

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

As our nation paused to celebrate love, we were witnesses to yet another display of hate and evil. The result of this display is that nearly twenty persons (children and adults) are now dead. In the aftermath of yet another senseless school shooting, I urge you to pray for peace in our world. There are no words to describe the anguish and anxiety that I feel having watched the news since this incident happened. It is scary to think that what we witnessed in Parkland, Florida has become normal in our country. There is indeed much work for the church to do. We must be serious and intentional about being, “about our Father’s business.”

Every negative reality that confronts us, is in fact an opportunity for us to display and demonstrate our love for Christ and our commitment to do the authentic work of the Lord that will lead to individual change and societal transformation. Far too many churches and church people are consumed with “having church” when the Lord has called us and placed us to BE THE CHURCH. We have the power (as the church) to initiate and sustain legitimate change in people with the gospel of Jesus Christ. We must preach, teach, and practice the gospel of Christ in such a way that we evidence the change that Christ can bring, so that people believe by virtue of our lives, that Christ can indeed bring change.

Ghandi was once asked, “What is the biggest impediment to the growth of the Christian church?” His response was, “Christians.” It is a sad reality that far too often those of us who make up church, get in the way of Christ and people cannot authentically see Him because of us. We must get out of Jesus’ way, and let Him live in us and be seen positively through us in everything that we do.

We are now on our Lenten journey. We began in a great way on Tuesday as we fasted, prayed, and worshipped. We begin now, abstaining from various foods, habits, and practices in addition to fasting on Wednesday. I invite you to JOIN ME in this sacred season so that we can deepen our love, devotion, and service to God. PLEASE take this time and this journey seriously so that our lives and the life of our local congregation can grow and mature.

At 4:00pm, we return for Baptism and Communion. In our worship we will celebrate the service of the Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees to our congregation. We are extremely grateful to this dedicated group of men and women who serve in these respected places of leadership. Our church is stronger and healthier because of them. I am thankful to God for their service as each of us should be. Please plan to return at 4:00pm.

I look forward to seeing you throughout this week as we serve, share, and grow together.

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](https://www.instagram.com/kdrclayton) or on  [@kdrclayton](https://twitter.com/kdrclayton).

# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, February 18, 2018  
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 #79 "At The Cross"

The Affirmation of Unity

"Lord Make Us One"

*"Lord make us one as we enter your house. Lord make us one as we open our hearts. Lord make us one as we lift our voices. Give us one faith confirmed in baptism. Give us one love, from heart to heart. Give us one hope as we open your word. Give us one prayer for you are our Father. Give us one song that the angels can't sing. Give us one praise as we lift up your name! Lord make us one, Lord make us one."*

The Ministry of Music

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

The Ministry of Music

The Morning Message

Pastor Clayton

### The Invitation to Salvation, Christian Discipleship, and Church Membership

*This invitation is extended for you to accept Jesus Christ as your Lord and Savior. It is also an invitation for those who are already Christians who are in search of a church home. This is a holy moment when people are making a decision that will affect their eternity. Please respect those making a decision for the Lord by limiting your movement and conversation during the invitation.*

The Offertory Prayer

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

### Tithing Affirmation

(If you believe in John 3:16 you must also believe in Malachi 3:8-10.)

**Leader:** We are called to be a **tithing** church because the Word of God teaches **tithing**, our experience gives witness to **tithing**, our obedience to God requires **tithing**, and our blessings come as a result of **tithing**.

**People:** **Tithing** blesses the heart by making it receptive to God's will. **Tithing** blesses the life by lifting it to a higher plane of grace. **Tithing** blesses the hands by making them willing to do God's work. **Tithing** blesses the mind by giving it the satisfaction of doing the right thing. **Tithing** blesses the nine-tenths that remain because God has been honored. **Tithing** blesses the individual by giving each a part in God's world-wide program. **Tithing** blesses the church by enabling it to carry out a greater ministry.

**Leader:** Then let us bring our **tithes** and offerings to the Lord as He has prospered us, for the "tenth shall be holy unto the Lord."

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offering     *"Bring ye all the tithes (and offerings) into the storehouse." (Malachi 3:8-10)*

The General Offering

*(Ushers and Trustees will NOT make change PLEASE do not ask)*

The Pastoral Observations

The Benediction

### Our Departing Affirmation

*"As for me and my house we will serve the Lord"*

## From Worship to Service...

*\*Please note that the order of worship is under the direction of the Holy Spirit and is subject to change without notice.\**

# NEWS FOR THE PEWS

## Six Ways To Give At SLBC

As a disciple of SLBC, you are encouraged to provide consistent and regular financial support of our ministry by one of the following 6 means:



### **In Person**

With Your Membership Envelope  
(On Sunday or During Church Office Hours)



### **Online**

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



### **In Our Bookstore**

Using Your Debit Card  
(Anytime the Bookstore is Open or During Church Office Hours)



### **SLBC Mobile App**

(Anytime)



### **Givelify Mobile App**

(Anytime)



### **Mail**

St. Luke Baptist Church  
139 Carroll Street  
Paterson, NJ 07501  
Attn: Church Business Administrator

*Your regular support and generosity is encouraged and greatly appreciated.*



**Visit the SLBC Bookstore Today**  
**Christian books, Bibles, and other**  
**products can be purchased in the**  
**SLBC Bookstore.**

**This week the Bookstore is open:**

### Sunday

9:45am – 10:45am

1:00pm – 1:30pm

### Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm

6:30pm – 7:15pm

## Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

“This week we are challenged to pray for the Parkland, FL community.”



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

“Sometimes we take ourselves too seriously and we don't take God seriously enough.”

# 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

***During the month of February our offering for Missions and Benevolence will be designated for selected Historically Black Colleges and Universities (HBCU's). EVERY SLBC disciple is asked to give sacrificially on this line on our envelopes (or electronically) to support this annual effort.***

- Following BOTH worship services voter registration will take place. If you are 18 years of age or older, not registered, recently changed your name or address, PLEASE see a member of the Social/Political Action Committee to (re)register in the foyer.
- Following the 10:50am Worship Service the Youth/Young Adult Ushers will meet. ALL current and future Youth/Young Adult Ushers are expected to be present.
- At 4:00pm we will celebrate in the Lord's Supper (Communion). In conjunction with this service the Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees will celebrate their service to our congregation. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson, Sr. and the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ of New York, NY. 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 express THANKS to all who served last week in helping SLBC host the 2018 Black History Program sponsored by our United States Senator Bob Menendez.
- 2017 Contribution Request Forms are now available at both entrances of the Church. Completing and submitting this form is **THE ONLY** means by which your contribution statement will be given to you.
- 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 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, February 19 – Sunday, February 25, 2018

### Monday, February 19, 2018

<b>7:00 AM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	New Discipleship Class – Class #8 part A	New Discipleship Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Exercise Class	Founders Hall

### Tuesday, February 20, 2018

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Men's Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>8:00 PM</b>	The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

### Wednesday, February 21, 2018

#### **Churchwide Fast – 6:00am-6:00pm**

<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 17 as we study Jesus' Prayer of Adoration and Thanksgiving.	Overflow
<b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	We will break the fast	Founders Hall
<b>6:45 PM</b>	Evening Prayer Service. The Adult Ushers of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter chapter 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 13 as we study Becoming Godly Leaders.	Chapel

### Thursday, February 22, 2018

<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>6:30 PM</b>	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
<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, February 23, 2018

<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
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### Saturday, February 24, 2018

<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, February 25, 2018

<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	
<b>9:45 AM</b>	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #4	New Discipleship Room
<b>10:50 AM</b>	Morning 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.

**February 28<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Ministry

## Sunday, March 4, 2018

In a United Worship Service at 9:30am we will have the Installation of our 2018 Ministry Leaders.

At 4:00pm we will welcome and host the East Carolina University Gospel Choir in concert here at SLBC. We are all invited to share in this worship service.

## Sunday, March 11, 2018

At 3:30pm we will worship with Pastor Janel York and the Friendship Baptist Church of Paterson in celebration of Pastor York's 2<sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing, and the Ushers and Nurses are asked to serve. We are all invited to share in this service.



### Register To Vote

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

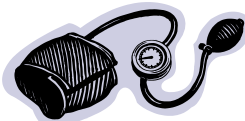


### Become a Member of the NAACP

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 Lorraine Clayton on the death of her father  
Brother Donald Lynch on the death of his niece

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

Brother Johnny Brown  
Oakland Rehabilitation Center  
Oakland, NJ

Sister Mae Jones.  
Lakeview Rehabilitation Center  
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 Lucy Ross  
Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center  
Paterson, NJ

Brother Peter Daye, Jr  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
Paterson, NJ

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

Sister Gloria Battle  
Sister Jean Battle  
Sister Mabel Biggs  
Sister Edna Black  
Sister Laverne Bowman  
Sister Bertha Buffaloe  
Brother Joseph Clayton, Jr  
Sister Pauline Cooper  
Sister Mary DeGroat

Sister Edith Douglas  
Sister Wendy Drakeford  
Sister Beulah Jackson  
Sister Rachel Jackson  
Brother Anthony Johnson  
Sister Damita McClam  
Sister Dorothy Moore  
Sister Laura Parker  
Sister Georgiana Rogers

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

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

Sister Thwana Bowman  
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.

Sister Jennifer Foxworth  
Sister Hattie Haynesworth

Sister Patricia Myles  
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:**

Carolyn Anderson

Gregory Anderson

***\*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

Constance Fletcher

Mary Ford

Harrie Graham

Lovey Gray

Henry Johnson

Leslie Johnson

James Lee

Michael Mantovani

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney

Otis McKay

Mack Simpkins, Jr.

Johnnie Sims, Jr.

Glenda Smith

## **Our College Students:**

Niashonda Brimley

Sierra Gerald

Janiah Mitchell

Tyler Sumter

## **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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Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Senior Pastor

## 2018 Holy Week Services... "On the Road to Resurrection"

### Holy Week Noonday Worship Services



Monday, March 26, 2018

12:00 Noon

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter  
Calvary Baptist Church  
Morristown, NJ



Tuesday, March 27, 2018

12:00 Noon

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Sheleta Fomby  
Reid Temple AME Church  
Silver Springs, MD



Wednesday, March 28, 2018

12:00 Noon

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Maurice Porter  
Shiloh Baptist Church  
Hartford, CT

### Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, March 29, 2018

7:00pm



Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller

### Good Friday Worship Service

#### "SEVEN WORDS ONE FRIDAY"

Friday, March 30, 2018

12:00 Noon



Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown  
Cathedral International  
Perth Amboy, NJ



Rev. Dr. Nichole Drakeford  
First Baptist Church  
Vauxhall, NJ



Rev. Dr. Bernadette Glover-Williams  
St. Paul Baptist Church  
Montclair, NJ



Rev. Craig Johnson  
Jehovah-Jireh Baptist Church  
New York, NY



Rev. Dana P. Owens  
Messiah Baptist Church  
East Orange, NJ



Rev. Lester Wormley  
Liberty Baptist Church  
Elizabeth, NJ



Rev. Janel York  
Friendship Baptist Church  
Paterson, NJ

*"A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known"*

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

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Jared McClain, Director of Music

Kendrick Clayton, Percussionist

Taylor Moore, Percussionist

Jordan Randolph, Organist

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



Facebook for Youth Ministry

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Facebook for Young Adult Ministry

[facebook.com/SLBCYAM](https://facebook.com/SLBCYAM)



Facebook for CDC

[facebook.com/slccd](https://facebook.com/slccd)



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### SLBC Newsletter

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### Our Leaders

#### Deacons Ministry

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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)

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

Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

# A MESSAGE FROM “REV. AISHA”



Greetings St. Luke Family,

I must admit, I love being Black. There's just something so powerful about our history, our heritage, our culture, and our accomplishments that makes me a proud Black woman. Now don't get me wrong, there are times that some Black people make me want to disassociate myself with the entire race. But that anger is usually short-lived and I quickly return to the pride that is mine as a Black woman. During this Black History Month, I hope you are all taking time with your children to reflect on our rich history as people of color and are also intentional about them continuing the legacies of power, excellence, and innovation that have come before us. We must teach our children to live every day in a way that honors our blackness and makes our ancestors proud. We never want our children to do anything that brings shame to our family or our race. But most importantly, we don't want them or us to bring shame to God. It has been our faith that has fueled us during life's most challenging times. And that faith is what will bring us and our children through what lies ahead.

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

### **Young Adult Bible Study**

All young adults (ages 19-35) are encouraged and invited to attend Young Adult Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Our study and knowledge of God's Word is integral to our spiritual development. We meet in the chapel and we hope to see you there! **Please read Nehemiah Chapter 13 for our final lesson in our series on *Becoming Godly Leaders* on February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

### **Young Adult Ministry – First Friday Fellowship**

Please save the date for our next First Friday Fellowship on Friday, March 2<sup>nd</sup> at 7:00pm. Details will be forthcoming.

### **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. Attendees do not have to be members of the church to attend. So, teens can feel free to bring their friends or family members. 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

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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, February 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, February 10<sup>th</sup> Christhouse served 82 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](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, March 2, 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, February 23, 2018**

at 7:00pm



**ALL TEENS**

*(ages 13-18)*

are invited to be present and bring a friend!



## Attention SLBC Disciples...

### **“Setting Parameters and Becoming Free” #ametoconversation**

Wednesday, March 7, 2018  
7:00pm



**Facilitator:**  
*Rev. Dr. LaKeesha Walrond*  
*Author,*  
*My Body Is Special*



***This night is for ALL SLBC disciples, not just women.***

## Attention Ladies of the Luke!!!

Sundays, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>  
9:45am – Sanctuary

***Special Sunday Women’s Bible Study***  
***“#metoo – God’s Response to Abuse”***

**#METOO**



**Facilitator:**  
*Rev. Thurselle Williams*



# 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.

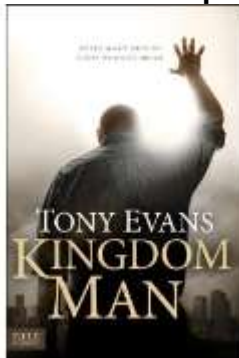
### **NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

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, March 3<sup>rd</sup> and 10<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am



Book is available for purchase in  
Bookstore.

Cost - \$10.00

# ***Our Lenten Journey Begins...2018***

**FAST** from 6:00am-6:00pm each **WEDNESDAY** during Lent. Throughout the day as you are fasting, **PRAY** for a closer walk and greater commitment to Christ, and for a more obedient life as a disciple of Jesus Christ

**BREAK THE FAST** at 6:00pm in Founders Hall on each **WEDNESDAY** during Lent.

**PARTICIPATE** in our Lenten Journey. Share in our designated weeks of abstaining from foods/practices; **FAST** on Wednesdays; **READ** our Lenten Devotional; **SACRIFICE** for missions by saving an amount designated by you each day of Lent to be given on Resurrection Sunday for local and foreign missions support; and be serious about deepening your faith that we might live resurrected lives and lead unsaved/unchurched people to new life in Christ.

**COMMIT** to deepening your discipleship **DURING** and **AFTER** Lent by participating in Bible Study, Congregational Prayer, and participating in a service ministry.

Ezra 8:23

*“So we fasted and earnestly prayed that our God would take care of us and He heard our prayers.”*

Matthew 17:21

*“However, this kind does not go out except by prayer and fasting.”*



# 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.