

# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, December 12, 2010  
7:30 and 10:50am Worship Celebrations

From World to Worship...

Praise and Worship.....Please Stand

The Opening Prayer

The Call to Worship

"I will bless the Lord at all times, His praise shall continually be in my mouth; oh magnify the Lord with me, let us exalt His name together. "

The Hymn of Worship.....Hymn #58 "Hark! The Herald Angels Sing"

The Dance Ministry

We Fellowship With One Another and We Welcome Our Guests and All In Worship

The Pastoral Observations.....Pastor Clayton

The Offertory Prayer....."Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Tithing Affirmation

**Leader:** We are called to be a **tithing** church because the Word of God teaches **tithing**, our experience gives witness to **tithing**, our obedience to God requires **tithing**, and our blessings come as a result of **tithing**.

**People:** **Tithing** blesses the heart by making it receptive to God's will. **Tithing** blesses the life by lifting it to a higher plane of grace. **Tithing** blesses the hands by making them willing to do God's work. **Tithing** blesses the mind by giving it the satisfaction of doing the right thing. **Tithing** blesses the nine-tenths that remain because God has been honored. **Tithing** blesses the individual by giving each a part in God's world-wide program. **Tithing** blesses the church by enabling it to carry out a greater ministry.

**Leader:** Then let us bring our **tithes** and offerings to the Lord as he has prospered us, for the "tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."

**The Giving of God's Tithes and Offering**....."Bring ye all the tithes (and offerings) into the storehouse." (Malachi 3:8-10)

**The General Offering**.....(Ushers and Trustees will NOT make change PLEASE do not ask)

**The Ministry of Music**.....The Young Adult Choir

**The Morning Message**.....7:30am – Min. Sonya McMillan  
10:30am – Rev. Rohin Beach

The Invitation to Salvation, Christian Discipleship, and Church Membership

This invitation is extended for you to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. It is also an invitation for those in search of a church Home. This is a holy moment when people are making a decision that will affect their eternity. Please respect those making a decision for the Lord by limiting your movement and conversation during the invitation.

**Invitational Hymn**.....#145 "Just As I Am"

**The Benediction**.....Pastor Clayton

Our Departing Affirmation

"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord"

From Worship to Service...

\*Please note that the order of worship is under the direction of the Holy Spirit and is subject to change without notice.\*

## \$Please Note Our Giving Options



- **In Person-** The best way to give your Tithes/Offerings or Weekly Contribution is in person as you worship every Sunday through your personal membership contribution envelope (or a pew envelope in case you forget yours)
- **On-line Giving-** To give using this new option please log onto our church website: [www.stlukebaptist.org](http://www.stlukebaptist.org). Once on the website go to the on-line giving link, and follow the directions.
- We now have the ability to do direct withdrawal from your debit card or checking account. You can also set up a weekly, bi-weekly or monthly withdrawal from your account as well.
- **With Your Debit Card-** Use your Debit/Check Card to give your tithes/offerings in the SLBC Bookstore.
- **Through The Mail-** Your financial contribution can be mailed to the church:  
St. Luke Baptist Church  
139 Carroll Street  
Paterson, NJ 07501  
Attn: Church Business Administrator



**Visit the SLBC Bookstore Today**  
Christian books, Bibles, and other products can be purchased in the SLBC Bookstore.  
This week the Bookstore is open:

### Sunday

9:00am-10:00am  
12:30pm-1:00pm  
3:30pm-4:00pm

### Wednesday

11:30am-12:00 noon  
6:30pm-7:30pm

### Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

"This week we are challenged to pray for the pending financial crisis that is affecting our nation, state and city."

WELCOME TO  
Rhonda Eaton  
Robert Eaton  
Ventray Jacobs  
Kristian Kelly

WHO BECAME PART OF OUR FAMILY ON LAST SUNDAY

### The Children's Nursery

Today the Children's Nursery is now open for "Kings Kids" (infants to children age 5 in Founders Hall).

Parents with infants may view the services via closed circuit TV in the Chapel.



This building is handicap accessible by ramp at the rear of the building. If you need assistance, please see any member of the Security Ministry, Hospitality Ministry, or an Usher.

**There are parking spaces reserved for the physically challenged.**

### Christhouse

Our Food and Clothing Center  
Located at: 269 Fair Street- Paterson, NJ 07501

Volunteers Are Needed Let us not forget canned goods, other non-perishable food items and plastic carry-out bags.

Food items can be placed in the receptacles at both entrances of the church. The Food and Clothing Ministry-is operated by volunteer disciples of our church and supported by donations of good and CLEAN clothing from concerned individuals.

Reaching for Freedom is an Outreach Ministry sponsored by our congregation. The purpose of this group is to provide support for persons who are in recovery for substance abuse and/or their friends or family members. The group meets weekly and its discussions are rooted in our Christian faith. We believe and declare, that "whom the Son sets free is free indeed."

The group meets weekly at 305 MLK Way (Broadway) on Saturday at 6:00pm

For information you may call the Church Office (973) 345-4309.

### THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"When Christ entered our world, he didn't come to brighten our Decembers, but to transform our lives."

# WELCOME

**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR**, the Pastoral Staff, Leaders, and the entire SLBC Family would like to extend to you a heartfelt welcome. We invite you to experience the presence of God as you joyfully fellowship with us. If you are new to the area and have no church home, we would love for you to become a part of the St. Luke family. Please come forward at the end of the sermon and we will gladly share with you the reality of Jesus Christ and how to become a disciple of Christ through St. Luke. Visitors are not expected to give during offertory period. Our ministry is supported by the committed disciples of our congregation. If you desire to give an offering, we thank you for your gift.

## TODAY

- In our 7:30am Worship Service Min. Sonya McMillan will preach, and in our 10:50am Worship Service Rev. Rohin Beach will preach. Let us pray for them and with them as they preach the Word of God.
- At 9:30am representatives from the Health and Wholeness Ministry will be available to provide blood pressure screening for any interested persons. They are stationed outside of the Bookstore.
- At 1:00pm our Deacons and Deaconess will serve Communion to SLBC disciples who are recovering at home and in various medical facilities. Let us pray for them and with them as they extend to those who are ill, our love, care and concern.
- At 4:00pm we will celebrate Baptism and Communion. Our special guests will be the Rev. Simeon Spencer and the Union Baptist Church of Trenton, NJ. We are all encouraged and expected to share in this Worship Service. Because of God's love for us, He made an awesome sacrifice. At the very least, out of gratitude and appreciation we should come out and express our love and thanksgiving for all He has done and continues to do for our lives! Let us all plan to honor Christ's sacrifice in our Communion Worship Service.
- SLBC Disciples born in the months of October, November and December please register for the Birthday Ministry Reception to be held on December 19<sup>th</sup>. See Sis. Yolanda Harrison or Sis. Maggie Ligon following the 7:30am Worship Service or Sis. June Russell or Sis. Mary L. Cook following the 10:30am Worship Service.
- Attention 8<sup>th</sup> grade and 12<sup>th</sup> grade students! PLEASE fill out the forms in the foyer. SLEAT needs this info for upcoming events.
- 2010 Leadership Packets are available today for SLBC Ministry Leaders. Please pick up your packet TODAY. Fill it out completely and wait for your scheduled ministry evaluation.
- 2010-2011 College Registration Forms are now available at both entrances. All SLBC disciples who are college students who wish to be listed in our college student list MUST completely fill this form out and place in the red box.

## Pick Up Your Tapes!

The following individuals are asked to please stop by the Bookstore and pick up your audio/video products!



Mary Crooms  
Stephanie Womack-Gilchrist

## Report Cards:

All students in grades K-12 are asked to place a copy of your report card in the red box at either entrance.

## Attention All SLBC Ministries and Disciples

- **ALL** eating and drinking is restricted to Founders Hall **AT ALL TIMES!** All ministries that hold meetings and rehearsals, please be advised of this restriction, abide by it and inform all ministry participants.
- The SLBC Administrative Staff is asking **ALL** ministries to please regularly check and clean out your ministry mailbox.
- The Fair Street entrance is **NOT** to be used as a regular entrance/exit. It is only to be used when supervised by a member of our Security Ministry and authorized by Pastor Clayton or designated Church Leadership.

# The Week Ahead

Monday, December 13 – Sunday, December 19, 2010

## Monday, December 13, 2010

3:00 PM	After School Assistance Program (ASAP)	Resource Center/128
6:00 PM	New Discipleship Class (Class #4)	Chapel
6:00 PM	Darshell's Quality Music and Entertainment Inc.	Resource Center/128
6:00 PM	Pastor Clayton will be installed President of the Paterson Branch NAACP. The installation will be held at the Paterson Museum. We are all invited to be present.	
6:30 PM	The Drama Ministry will rehearse for the Christmas production "A Baby Changes Everything".	Founders Hall
7:00 PM	The Pre-Teen, Teen and Young Adult Dance Ministries (ages 10-30) will rehearse.	Tuskegee

## Tuesday, December 14, 2010

3:00 PM	After School Assistance Program (ASAP)	Resource Center/128
6:00 PM	The Pre-Teen, Teen and Young Adult Dance Ministries (ages 10-30) will rehearse.	Tuskegee
7:00 PM	The Girls Dance Ministry (ages 5-9) will rehearse.	Tuskegee
7:00 PM	The Christmas Concert Choir will rehearse.	Overflow

## Wednesday, December 15, 2010

6:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
11:30 AM	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
12:00 NOON	Noonday Bible Study. Join us we study of the Book of Hosea.	Overflow
3:00 PM	After School Assistance Program (ASAP)	Resource Center
6:45 PM	Evening Prayer Service. The Sight and Sound Ministry of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Adult Bible Study. Please read Acts chapter 24.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study. Join us we study from the book <u>Lord, Change My Attitude Before It's Too Late.</u>	Chapel

## Thursday, December 16, 2010

3:00 PM	After School Assistance Program (ASAP)	Resource Center
4:30 PM	Felician College Information Session	Founders Hall
6:30 PM	The Drama Ministry will rehearse for the Christmas production "A Baby Changes Everything".	Founders Hall
7:30 PM	The Christmas Concert Choir will rehearse.	Overflow

## Friday, December 17, 2010

3:00 PM	After School Assistance Program (ASAP)	Resource Center
6:00 PM	The Pre-Teen, Teen and Young Adult Dance Ministries (ages 10-30) will rehearse.	Tuskegee
7:00 PM	The Lynx (Children's Ministry) will meet (for ages 5-12).	Resource Center/128

## Saturday, December 18, 2010

10:00 AM	The Pre-Teen, Teen and Young Adult Dance Ministries (ages 10-30) will rehearse.	Tuskegee
11:00 AM	The Drama Ministry will rehearse for the Christmas production "A Baby Changes Everything".	Founders Hall

## Sunday, December 19, 2010

7:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 AM	Early Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	The 2010 Christmas Production "A Baby Changes Everything" will be held.	Sanctuary
5:00 PM	The 2010 Christmas Concert will be held. We are all encouraged to plan now to be a part of this musical worship service in celebration of our Christ!	Sanctuary

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Attention SLBC Ministry Leaders:**

2010 Leadership Evaluations and Reviews have begun!! Please be ready for your call to meet with Pastor Clayton as we begin our planning for 2011.

\*\* NAACP membership drive is still going on at SLBC. ALL SLBC disciples are asked to renew (or begin) your membership in your local NAACP Branch during this month. Membership envelopes are available upon request.

## **Friday, December 24**

At 6:00pm we will gather in our Christmas Eve Candlelight Worship Service. We are all encouraged to share in this special evening of worship as we celebrate Christ.

## **Sunday, December 26**

At 9:00am there will be on United Worship Service.

## **Friday, December 31**

At 9:00pm we will gather in our Watchnight Worship Service. We will begin promptly at 9:00pm with a period of testifying and song led by our Deacons. (We are all invited to participate.) At 10:00pm worship will begin; the Mass Choir will sing, the Dance Ministry will perform and Pastor Clayton will preach! Let us all look forward to celebrating the year end and the coming year in worship on this night.

The SLBC Youth Ministry will host a New Years After Party following the Watchnight Service for SLBC Teens! More information to follow.

### **Transportation Ministry:**

Transportation is available to members who need transportation to Sunday worship services. Persons who need a ride may call the church office Monday through Friday during office hours (973)345-4309 ext 10.

### **Get Legal Questions Answered!!**

The Legal Assistance Ministry provides free basic legal consultation every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday from 9:30am to 10:30am.

### **Register To Vote**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday the SLBC/Political Action Committee does voter registration in the Foyer.

### **DID YOU KNOW????????????????**

High Blood Pressure, or Hypertension, is a major reason that people develop heart disease, kidney failure, and strokes.....

**The Health and Wholeness Ministry  
provides FREE Blood Pressure Screening**

When: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Where: Next to Sight and Sound Ministry

Time: 10:00am – 10:30am

When blood pressure is under control, the risk of developing heart disease, kidney failure, or stroke is lower.

“Say to Him: long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours.”

# Please Remember In Your Prayers

Bereaved, Hospitalized In: Nursing Homes Or Adult Facilities, Recovering at Home, Our Extended Family, SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces, and College Students



## Bereaved:

Sister Kenya Hewett on the death of her father  
Sister Sandra Purnell on the death of her nephew

## Hospitalized or In: Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Sister Victoria Anderson Regency Gardens Nursing Home Wayne, NJ	Sister Maxine Randolph Preakness Healthcare Center Wayne, NJ
Sister Connie Clayton Chestnut Hill Convalescent Center Passaic, NJ	Sister Grace Rogers Riverview Post Acute Care Center Paterson, NJ
Sister Edith Croom Doctors Subacute Paterson, NJ	Brother Samuel Taylor Care One at Woodcrest Health Care Center Teaneck, NJ
Sister Myrle Henderson The Atrium at Wayne Subacute and Rehabilitation Nursing Home Wayne, NJ	

## Recovering at Home:

Sister Dorothy Austin Brother Darrell Bell Sister Mabel Biggs Brother Paul Charles Brother Anthony Clayton Brother Peter Daye, Jr. Sister Rosefta Fairley Sister Sarah Flood Sister Fannie Garriss Sister Elise Gaston	Sister Belle Higgs Sister Helen Jones Sister Rose Jones Sister Rose Kelley Sister Gina McGowan Brother Samuel Mickens Brother Arbuckle Milner Sister Laura Parker Brother Johnnie Sims
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## Deacons of the Week:

Robert Boyd  
Linton Gaines  
Vivian Gaines

## Our Extended Family:

Herbert Battle Janet Boulware Marjorie Spencer Campbell Tameka Coley Cynthia Clyburn Noah Daniel Julian Duran Essie Fields Alquan Fletcher, Jr. Charles George Debra Holt Leroy McQueen Ellis Mickle	Gregory Mitchell Lorenzo Motley Roddie Pickens Leon Pittman Rev. Robert Pittman Ola Mae Samuels Uelysee Scantling Denise Simmons Michael Simmons Mack Simpkins, Jr. Crystal Thomas Michael Wade Audrey Williams
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## SLBC Disciples Who Are Unemployed Looking For Work:

Valerie Barnes Gail Brown Jhia Davis	Erik Lowe Cassandra Staton Corey Willis
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## SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:

Nicholas Arthur (son of Thelma Arthur)  
Rose Marie Berry (niece of Cleophus Pelt)  
Stephon Brown  
Corey Foster (nephew of Mary Cook) who is in Afghanistan  
Christopher Heath  
Ronald Hinton (brother of Darnetta Roberts)  
Gregory Jones (nephew of Mary Buckingham) who is in Iraq  
Delon Pompey (nephew of Vernell Oliver) who is in Afghanistan  
Kareem Stephen (nephew of Wendy Drakeford) who is in Iraq  
Jareese Williams  
Nyree Wilson  
Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

## College Students:

Max Brown Tatianna Cobb Salim Corbin Aria Corbin Smith Za'Mani Davis Kideem Frierson Kayla Gray	Shannon Jackson Tranace Littlejohn Asia McIntyre Derron McDuffie Aria Medley Lauren Mullins Andrew Ndubuisi	Joseph Ndubuisi Kenya Pauldo Breanna Pegues Keyona Rogers Ralasia Smith Kyra Troublefield
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\*To add your name or the name of a loved one to any of these areas, please call the Church Office at extension 11.

# It's Time To Grow



**G**o to God in daily prayer and share in congregational prayer times.

**R**ead God's Word daily and participate in churchwide Bible Study.

**O**bey the teachings of God's Word and apply it to my life.

**W**orship regularly privately and as a part of my congregation.



## **Ministers To The World: The Congregation**

### **Ministers to the Congregation:**

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#### **Trustee Ministry**

Richard Cook, Chairman

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#### **Counseling Services**

973-477-8917

Licensed Clinical Therapist – Celeste Burton

\*Private counseling services are available by appointment.\*

#### **Church Office Hours**

9:00am-10:30am Sunday

9:00am-5:00pm Monday-Friday

973-225-0268 Prayer Line

[stlukebaptist@aol.com](mailto:stlukebaptist@aol.com)

#### **Facebook**

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Phillip Wilson, Associate Musician

Stanley Sumter, Director

Cynthia Thorne, Director of Youth and Teen Choir

Kendrick Clayton, Percussionist

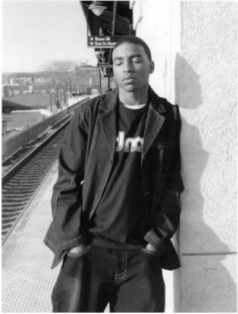
#### **Our Custodial Staff**

Al Fletcher, Chief Custodian

Larry Whitaker, Custodial Staff

Frankie Phillips, Custodial Staff

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR



## GET IN WHERE YOU FIT IN

Although we are active in our community all year around, the Youth/Young Adult Ministry focuses on the community more around this time of year. As leader I stress the need for all of our teens and young adults to give back out of the crazy amounts of blessings God has given us. Yesterday a group of us went to the Riverview Post-Acute Care Center to spend time with seniors. We had a good time and they enjoy us being with them. I want to give every young person a heads up on what they can do to help us impact our community.

### **For all of the Youth ages 13-18:**

Clothing drive for CHRISTHOUSE from November 19<sup>th</sup> -January 14<sup>th</sup>:

All teens are encouraged to bring in clothes that they are no longer using so that other less fortunate teens can have clothes to wear.

Christmas Party December 24<sup>th</sup>:

Teens will host a Christmas party for the students or families that we adopt. All teens will have to bring a gift for someone on our list in order to attend.

### **For all Young Adults**





Adopt a Family for Christmas:

Every year we adopt a family or students to share God's love with through gifts. All of the necessary information will made available in the coming weeks.

Rohin Beach  
Assoc. Pastor to Youth/Young Adults



The Ministry of Christian Education serves to enable and encourage members of SLBC to become learning and living Christian disciples. The goal is that everyone who is a part of the SLBC Family will "Know Christ" through consistent and committed study in order that we might GROW!

 <b>GATHER</b> To gather as a congregation for worship, celebration and prayer.	 <b>RELATE</b> To be in regular, intimate relationship with a small group of people.	 <b>OFFER</b> To offer our time, talent, treasure so that together we might minister to the world.	 <b>WITNESS</b> To communicate the positive power of Christ to others by sharing our testimony and love.
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You are encouraged to join us and participate in one of the appropriate areas of study.

<b>Sunday Bible Study</b>  For All Ages 9:30am	<b>Wednesday Bible Study</b>  12:00noon and 7:30pm	<b>Young Adult Bible Study</b>  Wednesday 7:30pm  In the Chapel	<b>Women's Bible Study</b>  Two Saturdays per month (check dates in bulletin)	<b>Men's Bible Study</b>  Sunday at 9:30am  In the Chapel	<b>Children's Ministry</b>  "Operation Linx"  Friday 7:00pm  The SLBC Resource Center 128 Carroll Street	<b>Youth Ministry</b>  "The Secret Place"  Friday 7:00pm  Founders Hall	<b>Christian Education Institutes</b>  Spring and Fall
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Min. Sonya McMillan  
 Associate Minister for  
 Christian Education and Discipleship

Children of SLBC, if you are 5-12 years old

Come out to LYNX!

Join us every Friday from 7pm-9pm as we:



- \*Learn more about God
  - \*Help Others
  - \*Go on FUN trips
  - \*Enjoy delicious snacks
  - \*Family Activities
- & FUN, FUN, FUN!!



Hope to See You There!

# Understanding Tithing

## The Meaning of Stewardship

God knows that the only way a steward of His goods can give, is for the steward to give from what he or she has received. Therefore, when one has not received anything, one is not expected to give anything. On the other hand, receiving and giving must go together. None of us can say that we are broke (that is without money) and mean it. If one is broke, how can he explain his condition to the Lord? Especially since Jesus, though He was rich, became poor that we, through His poverty, might become rich (2<sup>nd</sup> Corinthians 8:9). To give, one must have a willing mind. The willingness to give is more important than the amount given.

Remember, where there is a will, the Lord will make a way, even today.

### What is Tithing?

The word "tithe" means "a tenth part" or "10%". In the Bible God tells us that we are to give the first 10% of all we earn back to Him. Giving less than 10% is NOT tithing.

### What is the Difference Between A Tithe and an Offering?

A tithe is 10% of your income. An offering is any amount you give over and above that amount or in addition to your tithe, such as gifts for special projects, your church building fund, etc. Tithing is God's minimum standard, the starting point. As God prospers you, you'll want to give more.

### Why Should I Tithe?

#### 11 Reasons From God's Word

##### 1. Because God Commands It!

"A tithe of all you produce is the Lord's and it is holy."  
Lev. 27:30

##### 2. Because Jesus commands It!

"Yes, you should tithe, and you shouldn't leave the more important things undone either." Matt. 23:23 (Tithing was the only thing Jesus commended the Pharisees for doing!)

##### 3. Because tithing shows that God has first place in my life!

"The purpose of tithing is to teach you to put God first place in your life." Deut. 14:23(LB) If God does not have first priority in your finance He isn't really first in your life.

##### 4. Because It reminds me that everything I have was given to me by God!

"Always remember that it is the Lord your God who gives you the ability to produce wealth." Deut. 8:18 (Rather than feeling "I'm giving God 10% of my money" realize God is letting you keep 90% of His money. Without God's help, you would be nothing.)

##### 5. Because tithing expresses my gratitude to God for helping me earn income!

"How can I repay the Lord for all his goodness to me?" Ps. 116:12 Here's the answer. "Each of you should bring a gift in proportion to the way the Lord your God has blessed you." Deut. 16:17

##### 6. Because refusing to tithe is stealing from God!

If you don't tithe, God says you are using money that rightfully belongs to Him. "God says 'Will a man rob God? Yet you are robbing me!' But you ask, 'How do we rob you?' God says 'in tithes and offerings. Bring your whole tithe to My house.'" Mal. 3:8-10 (God has a right to whatever He asks for from you.)

##### 7. Because tithing gives God a chance to prove to you that He exists and wants to bless you!

"Bring me your tithe. Test me in this," says the Lord," and see if I won't throw open the windows of heaven and pour out so much blessing that you will not have room enough for it. I will prevent pests from devouring your crops and the vines in your fields will be protected from plagues." God actually offers you a challenge. He says, "I dare you! Start tithing and watch what happens!" He not only promises to bless you with more, but He also promises to protect what you already have! Tithing is one way that you can prove God is real. Start tithing and get ready for God's blessing.

##### 8. Because it is essential to spiritual growth!

"Just as you grow in everything- in faith, in speech, in knowledge, in earnestness and love...see that you also grow in the grace of giving." Many Christians remain spiritual babies because they disobey God by not tithing.

##### 9. Because tithing shows I really love God!

"Where your treasure is, your heart will be also."  
Matt. 6:21

Wherever you put your money is where your affection is going to be. Every time you give back to God you are drawn closer to Him. You say you love God, but 2 Cor. 8:8 says that your giving tests the sincerity of your love. You can give without loving but you cannot love without giving. Jesus said, "If you really love me, do what I command." John 14:15

##### 10. Because tithing is an investment for eternity!

Jesus told us "store up treasures in heaven." Matt. 6:19-20

How do you do that? By investing your money in helping people get to heaven! Most of the things you spend your money on will not even last for ten years, much less for eternity.

##### 11. Because you cannot outgive God!

There are more promises in the Bible connected to giving than any other subject. Giving unlocks the promises of God in your life. When you give, God always gives back to you in greater degree. Jesus said, "For if you give, you will get. Your gift will return to you in full and overflowing measure. Whatever measure you use to give it will be used to measure what is given back to you." Luke 6:38

### What Should I Tithe?

The first 10% of every paycheck, and all else you earn. "Honor the lord by giving him the first part of all your income, and He will fill your barns... to overflow."  
Prov.3:9-10 God doesn't want your leftover income at the end of the month. He wants first place.

### Where Should I give My Tithe?

The Bible is very clear that God expects the tithe to be given back to Him at the place you worship. In the Old Testament they brought their tithe to the Temple. In the New Testament the tithe was given at the synagogue or church. While there are many fine organizations, charities, and ministries, the church is God's institution. You may support other ministries with additional offerings. Only gifts given to God as an act of worship at the house of worship are considered tithes.


### Why Tithe?

As an act of love and obedience to the Word of God.

# Please Fill Out Your Envelope Properly and Completely

*“Good Seed in Good Soil”*  
*My Financial Investment to Support God’s Work*  
*Through the Ministry of*  
**St. Luke Baptist Church**

“A Church  
Determined to  
Know Christ  
and Make Him  
Known”



139-145 A.M. Tyler Place Paterson, New Jersey 07501  
Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Senior Pastor

Name \_\_\_\_\_

**God’s Tithe** (10% or more) \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*What I Give in Obedience*

**Pledge** (Less than 10%) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Missions and Benevolence** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*What I Give for Others*

**Building Fund** \$ \_\_\_\_\_  
*What I Give Sacrificially*

**Other** \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

“I will not offer unto the Lord that which costs me nothing.” II Samuel 24:24

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Name – Please write your name neatly.

God’s Tithe – For Tithers Only

Pledge – Non-tithers

Missions and Benevolence – My giving for missions support

Building Fund – My giving towards building expansion/improvement

Total – What the total amount enclosed in the envelope should be

## St. Luke Community Development Center

*Restoring Lives, Reviving Hope, Renewing Our Community*

St. Luke CDC is a nonprofit 501©(3) community based organization located in Paterson, NJ. St. Luke CDC was established by St. Luke Baptist Church in 1997 under the direction of the Rev. Kenneth Clayton to serve as a catalyst for economic and community development in the City of Paterson and Passaic County.

As a not for profit entity, St. Luke CDC aims to:

- Establish programs and services to the broad and diverse socio-economic needs of the residents of Paterson and Passaic County.
- Provide leadership in and form partnerships with private and public sector institutions to improve the quality of life for residents of Paterson and Passaic County.

### The CDC currently operates

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| *Adult Literacy Program  | *Summer Youth Employment Program  |
| *Computer Literacy Program   | *Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center   |
| *After School Program (ASAP)   | *Summer Camp (Kamp Kreative Kidz)   |
| *Jobs Weatherization Program<br>(with Black Ministers Council of NJ) | *St. Luke CDF Freedom School®<br><a href="http://www.childrensdefense.org">www.childrensdefense.org</a> |
| *Senior Aging Project<br>(with Jewish Family Services of Clifton)    | *House of Mercy<br>(Women’s Transitional House)   |

# SAVE THE DATES!!!

SLBC Staff, Deacons, Trustees,  
Deaconess and Ministry Leaders

Our First Leadership Training for 2011 is  
Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup> – 7:00pm  
Saturday, January 8<sup>th</sup> – 9:00am

## Guest Facilitators:

Rev. Dr. William D. Watley  
St. James AME Church  
Newark, NJ

Rev. Dr. Harold A. Carter, Sr.  
New Shiloh Baptist Church  
Baltimore, MD

“Practicing Christian Leadership Principles”

**MANDATORY** for ALL SLBC Ministry Leaders

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## Married Couples

2011 Couples Weekend

February 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup>

*“Why Did I Get Married?”*

Facilitators: Bishop Dennis and Sis. Dianne Proctor

## Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!! Sunday Mornings At 9:30AM

Class	Instructor(s)	Location
Beginners	Deacon Vivian Clayton / Sister Kendalyn Sumter	305 MLK Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
New Discipleship Class (for Children ages 5-12)	Min. Alesha Clayton	Tuskegee Room  Held 1 <sup>st</sup> and 2 <sup>nd</sup> Sundays only
Primary (Ages 6-8)	I. Sister Pamela Jones	305 MLK Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Junior (Ages 9-11)	I. Deacon Timothy Sumter II. Sister Vernell Oliver	305 MLK Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor 305 MLK Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Youth (12-14) Male	Deacon Gregory Anderson/ Brother Todd Pipkin	305 MLK Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Youth (12-14) Female	Deacon Carolyn Anderson	305 MLK Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Youth (15-19)	Rev. Rohin Beach	305 MLK Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Women	Sister Lisa Clayton	Sanctuary
New Discipleship Class	Deacon Cleophus Pelt Deacon Gregory Anderson Deacon Linton Gaines	Overflow 305 MLK Way 2 <sup>nd</sup> Floor
Men's Bible Study Class	Pastor Clayton	Chapel

**St. Luke Baptist Church**  
**As "A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known!"**

### We Are Striving To Be:

A Christian Church: Jesus Is The Head, We Are The Body. Ephesians 5:23; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-28

A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 2nd Timothy 2:15; James 1:22

A Praying Church: We Pray Without Ceasing. Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 2; 42; Acts 12:5; Luke 18:1

A Spirit Filled Church: We Surrender To the Holy Ghost. Roman 12; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:11-16

A Tithing Church: We Give Back 10% Of All God Gives To Us. Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23 Luke 6:38;  
1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16: 1-2

A Loving Church: We Visit, Care, & Build Up Each Other. John 14:21; John 15:9-13; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13

A Growing Church: We Mature and Bear Good Fruit. Matthew 7:17; John 15:8; Romans 7:4 Galatians 5:22-23

A Prophetic Church: God Breaks Yokes through St. Luke. Isaiah 6:1; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 3:4-9; Luke 4

A Witnessing Church: We Spare No Expense To Win Souls. Matthew 18:11; Luke 15; Acts 1:8 Romans 10:13-15

A Learning Church: We Learn/Teach Bible, History, Etc. Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Proverbs 22: 6; Acts 8:31

A Community Serving Church: We Help People In Need. Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-15; 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:17

A Joyful Church: We Celebrate/Claim Victory. Psalm 100:2; Nehemiah 8:10; 1 Corinthians 15:57

A Working Church: Every Member Works for God. Nehemiah 4:6; John 6:29; John 9:4

A Friendly Church: Gratitude Is Our Attitude: We Love Our Brothers And Sisters As Ourselves. Psalm 150;  
John 15:14; Hebrews 13:1-3



# Happy Birthday to SLBC Disciples Born In The Month of December



3- James Brimley  
LaTonya Miller

16- Jahlil D. Bennett  
Margaret Currie

4- Wilma Brooks  
Nikki T. Johnson

17- Gregory Anderson  
Tysheema Roberts

5- Ella Barber

19- Alim Leverett  
Alkadeem Leverett

6- Karen Brown  
Lorraine L. Clayton

21- Larry D. Gales  
Delores McGill  
Brianna Smith

7- Denise Calhoun

8- Gloria Battle  
Jessie Boyd  
Terry Dickson

22- Mary DeGroat  
Debra D. McCollum  
Lucille Sumter

10- Tareek Hinton  
Grace Rogers

24- Davandre' N. Bailey  
Marion Mitchell

11- James L. Joyner  
Justin Singletary

26- Debra L. Bracey  
Albert B. Buckingham

13- Venice Baldwin

28- Donald Currie  
Briyanah C. Joye-Brown

14- Sheila P. Prescod  
Keyona G. Rogers

30- Pamela E. Haywood

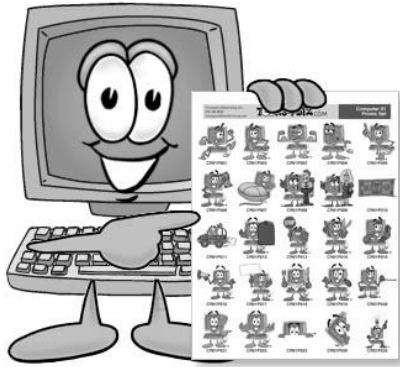


Your SLBC Family celebrates and salutes you as you  
celebrate another year of life.  
Happy Birthday to you and May God's great blessings be yours!

Happy Wedding Anniversary to All SLBC couples who celebrate  
Wedding Anniversaries in this month!



## Computer Classes Are Starting Again!!



Through the St. Luke CDC  
we will be offering  
Computer Literacy Classes.

Registration Forms Are Available Now!!

## Actors, Actresses and Stage Support

Are Needed For Our  
2010 Drama Ministry Christmas  
Production

*"A Baby Changes Everything"*

ALL SLBC disciples are invited  
to participate.



## ATTENTION ALL Parents With Sons Ages 9-17

The SLBC Boot Camp will begin in January 2011.

ALL parents interested in their son participating in this  
mentoring program can attend our  
Introductory Meeting on January 8<sup>th</sup> at 8:00am.

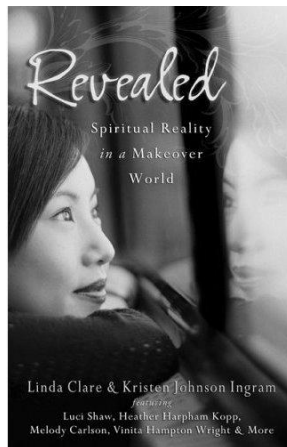


Applications for the SLBC Boot Camp are available in the  
Church Office.



## Attention “Ladies of the Luke”

In November we will start our new Bible Study Book,  
Revealed: Spiritual Reality in a Makeover World.



The book is available in the SLBC Bookstore. The cost of the book is \$14.00.

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### Christmas Creed.

I believe in Jesus Christ and in the beauty of the gospel begun in Bethlehem.

I believe in the one whose spirit glorified a little town; and whose spirit still brings music to persons all over the world, in towns both large and small.

I believe in the one for whom the crowded inn could find no room, and I confess that my heart still sometimes wants to exclude Christ from my life today.

I believe in the one who the rulers of the earth ignored and the proud could never understand; whose life was among common people, whose welcome came from persons of hungry hearts.

I believe in the one who proclaimed the love of God to be invincible:

I believe in the one whose cradle was a mother's arms, whose modest home in Nazareth had love for its only wealth, who looked at persons and made them see what God's love saw in them, who by love brought sinners back to purity, and lifted human weakness up to meet the strength of God.

I confess my ever-lasting need of God: The need of forgiveness for our selfishness and greed, the need of new life for empty souls, the need of love for hearts grown cold.

I believe in God who gives us the best of himself. I believe in Jesus, the son of the living God, born in Bethlehem this night, for me and for the world.

Anonymous

# December Prayer Concerns

## For Our Church:

- That we will become concerned about the lost; praying for lost people to be found and commit to daily witnessing to the lost
- For an increased commitment to Bible Study, Congregational Prayer, Tithing/Sacrificial Giving and service opportunities
- For the success of our new partnership with Felician College

## For Our Pastor and Pastoral Staff:

- For Pastor Clayton's health and safety and that all of our Preachers
- For deeper insight into God's Word
- For greater power in preaching and teaching
- For healthy God honoring relationships with family and friends

## For Our City:

- For a decrease in crime
- For a cleaner and safer city
- For our Mayor, City Council and all leaders
- For our Schools Superintendent and for all city schools

## For Our Nation:

- For President Barak Obama's safety, health and family
- For unity among the nation's political parties for the good of all US citizens

## Operation PRAY!

"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 will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land." -

II Chronicles 7:14

**The Challenge** - To overcome and defeat prayerlessness individually and as a congregation.

**The Goal** - To increase the attendance and participation in **ALL** church sponsored Prayer Gatherings and subsequently empower our church to do "greater works" for the Lord (**MUCH PRAYER=MUCH POWER, LITTLE PRAYER=LITTLE POWER, NO PRAYER=NO POWER**)

**What We Must Do** - **REGULARLY** participate in one of our scheduled Prayer Times

Sunday - 7:00am

Wednesday - 6:00am in the Chapel

-11:30am in the Overflow

-6:45pm in the Sanctuary

**REGULARLY** pray about the printed prayer concerns, weekly prayer emphasis and pray for sick, hospitalized, recovering, college students, relatives in the military, etc.

### NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?

The Prayer Room is open during Church Office hours, on Sundays, and when evening activities are held.

## The Pillars

All things begin and are sustained with a solid foundation. St. Luke's Pillars are **WORSHIP, DISCIPLESHIP, FELLOWSHIP, OUTREACH** and **SERVICE**, which are all supported by the **LOVE** in our hearts, and our commitment to be "A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known!"

## Our Church's Ministry Values

### We Value Scriptural Authority

We believe that the Bible is our all sufficient guide for matters of faith and practice. We seek to do what is Bible based in life and ministry.

### We Value People

We seek to treat all people with respect and dignity. As a church we will not intentionally disrespect anyone in relationships, service, and witnessing efforts. Loving relationships nurture and transform the believer and unbeliever.

### We Value Excellence

We seek to do what we do with a sense of godly pride and excellence. We believe that a job well done should be the norm and not the exception; we believe that each job should be done with our best effort; each gift we give should be our best; every service rendered should be with excellence. Nothing else is worthy of the God we serve. Excellence honors God and inspires people.

### We Value Cultural Relevance

We believe that the gospel should be packaged in forms that are understandable and relatable to targeted audiences. Cultural relevance allows the gospel to be communicated to this present age.

### We Value Spiritual Growth

We believe that spiritual growth and maturity are lifetime processes that we must all engage in to reach our God designed potential and purpose.

### We Value Church Growth

We believe that God expects the church to grow and be healthy quantitatively and qualitatively.

### We Value Spiritual Gifts

We believe that the church functions best when believers function in their areas of giftedness.

### We Value Order

Because God is orderly, we believe that our lives and ministry must and should function with orderliness in all things.

## The Offer of an Eternal Relationship

### Christ's Desire

Christ wants to enter an eternal relationship. He desires to give you satisfying and meaningful life on earth and unending life in heaven after death (John 10:10; John 3:16).

### Our Dilemma

All humans are sinners and our sin prevents us from experiencing the life that Christ desires to give. Unless forgiven, we face eternal separation from God (Romans 3:23; Romans 6:23).

### Christ's Death & Resurrection

Christ died so that you might be forgiven of your sin. He was also resurrected and is now ready to give you the forgiveness and life for which he died. (Romans 5:8; Romans 4:25).

### Your Decision

You can enter an eternal relationship with Christ by believing in him – his death for your sins and resurrection – and surrendering to his leadership in your life (Romans 10:9; Romans 14:9).

**Is there anything hindering you from believing in Christ and surrendering to his leadership today?** If not, pray this prayer: Dear Lord Jesus, I believe you died for my sins and was raised from the dead. Please forgive me and give me an eternal relationship with you. I surrender to your leadership in my life right now. Thank you for saving me!

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### WHAT WE BELIEVE IN

#### The Scriptures

We believe the Scriptures are the divinely inspired and written Word of God.

#### God

We believe that there is only one true and living God who is self-existent and eternal. He is the Creator of all things.

#### Jesus Christ

We believe that Jesus Christ was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, and crucified on a cross for the forgiveness of our sins that He died and was buried that He arose from the grave three days later. He is the only means of salvation.

#### The Holy Spirit

We believe that the Holy Spirit is the third person of the revealed Trinity of God and the teacher of all truth.

#### Salvation

We believe that all who repent of sin and receive by faith Jesus Christ as Savior and Lord become the children of God and have the gift of eternal life with Him.

#### The Church

We believe that the Church is the body of Christian believers who are committed in covenant to worship God and to share the Gospel with unbelievers.

# Message Notes

*"I will delight in your principles and not forget your word."*

*Psalm 119:16*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Preacher/Messenger: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Notes:

How Should This Sermon Influence My Christian Growth and Service?:

Special Points to Consider:

## Our Response To Today's Message

As we are being challenged to be HEARERS and DOERS of the Word, we are being called to a serious response to each message/ sermon that we hear. The following pattern has been designed to encourage each of us to hear the WORD and LIVE IT!!!

### **First, READ**

the sermon text slowly, meditatively and expectantly three times. Allow God's Word to be your primary focus. As you read, listen for God's message to His people both then and for you now. Ask yourself, "What truth is God calling me to learn and live out today?" (5 minutes)

### **Second, REFLECT**

in the scripture. Record your observations. Note those things which stand out, pique your interest or make you wonder. Pay attention to the names of people, places, special events, sequences, repetition, patterns, etc. Note the use of verbs and verb tenses. (10 minutes)

### **Next, RETREAT**

in prayer. Take two or three minutes to share your prayer concerns with God. Then devote the balance of your prayer time to silently and expectantly listening for God's words to you. Record both your prayers and God's response.

### **Finally, RESPOND**

with action! God's answer to prayer almost always calls for a corresponding act on the part of those to whom God has given His Word. As the Lord addresses the prayers you have set before Him, ask yourself, "What is the one thing I will do in light of what I have discovered today?" Record this and commit to carrying it out today.

# The Ministries of St. Luke Baptist Church

Biblical References: 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12  
Romans 12

At St. Luke we believe that ministry is using whatever gifts, talents, skills, and abilities God has given us to serve Him and the needs of others. The ministries of St. Luke seek to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ within our context. Our ministries exist to holistically serve the varying needs of each generation including children, youth, young adults, mature adults, and senior adults.

## MINISTRY OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- \*The Pastoral Staff
- \*Deacons Ministry
- \*Deaconess

## MINISTRY OF WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND ARTS

- \*Music Ministry Staff
- Youth and Teen Choir
- Men's Choir
- Mass Choir
- Young Adult Choir
- The Drama Ministry
- Praise Dancers (Youth and Adults)
- Mime Ministry
- The Acolytes

## MINISTRY OF HELPS AND SERVICES

- Missionaries
- Patricia Tyler Guild
- Floral Ministry
- Nurses Unit
- Church Newsletter – The Chronicle
- Sight and Sound Ministry
- The Follow-Up Ministry
- The Health and Wholeness Ministry
- The Security Ministry
- The Children's Nursery
- Social/Political Action Committee
- Transportation Ministry
- Deaf Ministry
- SLEAT (St. Luke Educational Assistance Team)
- Legal Assistance Ministry
- SOZO HIV/AIDS Ministry
- The SLBC Bookstore
- The College Connection
- The Technology Ministry
- The Oratorical Club

## MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

- Sunday Morning Bible Study
- Wednesday Bible Study (12:00 Noon and 7:30pm)
- Young Adult Bible Study
- Christian Education Institutes (Spring and Fall)
- New Discipleship Class
- Marriage Enrichment Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Help For Hagar (Single Mothers Ministry)
- Children's Ministry – Operation LYNX
- Children's Church
- Youth Ministry – "The Secret Place"
- Council of Ministries

## MINISTRY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- \*Trustees
- \*The Church Office Staff
- \*Discipleship Services

## MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP

- Adult Ushers
- Youth/Young Adult Ushers
- New Disciples Fellowship
- Birthday Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Senior VIP's

## MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM, OUTREACH, AND MISSIONS

- Girl Scouts
- Helping Hand Ministry
- Education/Scholarship Committee
- Public School #6 Partnership – Reading Assistance Program
- \*The Benevolence Ministry
- St. Luke Community Development Center
- SLBC – ASAP (After School Assistance Program)
- "CHRISTHOUSE" Food and Clothing Ministry
- "Reaching for Freedom" Substance Support Group
- Summer Youth Employment Program – "Youth Work"
- Adult Literacy Program
- Kamp Kreative Kidz (Summer Camp)
- SLBC Freedom School

\* Denotes a ministry that you cannot join. Participation in one of these ministries requires a process other than just interest and are not open to the general membership.