

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

We are a week away from the day that Christmas will be celebrated and observed! Because of this truth, the world is busily shopping and getting ready for the day. I hope and trust that as believers, we are filled with excitement about what Christmas really means.

Was children of God we must be excited daily, about Jesus' birth. His birth is a reminder to us that God loved us and that God was insistent on looking for us, even we were not looking for Him. His love for us is so amazing that He literally "came after us" to ensure that we could be blessed with life through Him and spend eternity with Him. This is Good News!

Because Jesus came to the earth as a symbol and expression of the love of God to humanity, the church in turn must visibly and actively be engaged in sharing and showing the love of God to all people, so that they too will come to know of God's love for them. We must be serious about sharing the Good News, that Christ was born and that we can be Born Again through faith and trust in Him.

In a world like ours, where bad news dominates all media outlets, the church and the child of God must be vigilant about sharing the Good News of Jesus. When was the last time you shared that Good News (which is the gospel) with someone who is unsaved or unchurched? To be a believer and not be a witness is sad and dangerous! Our belief should affect our behavior and compel us to tell others about the reality of Christ and the work of Christ in our lives.

As we are excited about giving and getting (those who are) in this season, may we be more excited about getting more of Christ in our lives and giving more of Christ to those in our family, community, and the world! This is what we are called to do as believers.

PLEASE make every effort to return today at 5:00pm sharp as the Ministry of Music presents the 2017 Christmas Concert. This annual event is always a blessing, and I am sure that this year will be the same. Let us return to celebrate Christ in this time of worship and may we be ever inspired to grow in our faith and witness.

I LOVE YOU with all of my love!

Pastor Clayton

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

# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, December 17, 2017  
9:30am Worship Service

## From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

### Invocation/The Call to Worship

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #10 "O How I Love Jesus"

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

11:30am – 12:00noon

### Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm  
6:30pm – 7:15pm

## Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

“This week we are challenged to pray that our celebration of Christ and Christmas will make us sincere about seeking Christ’s person and power.”

**The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to**

Kanisha Haskins

**Who Made A Decision for Christ on Last Sunday!  
And To**

Dorothy Haskins Kayla Jackson

**Who 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

“Christmas is the Son of God expressing the love of God, to save us from the wrath of God, so we can enjoy the presence of God.”

# 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 worship 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 worship the Security Ministry will meet in the Overflow. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.
- Following the worship service, the Birthday Ministry will host the Birthday Reception for SLBC disciples born in the months of July-December.
- At 5:00pm 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.
- 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 9:30am Worship Service for infants to children age 6 in Founders Hall. Parents with infants may view the services via closed circuit TV in the Chapel.**



**Van Service is available for our 9:30am 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 18 – Sunday, December 24, 2017

### Monday, December 18, 2017

<b>7:00 AM</b>	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	New Discipleship Class – Class #3	New Discipleship Room

### Tuesday, December 19, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 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 Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Combined Health Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel

### Wednesday, December 20, 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>	Noonday Bible Study. Please read John chapter 13-16 as we study Jesus the True Vine.	Overflow
<b>6:45 PM</b>	Evening Prayer Service. The Missionaries 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 2:17-22 as we study False Freedom.	Sanctuary

*Young Adult Bible Study is CANCELLED. Class will resume on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.*

### Thursday, December 21, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
<b>6:00 PM</b>	SLEAT (Education/Scholarship Committee) will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Men’s Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>9:00 PM</b>	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Friday, December 22, 2017 NO MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

### Saturday, December 23, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Sunday, December 24, 2017 – Christmas Eve

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>9:30 AM</b>	United Worship Service	Sanctuary

# The Month Ahead

## Prayer Leaders:

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

## **December 27<sup>th</sup> – NO Prayer or Bible Study**

## **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, 2018**

Prayer and Study Resume

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

## **Sunday, January 14, 2018**

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 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



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

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

Sister Mae Jones  
Advanced Care Center at Wayne  
Wayne, NJ

Sister Nellie Owens  
The Valley Hospital  
Ridgewood, NJ

Sister Connie Clayton  
Chestnut Convalescent Center  
Passaic, NJ

Deacon Jack Moore  
NJ Veterans Memorial  
Paramus, NJ

Sister Nellie Reed  
Atrium at Wayne Care Center  
Wayne, NJ

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

Sister Gloria Battle  
Sister Jean Battle  
Sister Mabel Biggs  
Sister Edna Black  
Sister Laverne Bowman  
Sister Bessie Buffaloe  
Brother Joseph Clayton, Jr.  
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 Patricia Thompson  
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 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:**

Marc Medley

Lestine Robinson

***\*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.  
 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**

St. Luke Baptist Church | 139 Carrol Street | Paterson, NJ 07501 | 873.345.4309 ph  
Kenneth E.B. Clayton, Senior Pastor | Aisha Taylor Issah, Youth Pastor  
www.stlukebaptist.org | facebook.com/SLBCYouth

## 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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Kendrick Clayton, Percussionist

Taylor Moore, Percussionist

Jordan Randolph, Organist

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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:


 Facebook  
[facebook.com/slbcpat](https://facebook.com/slbcpat)

 Facebook for Youth Ministry  
[facebook.com/SLBCYouth](https://facebook.com/SLBCYouth)

 Facebook for Young Adult Ministry  
[facebook.com/SLBCYAM](https://facebook.com/SLBCYAM)

 Facebook for CDC  
[facebook.com/slbcdc](https://facebook.com/slbcdc)

 Twitter  
[@SLBCPAT](https://twitter.com/SLBCPAT)

 Instagram  
[@slbcpat](https://instagram.com/slbcpat)

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



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### Our Leaders

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#### Trustee Ministry


Richard Cook, Chairman

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

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

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

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,

It's such an honor to greet you in the strong name of Jesus during this Advent season. I pray that in the days leading to Christmas we each draw closer to the one who is the reason for the season, Jesus Christ.

Several members of our congregation have lost loved ones this year, including our young people. This is always a difficult time to deal with the burden of loss. Let's be sure to pray for and check on those who are grieving during this holiday season and trust that they will find their peace in the joy of the Lord.

## **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!

### **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 9 for our next lesson on January 10<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, December 4<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup> Christhouse served 97 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, January 5, 2018**

at 7:00pm



*(ages 5-12)*

are invited to be present  
and bring a friend!

## **REMINDER:**

### **“F.R.E.E. Fridays”**

will meet

**Friday, January 12, 2018**

at 6:00pm



**ALL TEENS**

*(ages 13-18)*

are invited to be present and bring a friend!



# **Congratulations**

***Sis. Mamie Salmon***

***and***

***Bro. Robert Whitehead***

On Sunday, December 10, 2017 in our final Communion Service the Patricia Tyler Guild presented the Faithful Service Award to Sis. Mamie Salmon and Bro. Robert Whitehead.

Sis. Salmon is a longtime SLBC disciple. She faithfully serves as a member of the Adult Ushers, the Senior VIP's, she volunteers at Christhouse, and regularly attends Wednesday (Noonday) Bible Study.



Bro. Robert Whitehead grew up at St. Luke and returned as an adult. He is Co-Leader of the Sight and Sound Ministry, a teacher in Sunday Bible Study, and a mentor in the Boot Camp. He regularly attends Wednesday (Evening) Bible Study.

These two wonderful people embody the spirit of Patricia M. Tyler who dearly loved and served St. Luke and the P.T. Guild's motto, "Service no matter what."

We proudly salute these SLBC disciples and thank God for their service and faithfulness.

# 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.

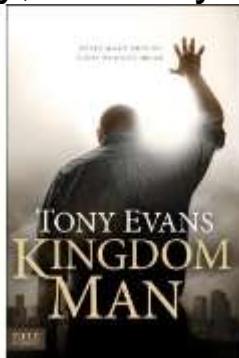
### **NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

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

Class will resume on  
Sunday, January 7, 2017



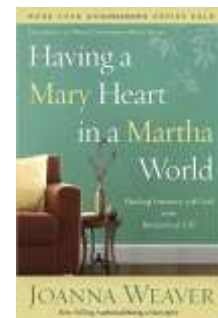
Read Chapter 14

*“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 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am



Book is available for purchase in  
Bookstore.

Cost - \$10.00

# Happy Birthday!!!

**TODAY**

**Sunday, December 17, 2017**

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

Join us as we fellowship  
in celebration of your birthday.

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## 2017 Christmas Concert

The SLBC Music Ministry  
Presents

***“Celebrating The King of Glory”***

**TODAY**

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.