

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

We are blessed to now be in the Season of Advent! This season should renew our excitement and expectancy about Christ showing up in our lives to bring us Joy, Peace, Hope and Salvation, and should also be a reminder to the church that through our lives and ministry, we should be bringing the same to our world and our local community.

Each year, I strive to remind us all that this this season is really about Christ, and it is imperative that the church and the Child of God, "Keep Christ in Christmas." Although many of us will choose to share in the exchanging of gifts between family and friends, let us not forget to celebrate, honor and serve our Christ, who is indeed the greatest gift ever given to the world. May His presence in our lives enable us to demonstrate the transformation that Christ can bring into the lives of all who surrender to Him.

In this season, the Missionaries, Patricia Tyler Guild, Women's Ministry, and Youth Ministry will coordinate a variety of Christmas Outreach Initiatives. I am inviting you and encouraging you to join me in supporting these ministries as they help us "Make Christ Known" as we expand our reach into the hearts and lives of people. This is indeed what real ministry is all about. God be praised that we are focused on such ministry daily and not only during special seasons.

We are now in the final month of this year. The year 2017 has brought with it many challenges, but also many blessings. I am inviting you to join me in praying for St. Luke and being serious about your responsibility as a disciple of Jesus Christ and a part of this congregation. Let us resolve to finish the year 2017 strong, and to make 2018 a banner year for our church marked by our consistent commitment to please the Lord in all that we do.

PLEASE MAKE SURE that you support our SLBC family members during the Christmas Expo that will begin at 1:00pm and also support Sis. Darshell Dubose-Stone and her music school's Christmas recital that will be held at 4:00pm here in the sanctuary. We must become supportive of our own so that our sisters and brothers can thrive and prosper.

I look forward to seeing you throughout the week, particularly on Wednesday (in prayer and study) and on next Sunday morning.

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 3, 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 #23 "To God Be the Glory"

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

Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah

### 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 success of all of our Christmas outreach projects.”



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

“Rather than worrying about putting Christ back in Christmas, let's put Christ back in Christians.”

# 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

- Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah will preach. Let us pray for her and with her as she preaches God's Word.
- 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 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 4:00pm Darshell's Quality Music Inc. will host their Holiday Recital here at SLBC.
- Pastor Clayton would like to express THANKS to all of the men for their spiritual, physical and financial support of Men's day on last Sunday.
- THANKS is also extended to SOZO for the informational fellowship held on Wednesday night and to all who supported this event.
- 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.

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



When you are unable to be in worship physically, you can worship with us via ustream at <http://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 4 – Sunday, December 10, 2017

### Monday, December 4, 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 #1	New Discipleship Room
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Missionaries will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Darshell’s Quality Music Inc.	St. Luke Learning Center

### Tuesday, December 5, 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>	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>	The Floral Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Young Adult Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>8:00 PM</b>	The Christmas Concert Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

### Wednesday, December 6, 2017

<b>6:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	The Senior VIP’s will meet. Shirley Force from the Passaic County Office of Senior Services will be the guest presenter.	Overflow
<b>6:45 PM</b>	Evening Prayer Service. The Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees 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
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. Please read Nehemiah Chapter 7 as we study Becoming Godly Leaders.	Chapel

### Thursday, December 7, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<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>7:00 PM</b>	The Young Adult Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>8:00 PM</b>	The Christmas Concert Choir will rehearse. Persons 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 8, 2017

<b>6:30 PM</b>	The New Discipleship Team will meet.	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
<b>7:00 PM</b>	“J.A.M. City” (our Children’s Ministry) will meet. ALL children ages 5-12 are invited to be present and bring a friend!	St. Luke Learning Center
<b>7:00 PM</b>	“F.R.E.E. Fridays” (our Youth Ministry) will meet. ALL teens ages 13-18 are invited to be present and bring a friend!	Youth Center

### Saturday, December 9, 2017

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Women’s Bible Study	Chapel
<b>9:00 AM</b>	iSMART Technology Class	305 Broadway
<b>10:00 AM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend	Sanctuary
<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 10, 2017

<b>7:00 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
<b>9:45 AM</b>	Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes	
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #7	New Discipleship Room
	Children’s New Discipleship Class – Class #2	Tuskegee Room
<b>10:50 AM</b>	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
<b>4:00 PM</b>	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. We are all invited and encouraged to share in this 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 13<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Ministry  
**December 20<sup>th</sup>** – Missionaries

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

## Sunday, December 17, 2017

At 1:00pm the birthday Ministry will host a Birthday Reception for SLBC disciples born in the months of July-December in Founders Hall.

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.

## Sunday, December 31, 2017

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.



### 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 Gloria Johnson on the death of her aunt

## **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.  
Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center  
Paterson, 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 Bessie Buffaloe  
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

## **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:**

Linton Gaines

Vivian Gaines

***\*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)

***\*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.***



# 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 | 129 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 for children of incarcerated parents through Angel Tree.
- Purchase gifts for and host a Christmas party for youth residents of YCS.
- Purchase gifts 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.



# St. Luke Baptist Church

139 A.M. Tyler Place (Carroll Street)

Paterson, New Jersey 07501

Website: [www.stlukebaptist.org](http://www.stlukebaptist.org)

Phone: 973-345-4309 Fax: 973-345-9495

Prayer Line: 973-225-0268

Special Events Line: 973-345-4309 Extension 19

Email: [stlukebaptist@aol.com](mailto:stlukebaptist@aol.com)

## Ministers to The World: The Congregation Ministers to the Congregation:

### Our Pastoral Team

Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Senior Pastor

[kdrclayton@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:kdrclayton@stlukebaptist.org)

973-345-4309 Extension 12

Aisha Taylor Issah, Associate Minister for Children, Youth, and Young Adults

[amtaylor@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:amtaylor@stlukebaptist.org)

973-345-4309 Extension 28

### Our Music Team

Ron Faison, Minister of Music

[rfaison@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:rfaison@stlukebaptist.org)

973-345-4309 Extension 17

Jared McClain, Director of Music

Kendrick Clayton, Percussionist

Taylor Moore, Percussionist

Jordan Randolph, Organist

### Our Administrative Team

Lana Royal, Church Business Manager/Treasurer

[lroyal@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:lroyal@stlukebaptist.org)

973-345-4309 Extension 15

Aria Corbin Smith, Church Secretary

[acsmith@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:acsmith@stlukebaptist.org)

973-345-4309 Extension 11

Vivian Clayton, Pastor's Administrative Assistant

[vclayton@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:vclayton@stlukebaptist.org)

973-345-4309 Extension 29

Jalonda Bell, Office Assistant

[jbelle@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:jbelle@stlukebaptist.org)

973-345-4309 Extension 10

Mary L. Cook, Data Entry

### Our Facilities Team

Lamont McCain, Facilities Manager

[lmccain@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:lmccain@stlukebaptist.org)

973-345-4309 Extension 16

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



SLBC Newsletter  
[slbcchronicle@aol.com](mailto:slbcchronicle@aol.com)

### Our Leaders

#### Deacons Ministry

Gregory Anderson, Chairman

973-345-4309 Extension 26


[deacons@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:deacons@stlukebaptist.org)


#### Trustee Ministry


Richard Cook, Chairman

973-345-4309 Extension 13

### 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,

Welcome to the best month in the year, December!! Tomorrow I will celebrate another year of life. I'm so thankful to God for blessing me to see another birthday. This year has been great. There have been a few low moments but many highs. For God's grace and presence through it all I am thankful. I'm looking forward to what this new year of life will bring and am confident that I won't have to face any of it alone.

God's consistent presence in my life is no doubt what has allowed me to make it this far. I pray that our young people develop the same testimony. It's so important for them to know that God loves them, God is with them, and God will never leave them. This type of unconditional love and support is hard to come by. For many of our young people who have experienced hurt and neglect at the hand of those who were supposed to care for them, it is essential that they have a very genuine knowledge of who God is and what He promises. My life is committed to ensuring that they never doubt his love or his presence and that both are guiding forces in their lives.

## **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 7 for our next lesson on December 5<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 20<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, November 25<sup>th</sup> 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:

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 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 8<sup>th</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!



# 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.

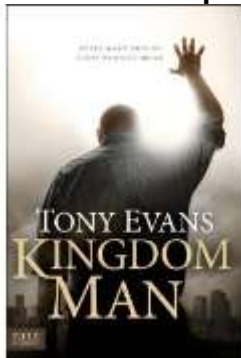
### **NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

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

Saturday, December 9<sup>th</sup>  
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.