

# St. Luke at Worship

Senior Sunday – Sunday, September 19, 2010  
7:30am and 10:30am Worship Celebrations

## From World to Worship...

Praise and Worship.....Please Stand

### The Opening Prayer

#### The Call to Worship

"It is a good thing to give praise to our God; for the Lord inhabits the praise of His people. Praise Him from the rising of the sun, praise Him until the going down of the same; Let everything that has breath praise ye the Lord."

The Hymn of Worship.....Hymn #465 "Jesus Loves Me"

### 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 Youth and Teen Choir

The Morning Message.....Pastor Clayton

#### 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.
- **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

### Wednesday

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

### Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

"This week we are challenged to pray for children of divorced parents; that they will not be torn to pick between parents but learn to love and honor both."

### WELCOME TO Aretha Wright WHO BECAME PART OF OUR FAMILY ON LAST SUNDAY And To

Stacy Arrick, Jr.  
LaQresha Baker  
Carol Dobbins  
Alim Leverett  
Sheila Madison  
Voncile Roberts  
Sonia Taylor  
Galisher Thomas

### WHO RECEIVED THE RIGHT HAND OF FELLOWSHIP ON LAST SUNDAY

#### The Children's Nursery

Today the Children's Nursery is 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

#### Days Open

Tuesday, Thursday and Friday  
At 11:00am

(Excluding the 1<sup>st</sup> Week of Each Month)

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

"All of the advancements of today give us everything to live with and nothing to live for."

# 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 BOTH worship services we celebrate "Senior Sunday."
- Following the 7:30am Worship Service representatives from the Legal Assistance Ministry will be available to answer any basic legal questions in the A.M. Tyler Conference Room.
- Voter Registration will take place after BOTH Worship Services!
- At 4:00pm Pastor Clayton and Congregation will worship with the Rev. Dr. Robert L. Curry and the Mt. Zion Baptist Church of South Hackensack. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing and all Ushers, Nurses and SLBC disciples are invited to share in this service.
- We are yet collecting School Supplies to be donated to children (in need) in our Church, at Public School #6 and other schools in our city. SLBC disciples PLEASE purchase book bags, notebooks, pens, pencils and other supplies to help be a blessing to local children.
- SLBC Disciples born in the months of July, August and September please register for the Birthday Reception to be held on September 26<sup>th</sup>. See Sister Bessie Buffaloe or Sister Marian Watkins following the 7:30am Worship Service, or Sister June Russell or Sister Mary Cook following the 10:30am Worship Service.
- 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.
- Prayer Guides are available at both entrances.
- Attention Men of SLBC deposits/payments are now being accepted for our 2010 Men's Retreat. Secure your space TODAY!
- Back to School Commitments for children and parents are available at both entrances.

## Pick Up Your Tapes and/or T-Shirts!

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

Stacy Arrick  
Galisher Thomas



### 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 following individuals are asked to please stop by the Bookstore and pick up your T-Shirts!

Alberta Boulware  
Jason Hall



# The Week Ahead

Monday, September 20 – Sunday, September 26, 2010

## Monday, September 20, 2010

|         |   |               |
|---------|---|---------------|
| 6:00 PM | New Discipleship Class (Class #7)                   | Chapel        |
| 6:30 PM | Help for Hagar – Single Mothers Ministry will meet. | Founders Hall |
| 6:30 PM | The Sight and Sound Ministry will meet.             | Overflow      |
| 7:00 PM | The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 14-17) will rehearse. | Tuskegee      |

## Tuesday, September 21, 2010

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| 6:00 PM | The Patricia Tyler Guild will meet.                         | A.M. Tyler Conference Room |
| 7:00 PM | The Adult Ushers will meet.                                 | Chapel                     |
| 7:00 PM | The Nurses Unit will meet.                                  | Founders Hall              |
| 7:00 PM | The Men's Choir will rehearse.                              | Overflow                   |
| 7:00 PM | The Pre-Teen, Teen and Boys Dance Ministries will rehearse. | Tuskegee                   |

## Wednesday, September 22, 2010

|            |  |           |
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| 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 will be held. Read Daniel Chapters 5-8.  | Overflow  |
| 6:45 PM    | Evening Prayer Service. The Ministry of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.                               | Sanctuary |
| 7:30 PM    | Adult Bible Study. Please read Acts chapter 21.  | 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, September 23, 2010

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| 5:30 PM | The Education and Scholarship Committee will meet.                               | Chapel        |
| 6:30 PM | SLEAT will meet.   | Chapel        |
| 6:30 PM | Parenting Class  | Founders Hall |
| 7:00 PM | The Men's choir will rehearse.   | Overflow      |
| 7:30 PM | The College Connection will meet.  | Chapel        |
| 9:00 PM | "Determined" our television broadcast airs on Paterson Public Access Channel 75! |               |

## Friday, September 24, 2010

|         |   |           |
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| 5:00 PM | The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 14-17) will rehearse.   | Sanctuary |
| 5:30 PM | The Pre-Teen, Teen and Boys Dance Ministries will rehearse.   | Sanctuary |
| 6:30 PM | The Secret Place (Youth Ministry) will host its annual Back to School Concert. It will be a fun filled time of singing, dancing, giveaways, and more. ALL SLBC disciples are encouraged to come share during this time of fellowship, and bring friends and family. | Sanctuary |

## Saturday, September 25, 2010

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| 10:00 AM | The Deacons and Trustees will meet.                                    | Founders Hall |
| 1:00 PM  | The Hospitality Ministry will meet.                                    | Chapel        |
| 4:00 PM  | The Women's Ministry will host a Book Discussion of <u>The Shack</u> . | Founders Hall |

## Sunday, September 26, 2010

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| 7:00 AM  | Early Morning Prayer  | Sanctuary           |
| 7:30 AM  | Early Morning Worship Service   | Sanctuary           |
| 9:00 AM  | Sunday Bible Study Classes and New Discipleship Classes   | Church Building/305 |
|          | Adult New Discipleship Class (Class #6)   |                     |
|          | Adult New Discipleship Class (Class #7)   |                     |
| 10:30 AM | Mid Morning Worship Service   | Sanctuary           |
| 1:00 PM  | The Birthday Ministry will host the Birthday Reception for SLBC disciples born in the months of July, August and September. | Founders Hall       |
| 1:00 PM  | The Security Ministry will meet. ALL ministry members are expected to be present for this meeting.                          | Overflow            |

# UPCOMING EVENTS

## **Attention SLBC Ministry Leaders:**

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

## **Monday, September 27**

At 3:30pm ASAP (After School Assistance Program) will resume.

\*\*October is NAACP membership month at SLBC. ALL SLBC disciples are asked to renew (or begin) your membership in your local NAACP Branch during this month. Membership envelopes will be available on September and other directions will be made available regarding this announcement.

## **Sunday, October 3**

At 1:00pm Jacksonville will host "St. Luke Sunday" in their Gospel Brunch. ALL SLBC disciples are invited to support this event that will benefit the St. Luke CDC. The donation is \$20.00. Payments can be made in the SLBC Bookstore. Reserve your seat today!

## **Monday, October 4 – Thursday, October 7**

The SLBC family will share in its 2010 Fall Christian Education Institute. Registration brochures are included into today's bulletin. Books for each class are available in the SLBC Bookstore.

## **Sunday, October 10**

At 4:00pm we will celebrate Baptism and Communion. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Milton L. Hendricks and the Faith Baptist Church of Pleasantville, NJ.

### **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



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

Sister Victoria Anderson  
Regency Gardens  
Wayne, NJ

Sister Sarah Flood  
St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Center  
Paterson, NJ

Sister Connie Clayton  
Chestnut Hill Convalescent Center  
Passaic, NJ

Brother Ar buckle Milner  
St. Joseph's Hospital Medical Center  
Paterson, NJ

Sister Edith Croom  
Doctors Subacute Care  
Paterson, NJ

Sister Maxine Randolph  
Preakness Healthcare Center  
Wayne, NJ

Sister Grace Rogers  
Riverview Post Acute Care Center  
Paterson, NJ

## Recovering at Home:

Brother Darrell Bell  
Sister Mabel Biggs  
Sister Pauline Bowie  
Deacon Robert Boyd  
Brother Anthony Clayton  
Brother Peter Daye, Jr.  
Sister Geraldine Elam  
Sister Rosetta Fairley  
Sister Fannie Garris  
Sister Elise Gaston  
Sister Belle Higgs  
Sister Helen Jones

Sister Rose Jones  
Sister Rose Kelley  
Sister Geneva Lancaster  
Sister Louise Levy  
Brother John McClam  
Sister Gina McGowan  
Brother Samuel Mickens  
Brother David Rice  
Brother Johnie Sims  
Sister Mary Sims  
Brother Samuel Taylor

## College Students:

Max Brown  
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

## Our Extended Family:

Herbert Battle  
Pastor R. Lenton Buffaloe  
Marjorie Spencer Campbell  
Tameka Coley  
Cynthia Clyburn  
Noah Daniel  
Julian Duran  
Charles George  
Debra Holt  
Pastor Ronald Johnson  
Leroy McQueen  
Ellis Mickle

Gregory Mitchell  
Lorenzo Motley  
Leon Pittman  
Rev. Robert Pittman  
Weldon Pittman  
Uelysee Scantling  
Denise Simmons  
Michael Simmons  
Mack Simpkins, Jr.  
Crystal Thomas  
Michael Wade

## SLBC Disciples Who Are Unemployed Looking For Work:

Valerie Barnes  
Gail Brown  
Jhia Davis

Erik Lowe  
Lashawn McDuffie  
Cassandra Staton

## SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:

Nicholas 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 in Afghanistan  
Nyree Wilson  
Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

## Deacons of the Week:

Vivian Clayton  
Richard Sumter  
Timothy Sumter

\*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

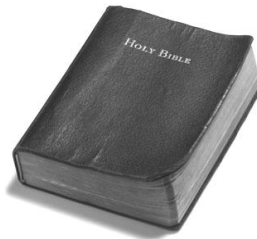


**G**o to God in daily prayer and share in congregational prayer times.

**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:**

#### **Our Pastoral Staff**

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#### **Trustee Ministry**

Richard Cook, Chairman

973-345-4309 Extension 13

#### **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

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Phillip Wilson, Associate Musician

Stanley Sumter, Director

Cynthia Thorne, Director of Youth and Teen Choir

Kendrick Clayton, Percussionist

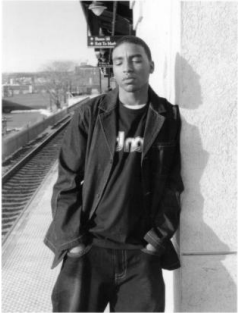
#### **Our Custodial Staff**

Al Fletcher, Chief Custodian

Larry Whitaker, Custodial Staff

# A MESSAGE FROM OUR ASSOCIATE PASTOR

## Innocent



Family,

Like most of you, I spent my Sunday night watching the MTV VMA's. Well, I didn't get to see it from the beginning because I took a few of my little sisters to see *Takers*. All my people told me that I missed a few good things. I started watching around the time Usher performed.

Now, if you watched the VMA's last year then you know that everyone was wondering what would happen when either Taylor Swift or Kanye West hit the stage. The media tried to hype up the beef like it was going to be drama on stage with them two this year. The complete opposite happened and it may have surprised some people. Instead of getting on the microphone and disrespecting one another, the two of them wrote songs addressing last year's drama.

Taylor took the stage and performed a song off of her upcoming album. The song is called *Innocent*. When you listen closely to the lyrics you can tell that the song is addressed to Kanye, but it is a song expressing her forgiveness for him. While, Kanye's red Luis Vuitton sneakers and Usher's performance will always be fresh memories for me, my greatest memory will be a line in Taylor Swift's song. She sings, "Who you are is not what you did." The forgiveness, understanding, and maturity in that one line sums up a person who is at peace with themselves and others.

I do not know if people caught onto the message or not, but the message was very Christ-like. Do you understand that God does not hold everything we do wrong against us? He loves us so much that he provided a way for us to get off the hook for our screw ups. Throughout the gospels He says to repent and start over. In other words, agree that you did God dirty, ask for forgiveness and turn away from what you did. For example, when Jesus met the woman who was caught in bed with a married man He told her that her sins were forgiven and that she needed to stop sinning. Jesus knows that what we find ourselves doing at times is not who we are. Since we have faith in Him, we have become new people with a destiny designed by God. We may fall into old habits, but He speaks to us and says, "Get back up. Who you are is not what you did."

I believe that God still speaks and that He can use anyone to speak through. He used Taylor Swift to remind me that I'm not what I do. I wanted to encourage anyone else reading this to keep your head up and beat yourself up for what God has already forgiven you for.





Love is Love,

Rohin Beach  
Assoc. Pastor to Youth/Young Adults



# Study to show thyself approved unto God. 2 Timothy 2:15

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!

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

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

## Attention Men of SLBC!!

### Calling ALL MEN OF THE CHURCH

### It's Time to "MAN UP"

"As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another." Proverbs 27:17

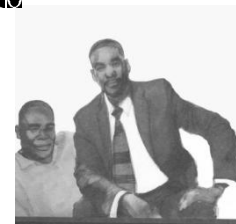
Our 2010 Fall Retreat

Friday, October 29 - Sunday, October 31, 2010

Place: Carroll Retreat Center

Mahwah, NJ

Cost: \$200.00



\$25 Non Refundable Deposit and Payments can be made in the SLBC Bookstore!

# Understanding Tithing

## The Meaning of Stewardship

We live in a society that seems to be devoted to acquiring more and more things. There is nothing wrong with having things to help us to enjoy life, but there is something wrong when we choose to satisfy ourselves and attempt to impress others at the expense of being a good and faithful steward for the Lord. Please remember that stewardship is the evidence that affirms our faith in God and confirms our love for God.

Therefore, let us give in accordance with how the Lord has blessed us.

### 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 grown 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 left-over 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(c)(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)   |



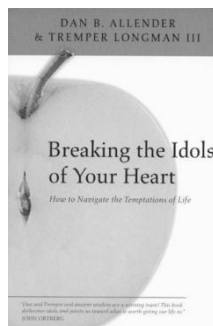
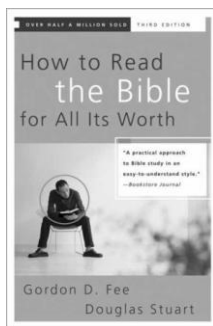
# To Our August Man of the Month Larry Whitaker

We celebrate and salute you for your service to God  
and SLBC.

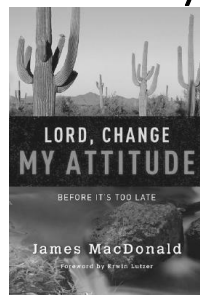
*"Blessed is the man who does not walk in the counsel of the wicked or stand in the way of sinners or sit in the seat of mockers." Psalm 1:1*

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## Books to Read For Our Upcoming Fall Christian Education Institute:



### Young Adult Bible Study:



### Youth Special:

## Friends Without Benefits

WHAT TEENS NEED TO KNOW ABOUT SEX

RON LUCE  
A TEEN MANIA BOOK

ALL books can be purchased in the SLBC Bookstore.

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

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



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| <p>1- Shauntel Lancaster</p> <p>2- Shareta Ward</p> <p>3- Tonya Bracey<br/>Frank Davis, Jr.<br/>Janiah Mitchell<br/>Sharleen Williams</p> <p>4- Jeremy Baldwin<br/>Rebecca Durham<br/>Pamela Mims<br/>Stanley Sumter<br/>Dionne Wade</p> <p>6- Valerie Ingram</p> <p>7- Sandra Beamon<br/>Sandra Purnell</p> <p>8- Nicole Fuller</p> <p>11- Antionette Brevard<br/>Donna Heath</p> <p>12- Laverne Bowman<br/>Bessie Buffaloe<br/>Tyler Charles</p> <p>13- Linda Miller<br/>Corey Wimberly</p> <p>14- <b>Pastor Clayton</b></p> <p>15- Raekwon Frierson<br/>Doris Patterson</p> <p>16- Frances Alston</p> <p>17- Morgan Carter<br/>Dorothy DeLoach<br/>Kayla Gray<br/>Marquetta Scott</p> | <p>18- DaRen Smith<br/>Brittany Smith<br/>Lauren Smith<br/>Kenneth Sumter</p> <p>19- Mary Buckingham</p> <p>20- Renay Jones</p> <p>21- Qawi Hall<br/>Tara Joyner<br/>Shanequa Wilkerson</p> <p>22- Jah'mir Holmes<br/>Linda Whitehead</p> <p>24- Michele Drumright<br/>Mary Gilfort<br/>Germaine Romero</p> <p>25- Shawndaya Ward</p> <p>26- Mary Bachus</p> <p>27- David Boyd<br/>Tatianna Cobb<br/>Deborah Reid<br/>Tyrese Staton<br/>Marian Williams</p> <p>28- Carlton Pope<br/>Voncile Roberts<br/>Jeannette Wallace</p> <p>29- La-Keisha Battle<br/>Latisha Battle<br/>Irene Legin<br/>Lashawn McDuffie<br/>Mitchell Waldrop</p> <p>30- Sharon Henry<br/>Karen Henry<br/>Timothy Holmes, Sr.</p> |
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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!



## SLBC and APA at School 6 In Partnership for the Good of Our Children

In 1997 Pastor Clayton led SLBC into adopting School 6. An official ceremony was held in our sanctuary in February of 1998, thereby renewing a connection that was originated in 1963 by then Pastor, Rev. Dr. A.M. Tyler.

This partnership was initiated to enable SLBC to broaden her outreach in our community (specifically the 4<sup>th</sup> Ward). Through this partnership we have:

- Provided school supplies to students in need first through a “school supply store” at P.S. #6 that was stocked by SLBC and currently through our annual donations that are the result of our generosity in our August School Supply Drive.
- Made our facility open and available to School 6 students and faculty for workshops, meetings and crisis situations.
- Provided stipends for families to purchase school uniforms for their children.
- Provided assistance to families at Thanksgiving (food baskets) and at Christmas (toys for children).
- Through Christhouse we have provided emergency assistance to families in need (clothing and food).
- Hosted “Scholars Luncheons” for children (and their parents) in grades K-8 who have made the honor roll to celebrate and honor academic achievement of the students.
- Developed volunteer readers through the Reading Assistance Program whereby SLBC disciples (retirees, college students, etc.) are scheduled to read in class to students in lower grades to foster and develop literacy skills.

As we prepare for the 2010 – 2011 school year, prayers, support and volunteers are needed to continue this vital partnership and ensure that as we are “Determined to Make Christ Known” that we do so through this endeavor in a consistent and committed manner.



## Attention "Ladies of the Luke"



On Saturday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 4:00pm the Women's Ministry will host a Book Discussion of The Shack. Purchase your copy in the SLBC Bookstore.

### ALSO...

Sunday, October 17, 2010 is **PINK SUNDAY...**

In support and recognition of Breast Cancer Awareness Month the SLBC Women's Ministry is preparing to lead the SLBC family in making a generous financial donation to the American Cancer Society. You can support our efforts by:



- ◆ Wearing something Pink on this Sunday to celebrate the lives of people who have survived Breast Cancer and to honor those who have lost their battle to the disease.
- ◆ Special bookmarks and pins will be sold throughout the entire month \$5.00 for the set.
- ◆ Special t-shirts can be ordered to wear on that Sunday. **PLACE YOUR ORDER TODAY!!** SM-MED-LGE-XLGE \$10.00 XXL and above \$15.00
- ◆ Special "shout-outs" will run on the sanctuary's screen to celebrate a survivor or to remember someone who has lost their battle. The cost for each "shout out" is \$2.00.
- ◆ Our offering for Missions and Benevolence will be designated for American Cancer Society. Please note that **NONE** of these endeavors is a fundraiser for SLBC. **ALL** money is being raised for the fight against Breast Cancer and Breast Cancer Awareness through American Cancer Society, as we remain "Determined to Make Christ Known".

**Note to the Men: REAL MEN WEAR PINK!!**

### AND...

"Save the Dates"

**Friday, November 5<sup>th</sup>**

- Women's Only Worship (WOW) Service – Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Jasmin Sculark

**Saturday, November 6<sup>th</sup>**

- Bridging the Generational Gap – A time to share with our young ladies

**Saturday, December 11<sup>th</sup>**

- Holiday Bazaar

# September Prayer Concerns

## For Our Church:

- That as we come to end of the summer we will be refocused and reenergized about our ministry
- 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)
- Drill Team Ministry
- 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.