

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

It is now the last Sunday of the first month of 2017. It is a good time to review your (our) activities over the month and assess our patterns and practices. A quick and honest assessment will show us clearly what we are committed to and what is important to us.

It takes no effort at all to express, announce, or articulate a love for the Lord. A verbal expression, no matter how passionately it is made or declared, is simply a bunch of words. All of us have heard the statement, "actions speak louder than words." I hope that you are verbalizing a love for the Lord, but my earnest prayer is that each of us is learning to act in ways that demonstrate and evidence authentic surrender that leads to a loving obedience to the Lord and His will for our lives.

In John 14:15 Jesus said, "If you love me keep my commandments." In John 14:23 Jesus says, "Anyone who loves will obey my teaching..." Jesus makes it clear that a verbalized love for Him becomes visibly evidenced in our OBEDIENCE to His Word. If each of us as disciples of Jesus Christ consistently practices faithful obedience to the Lord and to His Word, then our lives individually and collectively will begin to reflect the priorities, perspectives, and practices of the Lord. This is God's will for us and this is the result of one who sincerely commits themselves to growing in their faith through study, prayer, service, and stewardship.

It is my sincere hope that all who claim to love the Lord and are a part of SLBC will not merely express love with our words, but may our walk with the Lord evidence a lifestyle of faithful and committed obedience.

Obedient disciples, who work to make their local congregation obedient in her ministry, are people who the Lord will mightily use to transform lives and turn the world upside down! May St. Luke Church become such a congregation, filled with such disciples.

To this end we labor!

Please know that today and always, I love you MUCH, MADLY, and ALWAYS!

Pastor Clayton

Let's stay connected. Become my friend on [www.facebook.com/kdrclayton](https://www.facebook.com/kdrclayton); Follow me on [Twitter](#) @kdrclayton or on [Instagram](#) @kdrclayton.

# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, January 29, 2017

7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

## Worship Leaders

7:30am – Iyonna Bush    10:50am – Antonio Gee

## From World to Worship...

### MORNING PRAISE

**PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD**

### The Call to Worship

*"This is the day that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it; oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt the Lord's name together. Praise ye the Lord."*

### The Hymn of Worship

**Hymn #249 "My God Is Real"**

### 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 – Marqweesha Guthrie**

**10:50am – Ravon Stewart-Buffaloe**

### The Choral Response

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

**7:30am – Brandon Davis**

**10:50am – Honesti Anderson**

### The Ministry of Music

**The Praise Team and The Young Adult Choir**

### The Morning Message

**Rev. Aisha M. Taylor**

### 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](http://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 EVERY SLBC disciple will be committed to witnessing to unsaved/unchurched family members and friends."

## The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Jayden Rowe  
Jamier Samuels  
Jermaine Samuels  
Diane Stucks

## Who Made a Decision for Christ on Last Sunday!



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

"God is not a secret to be kept."

# 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

- In BOTH worship services our Associate Minister, Rev. Aisha Taylor will preach. Let us pray with and for her as she preaches God's Word today.
- All St. Luke scholarship recipients must complete the Education Renewal Scholarship Certification by February 6<sup>th</sup> in order to receive the second half of the scholarship award. Submit your form to the church office. Forms are available at the church entrances
- 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.

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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 30 – Sunday, February 5, 2017

### Monday, January 30, 2017

<b>7:00 AM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	"Determined" Internet Radio Broadcast on <a href="http://www.wmocradio.net">www.wmocradio.net</a>	
<b>6:00 PM</b>	New Discipleship Class – Class #8 part B	New Discipleship Class Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Exercise Class	Founders Hall

### Tuesday, January 31, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:00 PM-7:00 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway Tuskegee Room
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Music Ministry Leaders will meet	Overflow
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Youth and Teen Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

### Wednesday, February 1, 2017

<b>6:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	The Senior VIP's will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:45 PM</b>	Evening Prayer Service. The Adult Ushers of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter chapter 1:1-11 as we study "Knowing and Growing."	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. ALL young adults are invited to share in this time of study and fellowship.	Chapel

### Thursday, February 2, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:00 PM-7:00 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway Overflow
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Youth and Teen Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	
<b>9:00 PM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Friday, February 3, 2017

<b>7:00 PM</b>	"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
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Young Adult Ministry will gather for their First Friday Fellowship. We will be sharing with the residents at Lakeview Rehabilitation Center in Wayne, NJ and then heading over for food and fellowship at the Taphouse Grill. Young Adults who would like to participate, please sign up in the bookstore today if you are interested in joining us.	

### Saturday, February 4, 2017

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Women's Bible Study - Read Chapter 11, " <i>A Kingdom Woman and Her Church</i> " (pages 169-186)	Chapel
<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	The Music Ministry will be engaged in community outreach by singing and distributing soup in front of the church.	
<b>3:00 PM</b>	The Missionaries and Patricia Tyler Guild's Monthly Outreach at Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center in Paterson	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	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.	Founders Hall
<b>4:00 PM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Sunday, February 5, 2017

<b>7:00 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
<b>9:45 AM</b>	Sunday Bible Study Classes and New Discipleship Classes	
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #1	New Discipleship Room
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #2	Founders Hall
	Children's New Discipleship Class – Class #1	
<b>10:50 AM</b>	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
<b>1:00 PM</b>	The Youth/Young Adult Ushers will meet. ALL ushers are asked to be present. Any youth or young adults interested in ushering are asked to be present.	Chapel

# 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.

**February 8<sup>th</sup>** – Hospitality Ministry

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Missionaries

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** – Floral Ministry

*In the month of February we will continue our tradition of supporting HBCU's (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). As we give our tithes and offerings throughout the month of February, we are asked to also give on the line for Missions and Benevolence in support of this effort. This year we will be supporting the following colleges/universities:*

1. **Fisk University (Ranked #8)**
2. **Johnson C. Smith University (Ranked #15)**
3. **Delaware State University**
4. **Meharry Medical School**

## **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.

## **Tuesday, February 21 – Thursday, February 23**

At 7:00pm each evening the Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ will convene in its 2017 Semi-Annual Session at the Serenity Baptist Church of Paterson.

## **March 1 – Ash Wednesday**

We will begin our 2017 Lenten Journey! From 6:00am – 6:00pm we will participate in a Church-Wide Fast. At 6:00pm we will break the fast in Founders Hall and at 7:00pm we will share in Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Raquel S. Lettsome. Let us all look forward to this evening of worship and to our 2017 Lenten Journey.



### **Register To Vote**

Every 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> 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:**

Sister Irene Legin and Sister Maggie Ligon on the death of their cousin

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

Brother Darrell Bell Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center Paterson, NJ	Sister Beulah Jackson Care One at Wayne Wayne, NJ	Deacon Jack Moore NJ Veterans Memorial Paramus, NJ
Brother Anthony Clayton Maple Glen Center Fair Lawn, NJ	Brother Jamal Jones Hackensack University Medical Center Hackensack, 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
Sister Mary DeGroat Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center Paterson, NJ		

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

Sister Thelma Arthur	Sister Ocie High	Sister Stephanie Samuels
Sister Gloria Battle	Sister Rachel Jackson	Sister Doris Smith
Sister Jean Battle	Sister Geana Kennedy	Sister Retha Sumter
Sister Mabel Biggs	Sister Geneva Lancaster	Sister Mary Thomas-Carter
Sister Edna Black	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
Sister Hattie Haynesworth	Sister Georgiana Rogers	

## **Those In Need of Healing and Strength:**

Sister Thwana Bowman	Sister Jennifer Foxworth	Brother Malinque Haskins
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.	Sister Lanitra Green	Sister Leticia McGuire

## **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:**

David Boyd	Charlie Jackson	Argentina Mallory
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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:**

Michael Beasley  
Mazie Blackmon  
Naomi Coleman  
Rev. Diane Faison

Rev. Ronnie Faison  
Thomas Farrar  
Sherry Foster  
Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham

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 Dates!!!

## March Sunday Morning Bible Study

*(For Women)*



### "Hidden Figures"

with Guest Instructor  
Rev. Thurselle Watts

**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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### Ministers to The World: The Congregation

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Taylor Moore, Percussionist

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Stanley DeVore

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 for Youth Ministry



Facebook for Young Adult Ministry



Facebook for CDC



Twitter



Instagram

[facebook.com/slbcpat](http://facebook.com/slbcpat)

[facebook.com/SLBCYouth](http://facebook.com/SLBCYouth)

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#### SLBC Newsletter

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Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention – [www.lottcarey.org](http://www.lottcarey.org)

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. – [www.nationalbaptist.com](http://www.nationalbaptist.com)

United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. – [www.umbcnj.org](http://www.umbcnj.org)

Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.



United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc.

# A MESSAGE FROM “REV. AISHA”



Greetings St. Luke Family,

I trust you've all had a blessed week and are looking forward to the week ahead. This is a very interesting time to be alive in America. With all the political unrest at the forefront of our media, it is very easy to become distracted and lose sight of the things that matter most. It is paramount that we keep our focus on our faith. Our faith compels us to trust in the power of God and not in the power of man.

During a conversation with our teens last week, we talked about the current political state of our nation and how the country's new leadership could impact them right now. I encouraged them to become involved in activism and politics now, rather than waiting until they were eligible to vote. We must engage our youth early on in the issues that affect us all. Their involvement in the civil process is integral to us ever seeing the positive changes that we need and hope for in our society.

## **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!

### **First Friday Fellowship – Work Hard. Play Hard.**

Our next Young Adult Ministry First Friday Fellowship will be on Friday, February 3<sup>rd</sup>. We will be sharing with the residents at Lakeview Rehabilitation Center in Wayne, NJ at 6:30pm and then heading over to have some food and fellowship at the Taphouse Grill. Please sign up in the bookstore today if you are interested in joining us.

### **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 1<sup>st</sup> 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 again on February 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 February 3<sup>rd</sup>, 10<sup>th</sup>, and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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](mailto: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](http://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**

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### **\* Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center**

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

**For the week of Monday, January 16<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, January 21<sup>st</sup> Christhouse served 212 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:

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 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](http://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!**

# The Jewels Mentoring Ministry will meet

Saturday, February 18, 2017

9:30am – Continental breakfast

10:00am – Monthly meeting

Location: Youth Center

ALL young ladies ages 9-17 are welcome!

Join us as we learn why Jewels  
are "*fearfully and wonderfully made!*"

Discussion topic:

***"What Do You Believe?"***

What do you believe about God? What do you believe about yourself?  
We will talk about these topics and much more!

For more information, please call the church office at 973-345-4309  
or email [tiffylsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffylsmith@yahoo.com).

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

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## Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

### Sunday Mornings At 9:45 AM

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

**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

# Our 2017 Challenge

## Becoming A G R E A T Church

**G**rowing In Discipleship – “Our Maturity”  
(Through Study, Prayer, and Stewardship)

**R**eaching Souls for Christ – “Our Witness”

**E**xcelling In Ministry – “Our Service”

**A**uthentic in Worship – “Our Praise”

**T**ue Team in Spirit – “Our Unity”

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

**G**o 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..." (Malachi 3:8)*

*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." (Malachi 3:10)*

The preacher is the starting point. Let the preacher get the conviction in his or her soul that it is his or her duty to teach, preach and practice tithing. It must be more than intellectual assessment. Do not go halting, half-defeated into a tithing campaign. If you start with the notion that it will do no harm to try and then fail, *it will do great harm*. A preacher/pastor must vow before God that the congregation will be led into a greater life. They shall be called from stinginess, selfishness and indifference to meaningful service for Jesus Christ. Only with fire in your soul can you forge convictions in the souls of people.

There must be some clear-cut preaching on the subject. Would you believe that there are still some preachers around who believe in the tithe but do not have sufficient conviction to preach a tithing sermon? One sermon will not do. There should be many of them. It must be remembered that the main thrust of the sermon is not finance but to win men and women from greed and acquisitiveness to a higher spiritual life!

The pastor should have faith in his or her people. You have a right to believe that many of your folk will respond to the tithing challenge. The first clear, strong sermon will bring results. You will not be disappointed. Most Christians, at heart, desire to do the right thing. In fact, most church members do about as much as they are taught. The church that is carefully, wisely and systematically taught tithing, will become a tithing church.

The launching pad of faith is the Christian's belief that everything belongs to God. We are trustees, not owners. We have been bought with a price, thus the Christian cannot give a tithe. You may *pay* the tithe and give an offering. At bottom, to tithe or not to tithe is a matter of trust. Some Christians mistakenly believe tithing is financial; that is error. Tithing is theological. If one does not develop the proper relationship between our resources and God, we will never develop the capacity to perform the deeper things of the spirit. If one is narrow and stingy with God, that person will never have the grace to forgive someone who has inflicted injury upon their lives. Tithing is not about money; it has to do with the posture of the soul. If I submit my life to the tithing principle, will I trust God enough to provide raiment, shelter and food? And if He doesn't will I trust Him anyway?

If you try to reason your way to the tithing principle, you shall utterly fail. Tithing is a decision of the heart, not the head. If God's got your heart, he can get your money; and conversely, if God doesn't have your money, He doesn't have your heart.

To tithe is not fundamentally about money. That is why I try to be precise and say "commit your life to the tithing principle." Tithing is a life-principle. When a person is challenged to become a tither, that person is only being asked to establish as a life-principle *the habit of putting God first!* This leap of faith produces the tithe but only as a by-product; vastly more important is that it gets the *tither*.

There is a corollary truth; commitment to the tithing principle teaches us to recognize God's ownership. God owns the property, the land, the money, the income, investment portfolios, tax sheltered annuities, etc. Just a few years ago I heard Mahalia Jackson singing, "He's God the Whole World in His Hands". If a Christian recognizes God's ownership of the tithe, he will recognize God's ownership of all. Paying the tithe then moves to a high, spiritual plane. Tithing then becomes an act of worship. If worship is self-giving to God as Leewin Williams has said, then it follows that a person's money is a part of himself transposed into a means of exchange. That tithe is more than a sum of money, it is part of a worshipper's life given in an act of worship. You go to the Lord's house on the Lord's day, you mingle with the Lord's people, you partake of the Lord's Supper and you put into the Lord's treasury the Lord's money. That is a supreme act of worship!

The main purpose is to secure, not the tithe, but the tither; not the gift, but the giver; not the money but the person; not the possession but the possessor.

It is beyond the realm of reason to develop sophisticated arguments against the tithe. The proper context of the decision to tithe is in the light of the Calvary event. If that man who died on a tree outside the city wall has the power to transform life – and He does; and if we believe that He rose on the third day – and He did; and by this resurrection guarantees our safe voyage to that land beyond this vale of tears, then the decision to tithe is routine. If you have not yet made the decision to tithe, find a cross somewhere and get down on your knees and remember – that "while we were yet sinners, Christ died for us."

*Alas! and did my Saviour bleed?  
And did my Sovereign die?  
Would he devote that sacred head  
For such a worm as I?*

*But drops of grief can n'er repay  
The debt of love I owe  
Here, Lord, I give myself away –  
'Tis all that I can do!*

*At the Cross, at the Cross  
Where I first saw the light  
And the burden of my heart rolled away –  
It was there by faith I received my sight,  
And now I am happy all the day.*

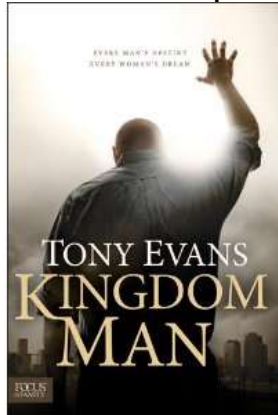


# Attention SLBC Disciples...

## Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC  
for  
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am  
In the Chapel



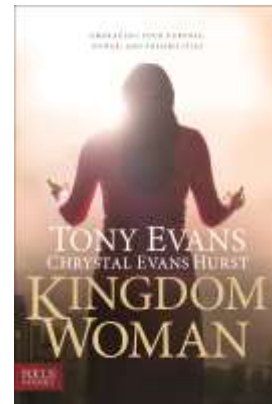
Read Chapter 12

*"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 4<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup>  
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.**

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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.