

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

If you are like me, you are wondering, “where has the year gone?” Time has swiftly moved, and we are now in the final weeks of the year 2017. This has most definitely been a year filled with challenges and opportunities. No matter what we have met or faced, the faithfulness of God has been an ever present companion along our journey. For that we should all be thankful.


In this season of Advent, I am inviting you to join me in reclaiming and maintaining our joy! Nehemiah reminds us in Nehemiah 8:10 that, “the joy of the Lord is our strength.” Every child of God should possess joy and be sharers of joy with ALL that we meet. It is so easy to get lost in the commercialism of this season. Doing so can easily cause for one to become depressed and overwhelmed by the false perspective that “things” (i.e. gifts) are the reason for the season. If we live with this perspective, our inability to purchase gifts will make us sad and gloomy. May we be all encouraged by the fact that the greatest gift has already been given in Christ. May we all be sincere and diligent about allowing the gift of Christ in our lives to make our lives a gift and a blessing to others. This is the way that we are called to live as individuals and as a church. May we all live to be a blessing!

This afternoon at 4:00pm we will gather for Baptism and the Lord’s Supper (Communion). In our worship, we will celebrate and remember SLBC disciples who have outrun us in the race of life and the Patricia Tyler Guild will honor and recognize two of our faithful servants. I look forward to seeing you and sharing together in this wonderful time of worship and fellowship.

We have a week or so left of a full ministry schedule, and then we will break for the holidays. Please take note of our holiday schedule and in the church language of old, “govern yourselves accordingly.”

I love you with all of my love.

Pastor Clayton

Let’s stay connected. Become my friend on  www.facebook.com/kdrclayton; Follow me on  @kdrclayton or on  @kdrclayton.

St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, December 10, 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 #36 "He's My Everything"

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
(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 Christians will use the Advent season to share the love of Jesus Christ in word and deed.”



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

“We are not the product of our circumstances. We are the products of our decisions.”

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

- SLBC Disciples born in the months of July-December please register for the Birthday Ministry Reception to be held on Sunday, December 17, 2017. See Sister Carla Favors or Sister Amy Richardson following the 7:30am Worship Service; see Sister Thomasina Duncan or Sister Brenda Hill following the 10:50am Worship Service.
- At 9:45am representatives from the Health and Wholeness Ministry will be in the Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room to provide blood pressure screenings for any interested persons.
- At 4:00pm we will celebrate Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Communion). Our special guests will be the Pastor Simeon D. Spencer and the Union Baptist Church of Trenton, NJ. Because of God's love for us, He made an awesome sacrifice. At the very least, out of gratitude and appreciation we should come out and express our love and thanksgiving for all He has done and continues to do for our lives! Let us all plan to honor Christ's sacrifice in our Communion Worship Service
- Pastor Clayton would like to extend Happy Birthday wishes to all who celebrate a birthday this week AND Happy Wedding Anniversary to all couples who may celebrate their wedding anniversary this week!
- 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 livestream 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, December 11 – Sunday, December 17, 2017

Monday, December 11, 2017

7:00 AM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
5:30 PM	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-8) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	New Discipleship Class – Class #2	New Discipleship Room
6:30 PM	The Pre-Teen Dance Ministry (ages 9-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room

Tuesday, December 12, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
5:30 PM	The Children's and Pre-Teen Dance Ministries (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining these ministries are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
5:30 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
6:00 PM	The College Connection will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel
6:30 PM	The Youth and Teen Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
7:30 PM	The Paterson Branch NAACP Youth Council will meet.	Chapel
7:30 PM	The Christmas Concert Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

Wednesday, December 13, 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 John chapter 13-16 as we study Jesus the True Vine.	Overflow
5:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:45 PM	Evening Prayer Service. The Young Adult Ministry of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 nd Peter chapter 2:17-22 as we study False Freedom.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. Please read Nehemiah Chapter 7 as we study Becoming Godly Leaders.	Chapel

Thursday, December 14, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
5:30 PM-7:30 PM	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
5:30 PM	The Children's and Pre-Teen Dance Ministries (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining these ministries are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:30 PM	The Youth and Teen Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
7:30 PM	The Christmas Concert Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
9:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Friday, December 15, 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
6:00 PM	Youth Ministry Outing to FunFuzion, Westchester County's indoor amusement park - The cost is \$25.00 and includes one session of Laser Tag and 2 hours of unlimited arcade play. Parents must sign up their children in the bookstore today or contact Deacon Clayton at the church office to make payment arrangements. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, December 13 th .	

Saturday, December 16, 2017

10:00 AM	The CDC Board will meet	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
11:00 AM	The Women's Ministry Outreach at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)	
11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
4:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Sunday, December 17, 2017

9:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	United Worship Service	Sanctuary
11:30 AM	The Security Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Overflow
11:30 AM	The Birthday Ministry will host a Birthday Reception for SLBC disciples born in the months of July-December in Founders Hall	Founders Hall
5:00 PM	The Ministry of Music will present our 2017 Christmas Concert, "Celebrating The King of Glory." As we celebrate Christmas 2017, we are invited to share in this evening of worship, celebrating Christ in music and dance.	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.

December 20th – Missionaries

December 27th – NO Prayer or Bible Study

Wednesday, December 20, 2017

Final Prayer and Study of 2017

Prayer – 6:30am, 11:30am and 6:45pm; Study – 12:00noon and 7:30pm

Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve

At 9:30am we will gather in one United Worship Service.

Sunday, December 31, 2017 – New Year's Eve

At 9:30am we will gather in one United Worship Service.

At 9:00pm we will gather in our 2017 Watchnight Worship Service. Join us in worship as we thank God for all the blessings of 2017 and anticipate His power and presence in 2018. We will begin in a time of testimonies and continue in worship with music from the Voices of St. Luke, the Dance Ministry will minister, and Pastor Clayton will preach. We are ALL encouraged to plan now to be a part of this worship service.

Sunday, January 7, 2018 – Commitment Sunday

At 9:30am we will gather in one United Worship Service.

Wednesday, January 10, 2017

Prayer and Study Resume

Prayer – 6:30am, 11:30am and 6:45pm; Study – 12:00noon and 7:30pm

Sunday, January 14, 2017

Our Regular Worship Schedule Resumes

7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

9:45am – Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes

4:00pm Communion Worship Service



Register To Vote

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



Become a Member of the NAACP

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

DID YOU KNOW????????????????

High Blood Pressure, or Hypertension, is a major reason that people develop heart disease, kidney failure, and strokes...



**The Health and Wholeness Ministry
provides FREE Blood Pressure Screening**



When: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
Where: Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room
Time: 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 Mary Buckingham on the death of her sister
Sister Miriam Threet on the death of her nephew

Those Hospitalized or In: Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Sister Bertha Buffalo
Atrium Post Acute Care-Wayneview
Wayne, NJ

Sister Mae Jones
Advanced Care Center at Wayne
Wayne, NJ

Sister Nellie Reed
Atrium at Wayne Care Center
Wayne, NJ

Sister Connie Clayton
Chestnut Convalescent Center
Passaic, NJ

Deacon Jack Moore
NJ Veterans Memorial
Paramus, NJ

Sister Patricia Thompson
Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center
Paterson, NJ

Brother Joseph Clayton, Jr.
Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center
Paterson, NJ

Those Recovering at Home:

Sister Gloria Battle
Sister Jean Battle
Sister Mabel Biggs
Sister Edna Black
Sister Laverne Bowman
Sister Bessie Buffalo
Sister Mary DeGroat
Sister Edith Douglas

Sister Wendy Drakeford
Sister Beulah Jackson
Sister Rachel Jackson
Sister Damita McClam
Sister Leticia McGuire
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
Sister Crystal Wimberly

Those In Need of Healing and Strength:

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

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:

Bridget Arrick

Stacy Arrick, Sr.

****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
 Mary Ford

Harrie Graham
 Lovey Gray
 Theresa Hamlin
 Leola Hargrove
 Minnie Hines
 Jerry Jackson
 Henry Johnson
 Nikki Johnson
 Kellie Ledet
 James Lee
 Otis McKay
 Jacquelyn McCrary
 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.
 Maximilian 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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2017 Christmas Outreach Projects

SLBC we need your support to do the following:

- Purchase Christmas gifts and host a Christmas party for children of incarcerated parents through Angel Tree.
- Purchase gifts for and host a Christmas party for youth residents of YCS.
- Purchase gifts and host a Christmas party for women at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus).
- Purchase supplies for male residents at Good Shepherd Mission.
- Provide assistance for designated families through DYFS.



We are asking the SLBC family to make a donation of \$25.00 to the St. Luke CDC to help us provide this support. Donations can be made in the Bookstore. Checks MUST be made payable to St. Luke CDC.



Other Ways to Give:

Givelify Mobile App

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

OR

Online at

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

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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:



Facebook

facebook.com/slbcpat



Facebook for Youth Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYouth



Facebook for Young Adult Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYAM



Facebook for CDC

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

Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

A MESSAGE FROM "REV. AISHA"



Greetings St. Luke Family,

I trust you have all enjoyed a blessed week and are looking forward to the week ahead. We are in the best season of the year...the season of Advent. I'm always overjoyed to anticipate and celebrate the birth of our savior. Why is this the most important time of the year? Well, just imagine where we would be and what our lives would be like if it weren't for the birth of our savior. I'm so thankful that God loved us enough to send his Son to be our savior. And I pray that we always instill in our children the true meaning of this Christmas season.

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

Youth Ministry Outing – FunFuzion in Westchester, NY

All teens are invited to join us on Friday, December 15th for a night of fun and fellowship at Fun Fuzion, Westchester County's only indoor amusement park. We will be leaving the church at 6:00pm. The cost is \$25.00 and includes one session of Laser Tag and 2 hours of unlimited arcade play. Parents must sign up their children in the bookstore today or contact Deacon Clayton at the church office to make payment arrangements. The deadline to sign up is Wednesday, December 13th.

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!

Save the Date! – Young Adult Ministry Holiday Celebration

All young adults are invited to join us for our holiday celebration and vision board party on Friday, January 5, 2018 at 7:00pm. More details will be forthcoming. Please save the date and plan to join us.

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 8 for our next lesson on December 13th 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 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).

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



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 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.

*** Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center**

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

For the weeks of Monday, November 20th – Saturday, November 25th Christhouse served 153 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

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, 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 nd Fl
Junior (ages 9-11)	Sis. Tiesha Williams	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth Male (ages 12-14)	Bro. Robert Whitehead	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth Female (ages 12-14)	Sis. Gail Allen	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth (ages 15-19)	Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah	Youth Center/269 Fair Street, 2 nd Fl
Young Adult Women (ages 19-35)	Sis. Tiffany Smith	Bryant/Eaton Prayer Room
Women	Dea. Vivian Gaines	Sanctuary
New Discipleship Class	Dea. Gregory Anderson, Linton Gaines, and Cleophus Pelt	New Discipleship Room
Children's New Discipleship Class	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; 1st Corinthians 12:12-28

A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 2nd Timothy 2:15; James 1:22

A Praying Church: We Pray Without Ceasing. Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 2; 42; Acts 12:5; Luke 18:1

A Spirit Filled Church: We Surrender To the Holy Ghost. Romans 12; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:11-16

A Tithing Church: We Give Back 10% Of All God Gives To Us. Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23 Luke 6:38; 1st Corinthians 16: 1-2

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

A Growing Church: We Mature and Bear Good Fruit. Matthew 7:17; John 15:8; Romans 7:4; Galatians 5:22-23

A Prophetic Church: God Breaks Yokes through St. Luke. Isaiah 6:1; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 3:4-9; Luke 4

A Witnessing Church: We Spare No Expense To Win Souls. Matthew 18:11; Luke 15; Acts 1:8; Romans 10:13-15

A Learning Church: We Learn/Teach Bible, History, Etc. Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Proverbs 22: 6; Acts 8:31

A Community Serving Church: We Help People In Need. Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-15; 1st John 3:17

A Joyful Church: We Celebrate/Claim Victory. Psalm 100:2; Nehemiah 8:10; 1st Corinthians 15:57

A Working Church: Every Member Works for God. Nehemiah 4:6; John 6:29; John 9:4

A Friendly Church: Gratitude Is Our Attitude: We Love Our Brothers And Sisters As Ourselves. Psalm 150; John 15:14; Hebrews 13:1-3



Attention Parents of SLBC...

“J.A.M. City”

will be in session
Friday, December 15th
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 15th
at 6:00pm



ALL TEENS

(ages 13-18)

are invited to be present and bring a friend!

THANK YOU

St. Luke

For Your Support For

Our 2017

Thanksgiving Outreach Initiatives

Your generosity and support allowed us to:

- Prepare 70 complete baskets for people in our community
- Prepare 30 complete baskets for families through DYFS
- Prepare 25 complete baskets for families at P.S. #6
- Prepare 6 complete baskets for families at E.W. Kilpatrick School
- Prepare and serve a full dinner for children of YCS (hosted by SLBC Youth Ministry)
- Prepare and deliver a full dinner to residents at Fenwick House



SPECIAL THANKS to:

SLBC Missionaries, Patricia Tyler Guild, Youth Ministry, and Bro. Darrell Bell for helping us "Make Christ Known."

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.

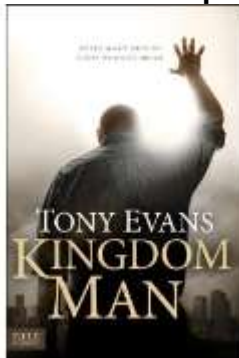
NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?

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 14

“A Kingdom Man and His Church Life”

Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, January 6th and 13th
9:00am



Book is available for purchase in
Bookstore.

Cost - \$10.00

Happy Birthday!!!

Sunday, December 17, 2017

(following the 10:50am Worship Service)

SLBC disciples born in the months of
July-December
will gather to celebrate in fellowship
in Founders Hall.

Don't forget to see a member of the
Birthday Ministry to sign up for the reception.

2017 Christmas Concert

The SLBC Music Ministry
Presents

“Celebrating The King of Glory”

Sunday, December 17, 2017
5:00pm

Join us for this evening of
worship, celebrating Christ
in music and dance.



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.