM Discipleship Bible Study Resumes Sept. 16th

### On-Going Activities

WMU-Last Tuesday (Resumes Sept. 30th)  
Seasoned To Serve-Sr. Adults-Last Thursday (Resumes Sept. 25)

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
Sept. 7th 	1 Ciarra Taylor <b>LABOR DAY</b> 	2 Patti Oakes	3 Will Barnes Rex Turner  <b>Choir Practice Resumes</b>	4	5 Detra Pennington	6  <b>Awana Registration 9 AM - 12 Noon</b>
7 Karen Addy Ronnie Crapps, Jr. Mason McCurdy Lindsey Willis <b>SS Promotion AWANA Begins 5:30 PM</b>	8 Justin Cozart   <b>Sept 8-12</b>	9 Brian Richburg	10 Meredith Ducker Michaela Ducker	11 Caleb Geiger Charles Humphries Selena Chavis 	12 Jim Hedgepath Keith Suarez	13 Laken Inabinet Jase Crapps
14 Bob Weaver  <b>Church Picnic Fishers 3-6 PM</b>	15 Asia Keisler	16 Miranda Altman Grace Bellamy Connie Faile <b>10 AM Disc. Bible Study</b>	17 Randy Alford	18 Danielle Altman	19 Tyquisha Moore	20 Matthew Richburg  <b>Carowinds Christian Music Day</b> 
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21 Jordan Hallman Ronnie Moses	22 	23  <b>10 AM Disc. Bible Study</b>	24 Mina Harrington  	25 Leanne Bradley Cassie Gannon  	26 Joanne Fleetwood Martha Taylor Ken Tynes Angles Humphries	27 Jenny Miles <b>9-5 Ages: 8-15</b> <b>Prayer</b> 
28	29 Andrea Newton	30  <b>10 AM Ladies WMU</b>			Sunday School is at 9:30 Classes for everyone! 	



SLBC Church Family: Thank you for all the cards, calls and especially the prayers during the loss of my Brother, Jack Kyzer. I thank God for such a wonderful Church Family. Love in Christ, *Debbie Aguilar*

Thanks to everyone for your prayers, cards, visits & calls. It meant a lot while I was in the hospital. *Walter Brown*

To My Church Family: Thank you so much for all your prayers and calls after my 2nd hip replacement surgery. God has truly blessed me with a wonderful Christ-filled Church Family. *Love you all, Faye Hunter*

Church Family, thanks so very much for all your kindness shown during my shoulder surgery and as I recover. Please continue to pray for me and John both. With love, *Sharon Meador*

Special thanks for your calls, cards, the gift card, and prayers during the loss of my husband, Chris Reynolds. *Norma Nates*

Thanks to my Church Family for all the concern shown during my hospital stay and recovery. Your cards, calls, visits and especially your prayers meant so much! God bless you, *Gloria Steele*

Dear Church Family: Thank you very much for your calls, cards and visits during my hospital stay for hip replacement. Thank you so much for your prayers. *Joe Wood*



Much appreciation to Jerry Atkins for sharing his many wood-working talents. He has provided the coat racks and umbrella holders outside both Worship centers. Thank you, Mr. Jerry for sharing your talents at SLBC!

Dear Youth of S. Lex BC: Thank you so much for coming to play bingo with the residents of the Boman Center at Still Hopes. You are very special young people to give of your time and selves to come spread cheer to our folks here. Thank you for understanding the limitations of people w/dementia and Alzheimer's disease. One of their biggest needs is People to be with them. We hope you can come again. Thank you to all your youth leaders for the work they do. *Sincerely, Sherry French*

South Lexington Baptist Church: Thank you for allowing us to use your VBS resources. We were in a fix! We had an awesome week and you helped to make it possible! In His Service, *Pastor Jeff (Wright) Red Bank Baptist Church*

A heart-felt THANK-YOU! To Honey Keisler and Nicholas Bishop for the awesome floor cleaning job they did in the larger worship area and new kitchen. That was a lot of hard work! Let's try to help them keep God's house as clean as we can. Please!! No food or drinks in our worship areas or in carpeted hallways. Thanks for your help!



See Mrs. Crystal if you need a Student's name card to pray for a student during the school year. Prayer is so vital for them in their lives and we appreciate your dedication and willingness to lift them up in prayer.



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.