

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

On Thursday our nation will pause to celebrate Thanksgiving. Although this day has been set aside as a national observance in our nation, the very real truth is that every day that you and I are blessed to be alive is indeed a time to GIVE THANKS. Life has taught me that thanksgiving is a lifestyle that is rooted in a clear recognition of all of the blessings that God provides. The more reflective we are about God's goodness, the more thankful we will become. As I have recently

heard it said, "the more you think, the more you will thank!"

As I think about the love of God and His faithfulness to me, my family, and our congregation, I am filled with thanksgiving and gratitude. As the late Sis. Geneva Brevard used to lovingly and passionately sing, "He didn't have to do it, but He did." I realize my unworthiness and God's graciousness in spite of it, and I am filled with gratitude. I pray that you will join me in this same attitude not just during this season, but each and every day that we are blessed to be alive.

Please also remember that as we enter this holiday season, many people are saddened. The absence of loved ones due to death; illness ; life's challenges; the violence in our country; finances and so many other issues make this time of year challenging and difficult for so many. I urge you to be sensitive to this reality and be kind, caring, and compassionate to ALL that we encounter. Let us exude the JOY OF THE LORD that is our strength, and a reality no matter what is happening in our world and in our lives.

This season will begin some very pointed and specific outreach initiatives. In addition to the many ongoing activities that we are engaged in daily as we strive to do what Jesus said the church should be doing, the SLBC Missionaries, Women's Ministry, Youth Ministry and Men's Ministry will coordinate several holiday initiatives designed to help us reach out and "Make Christ Known." I ask and invite you to join me in supporting these initiatives so that we can give witness to the fact that we are committed to BEING THE CHURCH that pleases the Lord and is intent about doing His will.

Remember that this will be an abbreviated ministry week because of the Thanksgiving holiday. May we all be blessed to enjoy this time in whatever way we chose. Be safe and be well.

On next Sunday in ONE WORSHIP SERVICE at 10:00am, we will celebrate Men's Day 2017 and will enter the Advent Season.

May we be filled with excitement and hope as we celebrate Christ the King.

I love you and am ALWAYS thankful for you!

Pastor Clayton

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# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, November 19, 2017  
7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

## From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

### Invocation/The Call to Worship

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #217 "No, Not One!"

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 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.\**

# 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](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 for the peace, comfort, and hope of all people who are sad this Thanksgiving because of the absence of loved ones due to death.”

## The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Zionna L. Harvey-Belcher

### **Who Was Baptized and Received the Right Hand of Fellowship 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

“Prayer does not fit us for the greater work; Prayer is the greater work.”

# 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 the 7:30am Worship Service representatives from the Legal Assistance Ministry will be available to answer any basic legal questions in the A.M. Tyler Conference Room.
- 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.
- Following the 10:50am Worship Service the Security Ministry will meet in the Overflow. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.
- At 3:30pm Pastor and People will worship with the Rev. Dr. Ethel Bland and the Unity Missionary Church of Paterson as they celebrate the Annual Day of their Deacons, Deaconess, Trustees and Missionaries. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing, and ALL Ushers, Nurses and SLBC disciples are invited to share in this 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!
- 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://831vision.com/Pastor-Kenneth-Clayton/>



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, November 20 – Sunday, November 26, 2017

### Monday, November 20, 2017

|                |  |                          |
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| <b>7:00 AM</b> | "Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75  |                          |
| <b>6:00 PM</b> | New Discipleship Class – Class #8 part A   | New Discipleship Room    |
| <b>6:30 PM</b> | Exercise Class   | Founders Hall            |
| <b>6:30 PM</b> | Darshell's Quality Music Inc.  | St. Luke Learning Center |
| <b>7:00 PM</b> | The Sight and Sound Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend. | Overflow                 |

### Tuesday, November 21, 2017

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| <b>10:00 AM-3:00 PM</b> | Christhouse is Open  |              |
| <b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b>  | St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open  | 305 Broadway |
| <b>7:00 PM</b>          | The Men's Day Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend. | Overflow     |

### Wednesday, November 22, 2017

**NO MINISTRY ACTIVITIES**  
*Evening Prayer Service and Bible Study Classes will resume on Wednesday, November 29, 2017.*

### Thursday, November 23, 2017 - Thanksgiving

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**CHRISTHOUSE IS CLOSED**

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| <b>9:00 PM</b> | "Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75 |  |
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### Friday, November 24, 2017

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**

### Saturday, November 25, 2017

**CHURCH OFFICE CLOSED**  
**CHRISTHOUSE IS CLOSED**

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| <b>4:00 PM</b> | "Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75 |  |
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### Sunday, November 26, 2017 – Men's Day

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| <b>10:00 AM</b> | United Worship Service - Our Guest Celebrant will be Rev. Dr. Christopher Bullock, Pastor of the Canaan Baptist Church of New Castle, DE. All men of SLBC are asked to give a sacrificial gift of \$100.00 beyond our regular tithes and offerings. Let us all look forward to worshipping on this day. | Sanctuary |
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# 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.

**November 29<sup>th</sup> – SOZO HIV/AIDS Ministry**

## Wednesday, November 29, 2017

At 6:00pm SOZO HIV/AIDS Ministry will host an information session in Founders Hall and at 7:00pm SOZO will lead us in our time of prayer.

## Friday, December 1, 2017 – World AIDS Day

## Sunday, December 3, 2017

At 1:00pm we will support SLBC Entrepreneurs in the 2017 Christmas Expo. Support fellow SLBC disciples by purchasing goods/products or acquiring the services that they offer. Before you spend your money with others, spend your money with your own.

At 5:00pm Darshell's Quality Music Inc. will host their Christmas Recital here at SLBC. More detailed information to follow.

## Sunday, December 10, 2017

At 4:00pm we will celebrate our final Communion and Candlelight Memorial Service. Our guests will be the Rev. Simeon D. Spencer and the Union Baptist Church of Trenton, NJ.



### 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.



# Please Remember In Your Prayers



## **Bereaved:**

Sister Bessie Carter on the death of her brother

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

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

Brother Joseph Clayton, Jr.  
Holy Name Medical Center  
Teaneck, NJ

Deacon Jack Moore  
NJ Veterans Memorial  
Paramus, NJ

Sister Patricia Thompson  
Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center  
Paterson, NJ

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

Sister Gloria Battle  
Sister Jean Battle  
Sister Mabel Biggs  
Sister Edna Black  
Sister Mary DeGroat  
Sister Edith Douglas  
Sister Wendy Drakeford  
Sister Beulah Jackson

Sister Rachel Jackson  
Sister Tracey Littlejohn  
Sister Damita McClam  
Sister Leticia McGuire  
Sister Faye Moore  
Sister Patricia Myles  
Sister Georgiana Rogers  
Sister Lucy Ross

Sister Stephanie Samuels  
Sister Lucille Sumter  
Sister Mary Thomas-Carter  
Sister Cynthia Thorne  
Sister Miriam Threet  
Brother Irving Watkins, Sr.  
Sister Ola Mae Whitaker

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

Sister Thwana Bowman  
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.  
Sister Bertha Buffaloe

Sister Tonya Clayton  
Sister Jennifer Foxworth  
Brother Malinque Haskins

Sister Hattie Haynesworth  
Brother John McKenzie  
Sister Ethel Thomas

## **Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:**

Edward Fairley  
Justin Keith  
Vincent McDuffie

Chamar Myles  
Kevin Malik Myles  
Wilmyra Nero

Frederick Simpson  
Rashad State  
Denzel Thompson

## **Our Deacons of the Week:**

Joseph Brown

Mary Brown

Richard Sumter

***\*To add your name or the name of a loved one to any of these areas, please call the Church Office at extension 11 for directions/details.***



# Please Remember In Your Prayers



## Our Extended Family:

Herman Austin  
 Barbara Barnwell  
 Courtney Black  
 Ronea Bundick  
 Jackie Carter  
 Alaysia Chambers  
 Cynthia Clyburn  
 Carolyn Coleman  
 Naomi Coleman  
 Latechia Crawford  
 Stanley Darden  
 Barbara Dolberry  
 Yvette Elam  
 Clarine Elebe  
 Roy Ellington  
 Constance Fletcher

Harrie Graham  
 Lovey Gray  
 Theresa Hamlin  
 Leola Hargrove  
 Minnie Hines  
 Jerry Jackson  
 Nikki Johnson  
 Kellie Ledet  
 James Lee  
 Otis McKay  
 Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney  
 Courtney Owens  
 Mike Peterson  
 Jackie Pettiford  
 Linda Pittman  
 Rev. Robert Pittman

Teverra Pittman  
 Chanise Pryor  
 Lester Randolph  
 Mary Etta Reels  
 Bernice Rice  
 Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson  
 Mack Simpkins, Jr.  
 Johnnie Sims, Jr.  
 Glenda Smith  
 Laila Smith  
 Leroy Thomas  
 Mark Thompson  
 Rev. Dr. Lance Watson  
 Priscilla Williams  
 James Wilson  
 Shamika Wormley

## Our College Students:

Daquan Bailey  
 Shaheed Brimley-Thompson  
 Bryanna Buchanan  
 Kendrick Clayton

Brandon Davis  
 Tiara Dawkins  
 Raniya Martin-Davis  
 D'Ijah Newell

Maia Pipkin  
 Tyler Sumter  
 William (Alex) Thomas  
 Amani Wynter

## 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  
 Javon Riddick (grandson of Mary Wade)  
 Mystic Smith (niece of Tanya Williams)  
 Kareem Stephen  
 Jabir Williams  
 Nyree Wilson  
 Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

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# Youth Ministry Update...



**GROCERY BAG DRIVE**

**SLBC YOUTH MINISTRY FALL MISSION PROJECT**  
Help us collect 75,000 plastic grocery bags for CUMAC. They use 20,000+ bags per month to feed 2,800 people healthy food items.

**PLEASE HELP US, HELP THEM**

**DONATIONS NEEDED:**  
Gently used plastic grocery bags of any size. Bags with holes, stains, torn handles, etc. cannot be used.



**DONATIONS CAN BE LEFT IN EITHER OF THE RECEPTACLES IN THE CHURCH LOBBIES**  
**NOW THROUGH DECEMBER 31ST**

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Kenneth D.B. Clayton, Senior Pastor | Aisha Taylor Issah, Youth Pastor  
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## Join SOZO HIV/AIDS Ministry For Fellowship, Information and Prayer

**Wednesday, November 29, 2017**  
**6:00pm – 7:30pm**  
**Founders Hall**

As we prepare to observe World AIDS Day on Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>, please join SOZO in a time of sharing as we renew our commitment to be a source of information, advocacy and support for those infected and affected by HIV/AIDS.

# St. Luke Baptist Church

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Shaheed Brimley-Thompson

Gail Brown

Stanley DeVore

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:



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### SLBC Newsletter

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### St. Luke Is a Member of and Supports:

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

Last week was a very interesting one. I experienced some great joys. I returned from a great trip to Houston, Texas. I put a major dent in my to-do list. I completed several important tasks. It seemed like all was well and I was on a spiritual high. But then, in an instance, things went in a different direction. I experienced a setback that I was not prepared for. I went from going to the spa one evening to going to the doctor's office another morning. I couldn't understand how, suddenly, things could flip and what was all good now seemed so

bad.

This week reminded me that life happens. And when life happens, whether the happenings are good or bad, we must still trust in God. For a moment, I got discouraged, frustrated, and bothered by what happened to me. I asked God “why me” and really felt like he had neglected me. But then I remembered that even in my times of inconvenience or pain, God is still with me. I am so grateful that I did not lose my faith when I fell. I pray that our young people always know that God is with them. And even when things don't go the way you planned, He is still in control. I'm a witness that he will be with you at all times. And for that, I'm grateful!

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

### **Youth Ministry Fall Mission Project**

Our youth ministry has partnered with CUMAC, a non-profit organization whose mission is to feed people and alleviate hunger in Paterson, Passaic County, and Northern NJ to support their feeding efforts by collecting plastic grocery bags. CUMAC uses 20,000+ bags every month to feed those in need. Our goal is to collect 75,000 bags between now and the end of the year. Please bring in your gently used plastic bags any time and place them in the receptacles that will be placed in each lobby. Thank you for your support!

### **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! **Please read Nehemiah Chapter 6 for our next lesson on November 29<sup>th</sup> as we continue our series on *Becoming Godly Leaders*.**

### **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).

### **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.

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 Literacy Projects**

- a) Computer Literacy
- b) Children's Literacy
- c) Adult Literacy
- d) Public Speaking Class

**\*The Re-Entry Program**

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



**\* 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](mailto:tharris@stlukebaptist.org).

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

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

**For the weeks of Monday, November 6<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, November 11<sup>th</sup> Christhouse served 170 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**

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

**OR**

**Online at**

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

To find out more about the St. Luke CDC, 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!**





# Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

## *Sunday Mornings at 9:45am*

| <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 <sup>nd</sup> Fl           |
| Junior (ages 9-11)                | Sis. Tiesha Williams                                    | 128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl           |
| Youth Male (ages 12-14)           | Bro. Robert Whitehead                                   | 128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl           |
| Youth Female (ages 12-14)         | Sis. Gail Allen   | 128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl           |
| Youth (ages 15-19)                | Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah                                 | Youth Center/269 Fair Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 | Bro. 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; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-28

A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 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<sup>st</sup> 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



# Attention Parents of SLBC...

## *“J.A.M. City”*

will be in session  
**Friday, December 1<sup>st</sup>**  
at 7:00pm



*(ages 5-12)*

are invited to be present  
and bring a friend!

## REMINDER:

### **“F.R.E.E. Fridays”**

will meet  
**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>**  
at 7:00pm



**ALL TEENS**

**(ages 13-18)**

are invited to be present and bring a friend!



# SLBC “The Church Engaged in Mission...” “Making Christ Known”

The Missions Ministry of SLBC exists to demonstrate in practical ways the love of Jesus to those in need through local, national, and international mission projects.

The goal of the Missions Ministry of SLBC is to extend the love and the gospel of Jesus Christ beyond the confines of St. Luke Baptist Church. Local outreach initiatives include holiday outreach efforts, visits to the sick, partnerships with those who are imprisoned, feeding the homeless, and support of our Food and Clothing Center. We also demonstrate Christ’s compassion globally by collaborating with our denominational entities (Lott Carey, NBC, USA, Inc.) and other agencies to provide help in our country when national disasters occur and to aid persons in foreign countries (Africa, Haiti, etc.).

Another component of our Missions Ministry is providing financial support for education. SLBC supports Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU’s), United Negro College Fund (UNCF), and eligible SLBC graduates and college attendees through scholarship and incentive awards.

In October, we observed Pink/Purple Sunday, and we received special monetary gifts to support the Sister Network of Bergen/Passaic County and the American Cancer Society. We have also given financial support to aid our sisters and brothers in Houston, (Southeast Texas) and Florida in light of recent Hurricanes.

In 2016 the Missionaries began preparing sandwiches and other items to serve 100 homeless people. We do this on a monthly basis.

As we approach the holiday season we will:

- Prepare Thanksgiving baskets for families in our community through partnerships (School 6, E.W. Kilpatrick School, DYFS, etc.)
- Prepare a full Thanksgiving Dinner for residents at several local facilities (YCS, Fenwick House).

**Our prayers, our participation, and our support** are needed and required to help us be a blessing during this season and throughout the year.

The cost of the turkeys and all food items needed is **\$40.00** per basket. We are asking every SLBC disciple to donate \$40.00. Checks must be made payable to St. Luke CDC and all donations can be made in the Bookstore.

You can also give to the St. Luke CDC via Givelify by choosing St. Luke CDC, or and on the website at [www.stlukecdc.org](http://www.stlukecdc.org). (Go to the “Donations” tab and click the “Donate” button.) Donations made by check or cash can be given in the Bookstore.



# Attention SLBC Disciples...



## SLBC Prayer Times

Sunday – 7:00am

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.

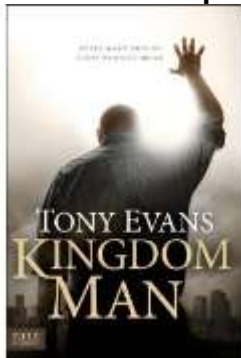
### **NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

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 9:45am  
in the Chapel



Read Chapter 13

*“A Kingdom Man and His Family”*

## Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, December 2<sup>nd</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am



Book is available for purchase in  
Bookstore.

Cost - \$10.00

# Attention Men of SLBC...



We will celebrate  
***Men's Day 2017***  
Sunday, November 26, 2017  
at 10:00am

## Guest Preacher:



Rev. Dr. Christopher Bullock  
Pastor of the  
Canaan Baptist Church  
of New Castle, DE

# 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.