

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

The year 2019 has begun and with it will come many challenges. EVERY challenge presented to us is an opportunity for us to put our faith into action and trust God.

Indeed our local community, our nation and our world are faced with formidable challenges and opposition, but our God is greater than them all.



Today, I invite you to join me in renewing your commitment to the power, and purpose of the Lord so that we can be empowered and have every resource we need to engage in ministry that transforms lives and ultimately our city. Transformation is God's desire for us (2nd Corinthians 5:17) and must be the desire of our church.

Changed people, change people; so let's change people!

I love you with all of my love!

Pastor Clayton

Let's stay connected. Become my friend on

 www.facebook.com/kdrclayton; Follow me on  @kdrclayton or on

 @kdrclayton.

St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, January 13, 2019
9:30am Worship Service

From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

The Call to Worship

"Praise the Lord, all ye nations; praise him all ye people. For his merciful kindness is great towards us: and the truth of the Lord endures forever. Praise ye the Lord."

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #93 "He Will Remember Me"

The Affirmation of Unity

"Lord Make Us One"

"Lord make us one as we enter your house. Lord make us one as we open our hearts. Lord make us one as we lift our voices. Give us one faith confirmed in baptism. Give us one love, from heart to heart. Give us one hope as we open your word. Give us one prayer for you are our Father. Give us one song that the angels can't sing. Give us one praise as we lift up your name! Lord make us one, Lord make us one."

The Church In Prayer

The Ministry of Music

Words of Welcome to Our First Time Guests, Returning Visitors, and ALL Gathered in Worship

The Ministry of Music

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 who are already Christians who are 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.

The Offertory Prayer

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Tithing Affirmation

(If you believe in John 3:16 you must also believe in Malachi 3:8-10.)

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 Pastoral Observations

The Benediction

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.*

WELCOME TO ST LUKE!

“Hope Lives Here, Freedom is Found Here, Changed Lives Leave Here...”



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 worship 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. From your visit with us today we hope that you will feel the love of Christ and the sweet fellowship that comes from our love for Him. This is our special way of providing a rewarding and memorable worship experience. Visitors are not expected to give during the 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. God bless you and thank you for your visit with us. If you leave the sanctuary during the preaching moment you will be asked to wait in the overflow until after the message and the Invitation to Christian discipleship has been extended. Thank you for your cooperation as we seek to honor and respect the preaching moment.

TODAY

- At 4:00pm we will celebrate Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Communion). Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter, and the Calvary Baptist Church of Morristown, NJ. 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.
- Pastor Clayton would like to extend Happy Birthday wishes to all who celebrate a birthday this week AND Happy Wedding Anniversary to all couples who may celebrate their wedding anniversary this week!
- 2018 Contribution Request Forms are available at both entrances. Forms must be completely filled out and placed in a Red Box at either entrance.

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When you are unable to be in worship physically, you can worship with us via livestream at <http://831vision.com/Pastor-Kenneth-Clayton/>



The Children's Nursery is open for "King's Kids" during our 9:30am Worship Service for infants to children age 6 in Founders Hall. Parents with infants may view the services via closed circuit TV in the Chapel.



Van Service is available for our Morning Worship Service every Sunday. To secure van service, please call the Church Office at (973) 345-4309 no later than Friday at 4:00pm.

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

Six Ways To Give At SLBC

As a disciple of SLBC, you are encouraged to provide consistent and regular financial support of our ministry by one of the following 6 means:



In Person

With Your Membership Envelope
(On Sunday or During Church Office Hours)



Online

www.stlukebaptist.org
(Anytime)



In Our Bookstore

Using Your Debit Card
(Anytime the Bookstore is Open or During Church Office Hours)



SLBC Mobile App

(Anytime)



Givelify Mobile App

(Anytime)



Mail

St. Luke Baptist Church
139 Carroll Street
Paterson, NJ 07501
Attn: Church Business Administrator

Your regular support and generosity is encouraged and greatly appreciated.



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

11:30am – 12:00noon



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.

How Do I????

As our church by God's grace continues to grow, many times new disciples (as well as longtime disciples) have problems knowing how to contact the church and the church leaders when the need arises. Please govern yourself by the following:



DEATH: Family members of SLBC disciples should contact the Church Office with the news of death as soon as possible. A service of worship and repast will be planned according to the church guidelines for disciples of our congregation. For the relatives of SLBC disciples, an appropriate expression/acknowledgement will be sent as an expression of sympathy. When notifying the church of a relative's death, please have all of the vital information.



WEDDINGS: Couples interested in getting married at SLBC must be SLBC disciples (either prospective bride or groom). The first step is to contact the Church Office to see if the date is available. Couples will then receive a wedding package in the mail which details all of the requirements, fees, etc. Couples being married at SLBC must attend premarital classes. Weddings for persons who are not SLBC disciples are occasionally permitted according to the church's calendar.



HOSPITALIZATION: When a disciple of SLBC is hospitalized our church desires to express our care and concern. If you are unable to call yourself, please have a family member or a hospital staff person contact the Church Office.



APPOINTMENTS: Our Pastor and Staff are available to meet with SLBC disciples BY APPOINTMENT. The office is open daily, but please do not just "show up" and expect to be seen. Please call the office to schedule an appointment. Also remember that Sunday IS NOT the day to schedule an appointment, to discuss or engage in business unrelated to worship.



INFANT DEDICATIONS: Infant dedications are performed as an opportunity for parents to express thanks to God for allowing them to be parents and to consecrate the life of the child and family to Christ and the church. To inquire about a specific date, please call the Church Office.

Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

"This week we are challenged to pray that EVERY SLBC disciple will be COMMITTED to their personal spiritual growth and the spiritual health of SLBC."

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Sometimes you have to say no to something in order to say yes to God."

The Week Ahead

Monday, January 14 – Sunday, January 20, 2019

Monday, January 14, 2019

7:00 AM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
4:00 PM	The Reading Assistance Program	Deacons Room
5:30 PM	D.S. Education Alliance Performing Arts	St. Luke Learning Center
6:00 PM	New Discipleship Class – Class #7	New Discipleship Room

Tuesday, January 15, 2019

11:00 AM	Christhouse is Open	
4:00 PM	The Reading Assistance Program	Deacons Room
6:30 PM	The Youth and Teen Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
7:30 PM	The Paterson Branch NAACP Youth Council will meet.	Chapel

Wednesday, January 16, 2019

6:30 AM	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
11:30 AM	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
12:00 NOON	Noonday Bible Study. Please read Acts chapters 10 and 11.	Overflow
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	Community Computer Lab is Open	305
6:45 PM	Evening Prayer Service. The Adult Ushers of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Adult Bible Study. Please read 1 st John chapter 1:5-10.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 nd Samuel chapter 9 as we continue our current series on David!	Chapel

Thursday, January 17, 2019

11:00 AM	Christhouse is Open	
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	Community Computer Lab is Open	305
6:30 PM	The Youth and Teen Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
9:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Friday, January 18, 2019

7:00 PM	"J.A.M. City" (our Children's Ministry) will meet. ALL children ages 5-12 are invited to be present and bring a friend!	St. Luke Learning Center
7:00 PM	"F.R.E.E. Fridays" (our Youth Ministry) will meet. ALL teens ages 13-18 are invited to be present and bring a friend!	St. Luke Learning Center

Saturday, January 19, 2019

8:30 AM	Women's Prayer Breakfast and Secret Sister Name Exchange	Founders Hall
11:00 AM	Christhouse is Open	
11:00 AM	The Women's Ministry Outreach at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)	
4:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Sunday, January 20, 2019

8:00 AM	Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
8:30 AM	Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes	
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #8 part A	New Discipleship Room
9:30 AM	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	We will host the City-Wide Pre-MLK Service sponsored by the Paterson United Clergy Council. The Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Senior Pastor of the Mt. Pisgah Baptist Church of Brooklyn, NY.	Sanctuary

The Month Ahead

Prayer Leaders:

The following SLBC Ministries are EXPECTED to lead SLBC in prayer in Wednesday evening Prayer Service at 6:45pm assisted by the Deacons of SLBC.

January 23rd – Floral Ministry

January 30th – Missionaries

Monday, January 21, 2019

At 9:30am we will host the MLK Day Service sponsored by the Paterson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc.

Sunday, January 27, 2019

At 3:30pm Pastor and People will worship with the Rev. Dr. Weldon McWilliams, IV and the Christ Temple Baptist Church as they celebrate their Deacons, Deaconess and Trustees Annual Day. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing and ALL Ushers, Nurses and SLBC disciples are invited to share in this service.



Register To Vote

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



Become a Member of the NAACP

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

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 2nd and 4th Sunday
Where: Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room
Time: 8:30am – 9:30am

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



Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

Sunday Mornings at 8:30am

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Beginners	Dea. Vivian Clayton and Sis. Kendalyn Sumter	128 Carroll Street
Primary (ages 6-8)	Sis. Pamela Jones	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Junior (ages 9-11)	Sis. Tiesha Williams	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth Male (ages 12-14)	Bro. Robert Whitehead	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth Female (ages 12-14)	Sis. Gail Allen	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth (ages 15-19)	Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah	Youth Center/269 Fair Street, 2 nd Fl
Young Adult Women (ages 19-35)	Sis. Tiffany Smith	Bryant/Eaton Prayer Room
Women	Dea. Vivian Gaines	Sanctuary
New Discipleship Class	Dea. Gregory Anderson, Linton Gaines, and Cleophus Pelt	New Discipleship Room
Children's New Discipleship Class	Dea. Stacy Arrick, Sr. and Sis. Susan Corbin	Tuskegee Room
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; 1st 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. Romans 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; 1st Corinthians 16: 1-2

A Loving Church: We Visit, Care, & Build Up Each Other. John 14:21; John 15:9-13; 1st 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; 1st John 3:17

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





Please Remember In Your Prayers



Bereaved:

Deacon Vivian Clayton on the death of her nephew and niece
 Sister Jennifer Davis on the death of her aunt
 Brother John Harris on the death of his sister
 Sister Gloria Johnson on the death of her father
 Sister Jennifer Thompson Samuels on the death of her husband Patrick Samuels

Those Hospitalized or In Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Sister Edna Black Doctors Subacute Care Paterson, NJ	Sister Brenda Jackson St. Joseph's Hospital Paterson, NJ	Sister Nellie Reed Atrium at Wayne Care Center Wayne, NJ
Sister Connie Clayton Chestnut Convalescent Center Passaic, NJ	Sister Mae Jones Lakeview Rehabilitation Center Wayne, NJ	Sister Edna Sumter Chilton Memorial Hospital Pompton Plains, NJ
Sister Hattie Haynesworth St. Joseph's Hospital Paterson, NJ	Deacon Jack Moore NJ Veterans Memorial Paramus, NJ	

Those Recovering at Home:

Sister Gloria Battle Sister Jean Battle Sister Mabel Biggs Sister Deonna Davis Brother Peter Daye, Jr. Sister Edith Douglas Sister Wendy Drakeford Sister Constance Harrell Sister Nannie Mae Harrell	Sister Ocie High Sister Anitra Holloway Sister Valerie Ingram Sister Beulah Jackson Sister Damita McClam Sister Debra McCollum Sister Laura Parker Sister Christola Roberts Sister Georgiana Rogers	Sister Stephanie Samuels Sister Rosetta Sims Sister Catherine Smith Sister Mary Stradford Sister Patricia Thompson Sister Cynthia Thorne Sister Miriam Threet Sister Ola Mae Whitaker Sister Marian Williams
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Those In Need of Healing and Strength:

Sister Thwana Bowman Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.	Sister Patricia Myles Sister Edna Sumter	Sister Lucille Sumter Sister Ethel Thomas
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Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:

Edward Fairley Justin Keith Robert Keith Vincent McDuffie	Chamar Myles Kevin Malik Myles Wilmyra Nero	Frederick Simpson Rashad State Denzel Thompson
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Our Deacons of the Week:

Bridget Arrick	Stacy Arrick, Sr.
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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 for directions/details.***



Please Remember In Your Prayers



Our Extended Family:

Marzella Allen

Herman Austin

Michael Beasley

Flora Bryant

Taleisha Chandler

Naomi Coleman

Marcia Cunningham

Julie Daglia

LaToya Gaines

Harrie Graham

Lovey Gray

Josephine Harmon

Chase Hill

Katy Jordan

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney

Otis McKay

Michelle Neves

Sam Orr

Horace Parker

Bernice Rice

Mack Simpkins, Jr.

Glenda Smith

Eula Wormley

Shamika Wormley

Joan Yoblanski

Our College Students:

Daquan Bailey

Shaheed Brimley-Thompson

Briana Fitzgerald

Darrel McDowell

Janiah Mitchell

D'Ijah Newell

Kenneth Sumter

SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:

Mychal Alexander (nephew of Mary Baskerville)

Keon Arrick (son of Stacy and Bridget Arrick)

Jah'mel Ayers (nephew of Sister Cynthia Toppin) who is in Kuwait

Rose Marie Berry (niece of Cleophus Pelt)

Akeem Fraser

Maximillian Johnson (cousin of Antionette Brevard) who is in Japan

Gregory Jones (nephew of Mary Buckingham) who is in Iraq

Emon Z. Morris (nephew of Pamela Haywood) who is in Japan

Javon Riddick (grandson of Mary Wade)

Jiquan Smallwood (grandson of Patricia Smallwood)

Mystic Smith (niece of Tanya Williams)

Kareem Stephen

Jabir Williams

Nyree Wilson

Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Wynn)

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Attention SLBC Disciples...



SLBC Prayer Times

Sunday – 8:00am

Wednesday – 6:30am 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.

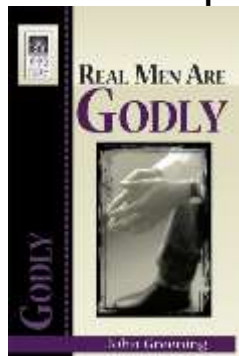
NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?

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

Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC
for
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 8:30am
in the Chapel

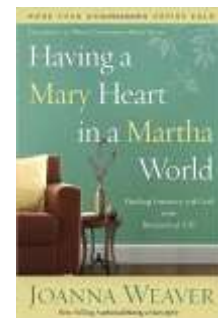


Please purchase the new book in the SLBC Bookstore.

Attention Ladies of the Luke...

Join the SLBC Women's Ministry
for
Women's Bible Study

Saturdays, February 2nd and 9th
9:00am



Read Chapter 10
"Mary's Extravagant Love"

Book is available for purchase in Bookstore.
Cost - \$10.00



St. Luke Baptist Church

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Prayer Line: 973-225-0268

Special Events Line: 973-345-4309 Extension 19

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The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 8:30am-7:00pm to facilitate the needs of our congregation and ministry.

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Kendrick Clayton, Percussionist

Taylor Moore, Percussionist

Jordan Randolph, Organist

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Social Media Outlets...To Stay Connected to SLBC:



Facebook

facebook.com/slbcpat



Facebook for Youth Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYouth



Facebook for Young Adult Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYAM



Facebook for St. Luke CDC

facebook.com/slcdc



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The SLBC App


The SLBC Mobile App Is Now Available For Google and Apple Mobile Devices. Devices include: Androids, iPads, iPods and iPhones



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National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. – www.nationalbaptist.com  facebook.com/nationalbaptistconvention/

United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. – www.umbcnj.org  United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc.

Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

A MESSAGE FROM “REV. AISHA”



Greetings St. Luke Family,

I hope you are all enjoying a great start to the New Year and are excited about what lies ahead. The truth is that there are many among us who have already witnessed great difficulty and tragedy in 2019. We are just 13 days in and there are some who are already wanting a do-over. Unfortunately, the dawn of a new year does not exempt us from pain, problems, and peril. It's quite a disheartening dichotomy when you think about it. In one moment, you can be excited about the new year, and in the next moment you can be hit with something that causes you great pain. That's how life is. It's filled with very high highs and very low lows. Nevertheless, we must remain focused and determined to not lose our faith or give up our hope. God is still good. God is still sovereign. And God still has the final say. Won't you join me in praying for those who might be hurting already in 2019. I believe and I trust God that better days are coming!

Children's, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry Announcements/Reminders

Young Adult Bible Study

All young adults (ages 19-35) are encouraged and invited to attend Young Adult Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Our study and knowledge of God's Word is integral to our spiritual development. We meet in the chapel and we hope to see you there! **Young Adult Bible Study will resume this Wednesday, January 16, 2019.**

Youth Ministry – F.R.E.E. Fridays

All youth, ages 13-18, are welcome to join us for F.R.E.E. Fridays every Friday at 7:00pm (except the 1st Friday of the month). F.R.E.E. Fridays provide an opportunity for our teens to learn more about Christ through relevant and meaningful discussions and activities. Attendees do not have to be members of the church to attend. So, teens can feel free to bring their friends or family members. All sessions are held at the Youth Center at Christ House (269 Fair Street). **F.R.E.E. Fridays will resume on Friday, January 18, 2019.**

Children's Ministry – J.A.M. City

All parents of children, ages 5-12, are invited and encouraged to become a part of our children's ministry, J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) City. J.A.M. City meets EVERY FRIDAY EXCEPT THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH at 7:00pm at the St. Luke Learning Center, 128 Carroll Street. J.A.M. City is dedicated to providing a space where our children can learn about Christ while having fun. The children participate in various learning, recreational, and community service activities...and so much more! Please make sure that your children are a part of our Children's Ministry. Let's work together to ensure that their lives are built on a firm foundation...Jesus Christ. Stay tuned for updates on when our children's ministry will resume its regular schedule. **J.A.M. City will resume on Friday, January 18, 2019.**

Children's Ministry Volunteers

We are in need of volunteers to assist in leading our Children's ministry. Please contact me for more information.

Please contact me for more information on how you and/or your children can become a part of these awesome ministries.

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Rev. Aisha
amtaylor@stlukebaptist.org



ST. LUKE CDC

Restoring Lives, Reviving Hope, Renewing Our Community
139 Carroll Street, Paterson, NJ 07501 ~ www.stlukecdc.org ~ facebook.com/slcdc

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, the 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

* **After School Program (ASAP)**

* **House of Mercy**

(Women's Transitional House)

* **Summer Camp (Kamp Kreative Kidz)**

* **St. Luke CDF Freedom School®**

www.childrensdefense.org



* **Community Computer Lab**

* **Reading Assistance Program (RAP)**

* **Public Speaking Classes**

a) Children's Literacy Initiative

b) Adult Literacy Initiative

*** Community Counseling Center**

Feeling overwhelmed, seeking support, struggling with changing addictive behaviors, suffering from mental health symptoms? Counseling provides a healthy way to address these concerns. Through an integrative approach in individual and group settings we will work to improve coping skills and resilience in dealing with mental health and co-occurring disorder. Call for a consultation or information, please call Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC via phone at (973) 462-2255, via fax at (973) 977-8202 or via email at tharris@stlukebaptist.org.

*** Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center**

If you are interested in volunteering at Christhouse, PLEASE call (973) 345-5300.

We remain thankful to those who support Christhouse with generous food and clothing donations. As we strive to continue this work we solicit your financial support and your donations of the following nonperishable food items:

Pasta	Spaghetti Sauce
Rice	Tuna Fish
Ramen Noodles	Vienna Sausage



as well as clothing in all sizes items for: Men Women Boys
Girls Infants Toddlers



Ways to Give:



Givelify Mobile App

Go to "Charities" and **Select:** Saint Luke CDC

OR

Online at

<http://www.stlukecdc.org/donations.html>

We encourage anyone who may be dealing with substance abuse issues to please check the following website for Narcotics Anonymous Meetings near you:



www.nanj.org

Community Counseling Center

Feeling overwhelmed? Seeking support?

Struggling with changing addictive behaviors?

Suffering from mental health symptoms?

Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC

Licensed Professional Counselor

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305 Broadway
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Paterson, NJ 07501

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Office: (973) 977-8201
Fax: (973) 977-8202



Counseling provides a healthy way to address these concerns. Through an integrative approach in individual and group settings we will work to improve coping skills and resilience in dealing with mental health and co-occurring disorder. Services provided to persons age 18 years and older.

For a consultation or information, please call Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC via phone at (973) 462-2255, via fax at (973) 977-8202 or via email at tharris@stlukebaptist.org.

Attention Parents of SLBC...

"J.A.M. City"

will be in session

Friday, January 18, 2019

at 7:00pm



(ages 5-12)

are invited to be present
and bring a friend!

REMINDER:

"F.R.E.E. Fridays"

will meet

Friday, January 18, 2019

at 7:00pm



ALL TEENS

(ages 13-18)

are invited to be present and bring a friend!

SLBC Will Host
The
**Paterson United Clergy Council
Pre-MLK Worship Service**

Sunday, January 20, 2019
6:00pm

Guest Preacher:



Rev. Dr. Johnny Ray Youngblood, Pastor
Mount Pisgah Baptist Church
Brooklyn, NY

**The Community
Computer Lab**

will reopen
Wednesday, January 16, 2019
5:30pm



Get Ready, Get Fit

Exercise Class
will resume
Monday, February 4, 2019
6:30pm



“Healthiness is a part of WHOLENESS”

Cost - \$5.00 per class

Attention ALL Ladies of the Luke



Kickoff 2019 In Our Secret Sister Name Exchange

Saturday, January 19, 2019
8:30am

Ticket Cost – \$5.00



Guest Preacher:

Rev. Natasha Johnson-Rouse
Pleasant Grove Baptist Church
Newark, NJ

Stewardship of Life

Our Reasonable Service to Church and Community

Romans 12:1; 1st Peter 4:10-11

Why Every Christian Should Tithe

1. We tithe because it is Biblical. The practice of tithing is found in the Old and New Testaments. Malachi 3:10 commands us to *“Bring the whole tithe into the storehouse, that there may be food in my house. Test me in this, says the Lord Almighty, and see if I will not throw open the floodgates of heaven and put out so much blessings that you will not have room enough for it.”* Leviticus 27:30b informs us that the tithe belongs to the Lord and it is holy to the Lord. Matthew 23:23 informs us that the Pharisees and teachers of the law faithfully gave their tithe. However, they neglected the weightier matters of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness. Tithing, justice, mercy and faithfulness go hand-in-hand in our Christian lives.
2. We tithe because of what it will do for the work of God on earth. God owns everything, yet He uses what we give in order to bless others here on earth. God cares for us. He cares about what we do. He cares about the way we live our lives. He cares about whether or not we try to please Him.
3. We tithe because of what it would do for God in Heaven. God has invested Himself in us. God gave us His Son, Jesus Christ, that whosoever believeth in Him shall not perish but have eternal life (John 3:16). Tithing pleases God because it is done in faith. We struggle with tithing because we think we do it all ourselves, not realizing that God is the source of our being.
4. We tithe because of what tithing does for us. God blesses obedience. We cannot outdo God. He waits to bless us. He wants to bless us far more than we want the blessing. God blesses us spiritually and materially when we tithe. Spiritually, there is a true sense of freedom in being obedient unto God’s Word. When we become faithful tithers, there is a sweet release to be experienced that cannot be fully explained to another person. Materially, when we tithe, God blesses the 90% to somehow extend to 100% and more.

St. Luke, let us examine ourselves. Are we serving God as true Christians should? Are we giving our tithe as true Christians should? God Almighty knows our heart and our deeds.

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Why Some Christians Do Not Tithe

There are various reasons why some Christians do not tithe. Below are a few of those reasons:

1. Some Christians do not tithe because they simply have not been taught to do so.

It is important that we understand what God wants us to do.

It is also important that everyone in the family of Christ know what it means to tithe.

Tithe means one-tenth part. Tithing means giving one-tenth to the Lord. God commands each one of us to *“Bring the whole tithe unto Him...”* (Malachi 3:10).

2. Some Christians do not tithe because they have a misunderstanding about the Old and New Testament interpretation of tithing.

If we believe in God’s Word, we do not separate the Old Testament from the New Testament. Tithing began with Abram in the Book of Genesis. Abram realized that God had delivered him from his enemies. He gave God a tenth of everything he had acquired (Genesis 14:20). The principle of tithing continues throughout the New Testament. In Matthew 23:23, Jesus stated to the Pharisees that they gave the tithe on the spices but neglected the more important matter of the law – justice, mercy and faithfulness.

Tithing is not the end but the beginning of giving. As Christians, our goal is to give beyond the tithe. God loves a cheerful giver.

3. Some Christians do not tithe because they do not think they can.

Some Christians may think that they have so many bills to pay that tithing is impossible. For those who think this way, I have one question: Have you tried God to see what happens as a result of being obedient and paying your tithe?

I challenge those who have not made the commitment to tithe to *“Try God.”* God said in His Word that HE would throw open the floodgates of heaven and pour out so much blessings that you would not have room enough for it (Malachi 3:10). Pray to God for assistance in making the commitment to tithe. Ask God to help us all to be obedient and to do His will.

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.