

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

On this weekend, our nation pauses to honor, remember and celebrate the life and ministry of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.

Each year that we worship on this weekend, I remind you of the significance of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s life. He lived and ultimately died for the betterment and equality of all of humanity.

His activism and advocacy were really the ministry assignments that God ordained and anointed him for. He was indeed a prophet who challenged the Pharaoh's of his day to free God's people from oppression, racism, and systemic enslavement. His voice and leadership led the way for so many walls of division and separation to come down. Our world is better because of Martin Luther King, Jr.

As we worship today, I hope that each of us who is serious about being a Christian disciple will be serious about being compassionate and sensitive to the ills and needs of the least, lost, last, and left out. When we do this, we are doing what Jesus did and what Martin Luther King sought to do in his life, as a follower of Jesus. This is real ministry; it is serious and requires sacrifice. I pray that each of us will continue to ensure that SLBC is engaged in ministry of this type. I believe that God is pleased not just when we make noise, but when we make a difference. Let's keep making a difference!

Today in the spirit of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther, King, Jr. we provide monetary gifts of support to several organizations. This is yet another way that we seek to make a difference and "Make Christ Known."

May we continue to work to "let freedom ring!"

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](https://www.instagram.com/kdrclayton) or on [@kdrclayton](https://www.twitter.com/kdrclayton).

St. Luke at Worship

Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Sunday

Sunday, January 15, 2017

7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

The Call to Worship

"I was glad when they said unto me, let us go into the house of the Lord; O magnify the Lord with me let us exalt the Lord's name together, for the Lord is great and greatly to be praised, praise ye the Lord."

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #22 "We're Marching to Zion"

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

**7:30am – Sis. Johnnie Mae Mason
10:50am – Deacon Carolyn Anderson**

The Choral Response

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

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 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.

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

9:45am – 10:45am

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

"This week we are challenged to pray that SLBC will continue to be a congregation that is (like Jesus); one that is compassionate, sensitive and productive in ministry to the needs of the least, lost, left out and left behind."



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.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Every person must decide whether that will walk in the light of creative altruism or in the darkness of destructive selfishness."

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

- Following BOTH worship services voter registration will take place. If you are 18 years of age or older, not registered, recently changed your name or address, PLEASE see a member of the Social/Political Action Committee to (re)register in the foyer.
- During the 10:50am Worship Service as we remember the life of the late Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. we will observe Mission Sunday #1. We will give monetary donations to a number of local organizations that provide a variety of services in our community.
- The United Clergy Council of Paterson will host their Pre-MLK Worship Service at the Seminary Baptist Church (193 Haledon Avenue) where the Rev. Alfred E. Steele is Pastor. Pastor Clayton is asking the entire SLBC family to share in this service.
- Tickets for the Women's Ministry 2017 Kick Off Event – Prayer Breakfast and Secret Sister Reveal can be purchased in the SLBC Bookstore today.
- 2017 Membership Contribution Envelopes are available in Founders Hall. Please pick yours up today.
- 2016 Membership Contribution Statement Forms are now available at BOTH entrances. Completion of this form is THE ONLY ACCEPTED MEANS of requesting and receiving a copy of your 2016 Contribution Statement for tax purposes. Completed forms can be placed in a Red Box at either entrance. We pray for peace, justice, and an end to violence in Paterson, in our nation, and in the world.
- SLBC Ministry Leaders, please check your ministry mailboxes.

**Please be advised that participation in any St. Luke Baptist Church experience grants us permission to respectfully use, reproduce, and/or publish photography, videos or print materials with your name, image, likeness, and/or voice in any/all of our publications and outreach efforts including but not limited to our website, social media outlets, worship, discipleship or evangelism materials without compensation or any other consideration.*



When you are unable to be in worship physically, you can worship with us via ustream at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/st-luke-baptist-church-paterson-nj>



The Children's Nursery is open for "King's Kids" during our 10:50am 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 Sunday Bible Study Class and 10:50am Worship Service every Sunday. To secure van service, please call the Church Office at (973) 345-4309 no later than Friday at 4:00pm.

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, January 16 – Sunday, January 22, 2017

Monday, January 16, 2017 – Martin Luther King, Jr. Day CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED

7:00 AM "Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75
9:30 AM The Paterson Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc. will host their Annual Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Service here at St. Luke. The preacher will be Rev. Aisha M. Taylor. We are all invited to share in this service. Sanctuary
12:00 NOON "Determined" Internet Radio Broadcast on www.wmocradio.net

Tuesday, January 17, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM Christhouse is Open
5:00 PM-7:00 PM St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open 305 Broadway
6:00 PM The Children and Teen Dance Ministries (ages 5-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry will rehearse. Tuskegee Room
6:30 PM The Praise Team will rehearse Overflow
7:00 PM The Young Adult Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend. Overflow
7:00 PM The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry will rehearse. Tuskegee Room

Wednesday, January 18, 2017

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 Luke chapters 19-21 as we study Jesus' Response to Difficult Questions. Overflow
6:00 PM The Children and Teen Dance Ministries (ages 5-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry will rehearse. Tuskegee Room
6:45 PM Evening Prayer Service. The Women of St. Luke will lead us in our time of prayer. Sanctuary
7:30 PM Adult Bible Study. Please read 2nd Peter chapter 1:1-11 as we study "Knowing and Growing." Sanctuary
7:30 PM Young Adult Bible Study will be held. ALL young adults are invited to share in this time of study and fellowship. Chapel

Thursday, January 19, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM Christhouse is Open
5:00 PM-7:00 PM St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open 305 Broadway
6:00 PM The Children and Teen Dance Ministries (ages 5-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry will rehearse. Tuskegee Room
6:30 PM The Scholarship Education/SLEAT Committee will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend. A.M. Tyler Conference Room
6:30 PM The Praise Team will rehearse Overflow
7:00 PM The Young Adult Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend. Overflow
7:00 PM The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry will rehearse. Tuskegee Room
9:00 PM "Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75

Friday, January 20, 2017

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! Youth Center

Saturday, January 21, 2017

8:00 AM The Women's Ministry will host the 2017 Kick Off Event, Prayer Breakfast and Secret Sister Reveal with Guest Preacher, Rev. Natasha Johnson-Rouse of Pleasant Grove Baptist Church of Newark, NJ. Founders Hall
11:00 AM The Paterson NAACP in Partnership with The Department of Veterans Affairs Hosts A Town Hall Meeting and Claims Clinic for Veterans, Service-members and Dependents "Enhancing the Veteran Experience" Sponsored by Disabled American Veterans Argonne Chapter 1 and Lillie Nuble, Director/Newark Regional Office Founders Hall
4:00 PM "Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75

Sunday, January 22, 2017

7:00 AM Early Morning Prayer Sanctuary
7:30 AM Early Morning Worship Service Sanctuary
9:45 AM Sunday Bible Study Classes and New Discipleship Classes
 Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #4 New Discipleship Room
 Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #5 Founders Hall
10:50 AM Morning Worship Service 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 25th – Married and Engaged Couples of SLBC

Saturday, January 28

At 11:00am the Health and Wholeness Ministry will host a Suicide Prevention Workshop, *"Suicide is Not An Option"*. We are all invited to participate in this event.

Saturday, February 4

At 12:00noon the Music Ministry will be doing their Outreach by singing and handing out soup in front of the church.

At 4:00pm the Marriage Enrichment Ministry (for Married and Engaged Couples) in partnership with TR Burns Films and Fight 4 love bring to you the documentary Vertical Love. Following the screening, there will be an up close moment with the producers. Light refreshments will be served. The cost is \$30.00 per couple.

Sunday, February 12

We will observe Heritage Sunday in a United Worship Service at 9:30am. Our Guest Messenger will be Walter Fields, Jr.

At 4:00pm the Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees will celebrate their service to our congregation in conjunction with our observance of the Lord's Supper. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson, Sr. and the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ of New York, NY.



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: 9:45am – 10:45am



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:

Brother Jason Allen on the death of his grandfather
Sister Tiffany Smith on the death of her cousin

Those Hospitalized or In: Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Brother Darrell Bell St. Joseph's Hospital Paterson, NJ	Sister Mary DeGroat Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center Paterson, NJ	Deacon Jack Moore NJ Veterans Memorial Paramus, NJ
Brother Anthony Clayton Morristown Medical Center Morristown, NJ	Sister Beulah Jackson St. Joseph's Hospital Paterson, NJ	Sister Maxine Randolph Preakness Healthcare Center Wayne, NJ
Sister Connie Clayton Chestnut Convalescent Center Passaic, NJ	Sister Mae Jones Advanced Care Center at Wayne Wayne, NJ	Sister Nellie Reed Atrium at Wayne Care Center Wayne, NJ

Those Recovering at Home:

Sister Thelma Arthur	Sister Hattie Haynesworth	Sister Georgiana Rogers
Sister Gloria Battle	Sister Ocie High	Sister Stephanie Samuels
Sister Jean Battle	Sister Rachel Jackson	Sister Doris Smith
Sister Mabel Biggs	Sister Geana Kennedy	Sister Retha Sumter
Sister Edna Black	Sister Geneva Lancaster	Sister Mary Thomas-Carter
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.	Sister Damita McClam	Sister Patricia Thompson
Sister Carol Dobbins	Brother John McKenzie	Sister Cynthia Thorne
Sister Edith Douglas	Sister Vernice Moody	Sister Miriam Threet
Sister Wendy Drakeford	Sister Alia Myles-Holmes	Sister Ola Mae Whitaker
Brother LaMar Gaines	Sister Alice Robinson	Sister Marian Williams

Those In Need of Healing and Strength:

Sister Thwana Bowman	Sister Lanitra Green	Sister Leticia McGuire
Sister Jennifer Foxworth	Brother Malinque Haskins	

Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:

Kenneth Brogsdale	Kevin Malik Myles	Frederick Simpson
Gary Davis	Chamar Myles	Rashad State
Rev. Edward Fairley	Wilmyra Nero	Denzel Thompson
Justin Keith		

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:

Mazie Blackmon
Naomi Coleman
Rev. Ronnie Faison
Tom Farrar

Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham
Johnny Hyatt
Mack Simpkins, Jr.

Johnnie Sims, Jr.
Glenda Smith
Ruth Smith

Our College Students:

Jahlil Bennett
Dahmir Blackwell
Shaheed Brimley-Thompson
Kendrick Clayton
Kenneth Clayton

Ebony Gilchrist
Zhanina Gladden
Chaniya Hill
Keiara Lewis
Darius McDowell

Janiah Mitchell
Dominic Osioyibo
Maia Pipkin
Tysheema Roberts
Da'Wan Wade

SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:

Mychal Alexander (nephew of Mary Baskerville) who is in South Korea
Keon Arrick
Rose Marie Berry (niece of Cleophus Pelt)
Akeem Fraser
Ronald Hinton (brother of Darnetta and Davon Roberts)
Maximillian Johnson (cousin of Antionette Brevard) who is in Japan
Gregory Jones (nephew of Mary Buckingham) who is in Iraq
Javon Riddick (grandson of Mary Wade)
RJ Roberts
Mystic Smith (niece of Tanya Williams)
Kareem Stephen
Nyree Wilson
Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

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Attention "Ladies of the Luke"

Save The Date(s)

Saturday, January 21, 2017
8:00am

Our 2017 Kickoff Event
will be our
**Women's Prayer Breakfast
and Secret Sister Reveal**



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

Ticket Cost - \$5.00

Tickets can be purchased in the Bookstore.



Saturday, March 11, 2017
1:00pm

"Sister to Sister Chat"

With Special Guests
Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown
and
Rev. Dr. Marilyn M. Harris



JOIN US

Mothers, daughters, sisters, and grandmothers for this fun-filled afternoon discussion from "one generation to another."

Sign Up in the Bookstore.



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Sherry Ward

The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-7:00pm to facilitate the needs of our congregation and ministry. To contact a member of the Church Staff, please use the above-mentioned information.

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 CDC

facebook.com/slcdc

 Twitter

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



SLBC Newsletter

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St. Luke Is a Member of and Supports:

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National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. – www.nationalbaptist.com

Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

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



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A MESSAGE FROM "REV. AISHA"



Greetings St. Luke Family,

I trust you've all had a blessed week. Despite any challenges you may have faced, the fact that you're reading this means that God kept you! I'm so thankful to be alive and well. Even greater, I'm thankful to be God's child. The blessed assurance that I never have to face anything in this world alone gives me an immense confidence.

We are just a few days away from a change that most of us are not looking forward to. While we hate to see President Obama leave office, we must not lose hope or faith in God's sovereign power. Honestly, that's the only thing that is keeping me from being very depressed about the fate of our country. The fact that I KNOW that God is in control and has the final say gives me just enough peace to press on.

I encourage you today to put your trust and your hope in God and God alone. We've seen firsthand that we can't trust the government or some politicians. We know that we can't always trust our friends or even our family. But we do know that we can trust in the one who knows all, sees all, and controls all. And as far as I'm concerned, placing my trust in God is always the best choice. As the old folks used to say, "He's never failed me yet."

Children, 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!

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. All sessions are held at the Youth Center at Christ House (269 Fair Street).

F.R.E.E. Fridays will meet on January 20th and 27th. Please note the new start time of 7:00pm!

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 now 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. **J.A.M. City will meet on January 20th.**

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 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



*** St. Luke CDC Computer Lab**

***The Re-Entry Program**

Services provided to aid incarcerated individuals who are released from jail to re-acclimate themselves into society.

*** The Literacy Projects**

- a) Computer Literacy
- b) Children's Literacy
- c) Adult Literacy

*** Counseling Services**

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) 977-8201, 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.

For the week of Monday, January 2nd – Saturday, January 7th Christhouse served 131 individuals!

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:

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| 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 (Anytime)
Select: Saint Luke CDC



OR

Online at
<http://www.stlukebaptist.org/st-luke-cdc.html>

To find out more about the St. Luke CDC, please contact Antoinette Brevard at (973) 345-4309 ext 27, go to the St. Luke CDC link on the St. Luke website www.stlukebaptist.org, or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/slcdc](https://www.facebook.com/slcdc).

Tithing Calculator

Weekly Income	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%
\$100	\$10	\$11	\$12	\$13	\$14	\$15
\$150	15	16.50	18	19.50	21	22.50
\$200	20	22.00	24	26.00	28	30.00
\$250	25	27.50	30	32.50	35	37.50
\$300	30	33.00	36	39.00	42	45.00
\$350	35	38.50	42	45.50	49	52.50
\$400	40	44.00	48	52.00	56	60.00
\$450	45	49.50	54	58.50	63	67.50
\$500	50	55.00	60	65.00	70	75.00
\$550	55	60.50	66	71.50	77	82.50
\$600	60	66.00	72	78.00	84	90.00
\$650	65	71.50	78	84.50	91	97.50
\$700	70	77.00	84	91.00	98	105.00
\$750	75	82.50	90	97.50	105	112.50
\$800	80	88.00	96	104.00	112	120.00
\$850	85	93.50	102	110.50	119	127.50
\$900	90	99.00	108	117.00	126	135.00
\$950	95	104.50	114	123.50	133	142.50
\$1,000	100	110.00	120	130.00	140	150.00
\$1,050	105	115.50	126	136.50	147	157.50
\$1,100	110	121.00	132	143.00	154	165.00
\$1,150	115	126.50	138	149.50	161	172.50
\$1,200	120	132.00	144	156.00	168	180.00
\$1,250	125	137.50	150	162.50	175	187.50
\$1,300	130	143.00	156	169.00	182	195.00
\$1,350	135	148.50	162	175.50	189	202.50
\$1,400	140	154.00	168	182.00	196	210.00

The Tithing Calculator is posted to help us better understand and determine what an actual tithe (or Tenth) is based on our income.

Christian disciples who obey the Word of God, tithe in response to the Lord’s command, in light of the Lord’s graciousness and also to ensure that the local congregation has all that she needs to do ministry that honors the Lord, equips individuals and to build a wholesome Christian community. (Malachi 3:8-10)

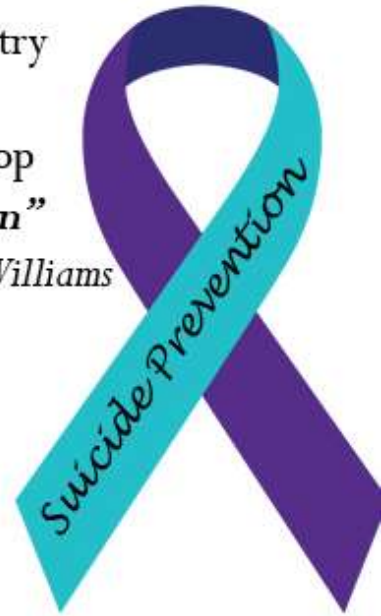
If you are not yet a committed part of our “tithing community” we encourage you to prayerfully trust God today, pray and begin surrendering your life to His will in this and every area of your life.

Let the words of Jesus become real and evident in your life according to Matthew 6:33, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

You cannot believe in John 3:16 and NOT believe in Malachi 3:8-10!



Health and Wholeness Ministry
Hosts A
Suicide Prevention Workshop
"Suicide is Not An Option"
Being Hosted in memory of Jareese Williams



Saturday, January 28, 2017
11:00am

Life can be stressful. Even people of faith can sometimes be tested and challenged by life's issues.

Come and learn:

1. How to cope
2. Signs of depression
3. How to live after a loved one has committed suicide

This and other information will be discussed. Plan now to come and bring a friend.
Open to anyone.

St. Luke CDC Is Proud To Announce Counseling Services Available To The Community

Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC
Licensed Professional Counselor
tharris@stlukebaptist.org

305 Broadway
(Martin Luther King Way)
Paterson, NJ 07501

Office: (973) 977-8201
Cell: (973) 462-2255
Fax: (973) 977-8202

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. Services provided to persons age 18 years and older.

For a consultation or information, please call Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC via phone at (973) 977-8201, via fax at (973) 977-8202 or via email at tharris@stlukebaptist.org.

Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

Sunday Mornings At 9:45 AM

Class	Instructor(s)	Location
Beginners	Deacon Vivian Clayton/ Sister Kendalyn Sumter	128 Carroll Street
Primary (Ages 6-8)	Sister Pamela Jones	128 Carroll Street 2nd Floor
Junior (Ages 9-11)	Sister Tiesha Williams	128 Carroll Street 2nd Floor
Youth (12-14) Male	Brother Robert Whitehead	128 Carroll Street 2nd Floor
Youth (12-14) Female		128 Carroll Street 2nd Floor
Youth (15-19)	Rev. Aisha Taylor	269 Fair Street/Youth Center 2nd Floor
Young Adult Women (19-35)	Sister Tiffany Smith	Bryant/Eaton Prayer Room
Women	Deacon Vivian Gaines	Sanctuary
New Discipleship Class	Deacon Cleophus Pelt Deacon Gregory Anderson Deacon Linton Gaines	New Discipleship Office Founders Hall
Children's New Discipleship Class	Brother Stacy Arrick, Sr. Sister 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. 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; 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; 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

Our 2017 Challenge

Becoming A G R E A T Church

Growing In Discipleship – “Our Maturity”
(Through Study, Prayer, and Stewardship)

Reaching Souls for Christ – “Our Witness”

Excelling In Ministry – “Our Service”

Authentic in Worship – “Our Praise”

Tue Team in Spirit – “Our Unity”

As we strive to become a GREAT Church, each of us should be challenged to **GROW** together!

Go to God in prayer; **R**ead our Bibles; **O**bey the Word; **W**itness to nonbelievers

Let's Become Great in Order to Grow



Stewardship Reflection

THE SPIRITUAL BASIS FOR TITHING

By the Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings..."

Bring ye all of the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

Some word needs to be said about my personal experience with tithing. The truth is, that I stumbled into the practice of tithing. As a senior at Virginia Union University, I arbitrarily decided to give the Lord ten percent of whatever I earned. Since the Lord had been good to me, I reasoned that it was the least I could do in the midst of raising hell and sowing wild oats.

When the Lord turned me around from the pursuit of medicine and I opted to return to Virginia Union to attend the Graduate School of Religion, it was then that I discovered the Scriptural basis for tithing. In my early ministry, I was profoundly influenced by that great spirit now departed, Vernon T. Johns, who called to my attention that Jesus said twenty times more about money and possessions than he did about eternal life. I have never looked back.

It would seem strange indeed, if God who has given us at such tremendous cost the great plan of redemption, *and* established the Church to carry out that plan, had left the church without any clear method of its advancement in the world. The Great Commission carried with its command the means by which the command is made possible. If the Kingdom of God is to come on earth, there is no such thing as "easy money."

It was not too many years ago, that the subject of tithing could draw a lot of tire and criticism in any gathering of Black Christians. However, I have observed in the last dozens of years, a quantum leap in clergy ranks with a positive tilt toward the Biblical tradition of paying the tithe. Some few unbelievers still remain, but they are "closet enemies" of tithing. Most enlightened minds agree that God does not require less of New Testament Christians than he did of the house of Israel. For those who may have some apprehension as to whether the tithe is a New Testament provision, you might consider that there is no better yardstick by which a person can measure his financial obligations to his Lord and Master than the tithe; under the New Testament standard, our all belongs to God.

What is the stance of the professing Christian? If one subscribes to Bible-based belief and practice, there is no alternative to tithing. Check your concordance. There are numerous references to the tithe and strong admonition to tithe. The books of Leviticus, Deuteronomy and Numbers are replete with explicit and implicit references to the practice of tithing. It was a common practice in Judaism in certain years to pay *three* tithes. For those who protest that tithing is an *Old Testament* practice, we must be reminded that Jesus was a practicing Jew, a Nazirite at that, which certainly included the practice of tithing. The reader may recall that when Jesus delivered his most scathing rebuke against the scribes and the Pharisees, he said "...you tithe, mint anise and cumin..." – herbs used for seasoning. His point was that they were so meticulous about the scruples of the Law that they paid the tenth of the value of cooking herbs. That rebuke is followed immediately by his pronouncement, "...these things ye ought to have done...!" That's a New Testament prescription for tithing. Do not overlook the incident that precipitated the death of Ananias and Sapphira for lying about the proceeds of the sale of their goods in the early Church.

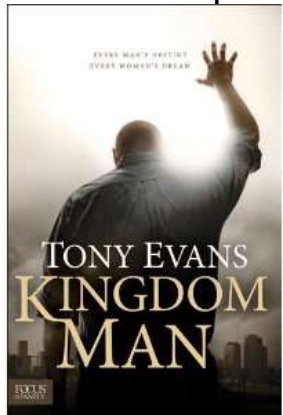


Attention SLBC Disciples...

Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC
for
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am
In the Chapel



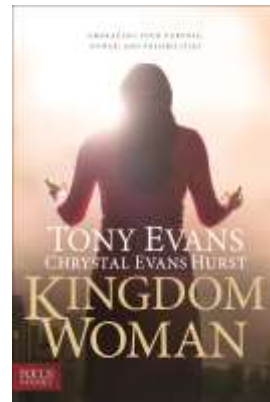
Read Chapter 12

"A Kingdom Man and His Personal Life"

Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, February 4th and 11th
9:00am



Read Chapter 10

"A Kingdom Woman and Her Family Life"
(pages 163-168)

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 - 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.

The Marriage Enrichment Ministry of SLBC
(for Married and Engaged Couples)

In Partnership With
TR Burns Films and Fight 4 love
Bring to You the Documentary



Vertical Love features:

Real Stories, Real Solutions from Over 20 Couples, Lawyers and Counselors
Questions and Answers on Sex, Love, Divorce, Faith, Balance,
But Most of All how to Fight 4 Love

RESCHEDULED: SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4, 2017

4:00PM-8:00PM
FOUNDERS HALL

\$30.00 PER COUPLE

FOLLOWING THE SCREENING,
THERE WILL BE AN UP CLOSE MOMENT WITH THE PRODUCERS.

LIGHT REFRESHMENTS WILL BE SERVED

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.