

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

In Amos 6:1 the following words are recorded, "Woe to them that are at ease in Zion....." This critical condemnation was made at and against God's people for the lax and easy way that they chose to live and the very minimal impact that they were having in the lives of the people of their day and time.

The words of Amos, are relevant to our day and our time, and they offer a powerful word of challenge and condemnation to the church and to the child of God today. The church has lost her focus on who we are, and what it is that we are called to offer to the world in which we live. The world is indeed suffering because the church of Jesus Christ has opted NOT TO BE an agent of change in the world that we live in. We are at ease!

While we are at ease, the world is rotting and decaying; the family structure is eroding; our communities are unsafe and violent; all around us we are witnessing a world that is so desperately in need of the Christ that we claim to possess, but we are not sharing Him in word or in practical ways. This is the sin of the church.

It is my hope and my prayer that St. Luke Church, all churches, and all who claim to believe in and love the Lord Jesus Christ, will conquer the ease and apathy that plagues and paralyzes us. We must consistently surrender ourselves to the will, Word, and Spirit of God so that we will be vigilant about fighting against the "wiles of the devil" that seek to defeat and destroy us and our world. We are assured of the presence and power of God with us in our fight, which will enable us to ultimately win.

May the observance of Black History Month and the continued grace that God has shown each of our lives cause us to overcome our ease and be serious about being the church and doing the work of the church (and not merely church work) in the world!

This is my continued hope for us as we labor together as the people of God.

I love you with all of my love.

Pastor Clayton

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

St. Luke at Worship

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

From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

The Call to Worship

"This is the day that the Lord has made, Let us rejoice and be glad in it; oh magnify the Lord with me and let us exalt the Lord's name together. Praise ye the Lord."

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #293 "We've Come A Long Way"

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 Church In Prayer

The Choral Response

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

The Ministry of Music

The Young Adult Choir

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.

Six Ways To Give At SLBC

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



In Person

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



Online

www.stlukebaptist.org
(Anytime)



In Our Bookstore

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



SLBC Mobile App

(Anytime)



Givelify Mobile App

(Anytime)



Mail

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

Your regular support and generosity is encouraged and greatly appreciated.



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

This week the Bookstore is open:

Sunday

9:45am – 10:45am

1:00pm – 1:30pm

Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

"This week we are challenged to pray for the families of our church to be intentional about learning and living out their Christian faith and nurturing faith in all generations."

The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Anthony Johnson

Sasha Lowery

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

"Ease is a much greater threat to progress than hardship."

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 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.
- At 1:00pm the Security Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.
- On Tuesday, February 21 – Thursday, February 23, 2017 at 7:00pm each evening the Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ will convene in its 2017 Semi-Annual Session at the Serenity Baptist Church of Paterson.
- Throughout the month of February our offering for Missions and Benevolence will be designated for HBCU's as designated by the Helping Hand Ministry. Please give generously!
- Pastor Clayton would like to express THANKS to all SLBC disciples who supported the Super Bowl Sunday Food Drive for Christhouse.
- 2017 Membership Contribution Envelopes are available in Founders Hall. Please pick yours up today.
- 2016 Membership Contribution Statement Forms are now available at BOTH entrances. Completion of this form is THE ONLY ACCEPTED MEANS of requesting and receiving a copy of your 2016 Contribution Statement for tax purposes. Completed forms can be placed in a Red Box at either entrance. We pray for peace, justice, and an end to violence in Paterson, in our nation, and in the world.
- SLBC Ministry Leaders, please check your ministry mailboxes.

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When you are unable to be in worship physically, you can worship with us via ustream at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/st-luke-baptist-church-paterson-nj>



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, February 20 – Sunday, February 26, 2017

Monday, February 20, 2017

7:00 AM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
12:00 NOON	"Determined" Internet Radio Broadcast on www.wmocradio.net	
6:00 PM	New Discipleship Class – Class #7	New Discipleship Class
6:30 PM	Exercise Class	Founders Hall

Tuesday, February 21, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
7:00 PM	The Men's Choir will rehearse. ALL men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
7:00 PM	The Adult Ushers will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel
7:00 PM	The Combined Health Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall

Wednesday, February 22, 2017

6:30 AM	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
11:30 AM	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
12:00 NOON	Noonday Bible Study. Please read John chapters 1-3 as we study The Good News – Fullness of His Grace.	Overflow
6:45 PM	Evening Prayer Service. The Missionaries of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 nd Peter chapter 1:1-11 as we study Spiritual Growth Brings Practical Results.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. ALL young adults are invited to share in this time of study and fellowship.	Chapel

Thursday, February 23, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	SLEAT (Education/Scholarship Committee) will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
7:00 PM	The Men's Choir will rehearse. ALL men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
9:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Friday, February 24, 2017

7:00 PM	"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 25, 2017

9:00 AM	Rev. Aisha will meet with ALL parents of children ages 5-18. We will be discussing important information regarding our children, youth, and young adult ministries; as well as providing helpful support for our parents. Please sign up in the bookstore or contact Rev. Aisha to confirm your attendance.	Overflow
9:30 AM	SLEAT (Education/Scholarship Committee) will host "Scholarship Saturday" – A series of mini workshops to assist high school students and parents in preparing for college decisions.	Founders Hall
10:00 AM	The Women's Ministry Outreach at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)	
10:30 AM	Rev. Aisha will meet with ALL youth ministry leaders.	Overflow
11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
12:30 PM	All teens, ages 13-18, are invited to join us as we share in ministry and fellowship with the residents of Lakeview Rehabilitation Center in Wayne, NJ. Afterwards, we will be skating at Branch Brook Skating Rink. We will be leaving the church at 12:30pm sharp. The cost for the skating rink is \$15 per person which includes admission, skate rental, pizza, and a drink. Please sign up and pay in the bookstore by Wednesday, February 22 nd .	
4:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Sunday, February 26, 2017

7:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 AM	Early Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Sunday Bible Study Classes and New Discipleship Classes	
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #8 part A	New Discipleship Room
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #8 part B	Founders Hall
10:50 AM	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.

March 1st – Ash Wednesday Worship Service

March 22nd – Women of SLBC

March 8th – Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees

March 29th – Birthday Ministry

March 15th – Young Adult Ministry

In the month of February we will continue our tradition of supporting HBCU's (Historically Black Colleges and Universities). As we give our tithes and offerings throughout the month of February, we are asked to also give on the line for Missions and Benevolence in support of this effort. This year we will be supporting the following colleges/universities:

1. **Fisk University**
2. **Johnson C. Smith University**
3. **Delaware State University**
4. **Meharry Medical School**

Wednesday, March 1 – Ash Wednesday

We will begin our 2017 Lenten Journey! From 6:00am – 6:00pm we will participate in a Church-Wide Fast. At 6:00pm we will break the fast in Founders Hall and at 7:00pm we will share in Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Raquel S. Lettsome. Let us all look forward to this evening of worship and to our 2017 Lenten Journey.

Saturday, March 4

At 11:00am SOZO, our HIV/AIDS Ministry will meet. ANYONE who is interested in being a part of this ministry is invited to be present.

Sunday, March 5

At 10:00am we will gather in a United Worship Service. During this worship service we will share in the Installation of our 2017 Leaders. Our special musical guests will be the Savannah State University Wesleyan Gospel Choir.

At 3:30pm Pastor and People will worship with the First Zion Hill Baptist Church of Newark, NJ. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing, and ALL Ushers, Nurses and SLBC disciples are invited to share in this service.



Register To Vote

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



Become a Member of the NAACP

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

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

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



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

When: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday
Where: Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room
Time: 9:45am – 10:45am



When blood pressure is under control, the risk of developing heart disease, kidney failure, or stroke is lower.
"Say to Him: long life to you! Good health to you and your household! And good health to all that is yours."

Please Remember In Your Prayers



Those Hospitalized or In: Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Brother Anthony Clayton
Maple Glen Center
Fair Lawn, NJ

Sister Mae Jones
Advanced Care Center at Wayne
Wayne, NJ

Sister Maxine Randolph
Preakness Healthcare Center
Wayne, 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

Sister Beulah Jackson
Care One at Wayne
Wayne, NJ

Those Recovering at Home:

Sister Gloria Battle
Sister Jean Battle
Brother Darrell Bell
Sister Mabel Biggs
Sister Edna Black
Sister Mary DeGroat
Sister Edith Douglas
Sister Wendy Drakeford
Brother LaMar Gaines

Sister Hattie Haynesworth
Sister Ocie High
Sister Rachel Jackson
Sister Damita McClam
Brother John McKenzie
Sister Morgan McMillan
Sister Alice Robinson
Sister Georgiana Rogers
Sister Stephanie Samuels

Sister Doris Smith
Brother James Smith
Sister Retha Sumter
Sister Mary Thomas-Carter
Sister Patricia Thompson
Sister Cynthia Thorne
Sister Miriam Threet
Sister Ola Mae Whitaker
Sister Marian Williams

Those In Need of Healing and Strength:

Sister Thwana Bowman
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.

Sister Jennifer Foxworth
Sister Lanitra Green

Brother Malinque Haskins
Sister Leticia McGuire

Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:

Kenneth Brogsdale
Gary Davis
Rev. Edward Fairley
Justin Keith

Kevin Malik Myles
Chamar Myles
Wilmyra Nero

Frederick Simpson
Rashad State
Denzel Thompson

Our Deacons of the Week:

Vivian Clayton

Cleophus Pelt

****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:

Barbara Barnwell
Michael Beasley
Mazie Blackmon
Ronea Bundick
Alaysia Chambers
Carolyn Coleman

Naomi Coleman
Rev. Diane Faison
Rev. Ronnie Faison
Thomas Farrar
Sherry Foster

Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham
Mack Simpkins, Jr.
Johnnie Sims, Jr.
Glenda Smith
Ruth Smith

Our College Students:

Jahlil Bennett
Dahmir Blackwell
Shaheed Brimley-Thompson
Kendrick Clayton
Kenneth Clayton

Ebony Gilchrist
Zhania Gladden
Chaniya Hill
Keiara Lewis
Darius McDowell

Janiah Mitchell
Dominic Osioyibo
Maia Pipkin
Tysheema Roberts
Da'Wan Wade

SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:

Mychal Alexander (nephew of Mary Baskerville) who is in South Korea
Keon Arrick
Rose Marie Berry (niece of Cleophus Pelt)
Akeem Fraser
Ronald Hinton (brother of Darnetta and Davon Roberts)
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)
RJ Roberts
Mystic Smith (niece of Tanya Williams)
Kareem Stephen
Nyree Wilson
Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

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SLBC "On A Mission"

"Sharing the love of Christ in practical ways, around the corner and around the world."

Matthew 25:35-36; Matthew 28:19-20; Acts 1:8

The months of November and December found our congregation BUSILY engaged in the work of the church.

In November in partnership with St. Luke CDC we prepared Thanksgiving Baskets for 60 families in our church, community, and in partnership with P.S. #6.

Thanksgiving meals were prepared for

- The residents of Well of Hope (65).
- The residents of Fenwick House (60).
- Residents of YCS (35) who came to St. Luke for Thanksgiving dinner and a festive party hosted by SLBC Youth.
- Residents of Independence Home (6).
- 25 Thanksgiving baskets were prepared for DYFS families.

In December:

- We hosted first marking period "Scholars Luncheon" for honor roll students at Public School #6.
- Gifts (toys) were distributed to area families through our partnership with Paterson Cares.
- Residents of YCS (35) came to St. Luke for a festive Christmas Party hosted by SLBC Youth and received Christmas gifts.

In January:

- We provided monetary support to residents of Flint, Michigan who are yet dealing with the ongoing water crisis.
- On Missions Day #1 we provided financial support to Paterson Habitat for Humanity, BUDS Male Mentoring Group, YMCA Homeless Service Program, CAPCO, Inc., and Advancing Opportunities of NJ.
- Provided food for Good Shepherd Mission.

This is in addition to the regular work of Christhouse which serves our community 3 days per week; our monthly partnership with Paterson Cares; our monthly services at Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center and Straight and Narrow (Secaucus, NJ); and our ongoing monthly support of the Foreign Mission Board and Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.

Special Thanks To:

- Missionaries
- Women's Outreach Team
- All Volunteers
- Christhouse Volunteers
- Patsy Sanford
- All who have donated

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Sherry Ward

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.

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Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

A MESSAGE FROM "REV. AISHA"



Greetings St. Luke Family,

I pray that you have all had a great week and are looking forward to the week ahead. Last week, many in the world celebrated Valentine's Day. This Hallmark holiday seeks to capitalize on love by getting us to spend money on those we love. We all know that love should be shown every day, and that money can't buy love. But if we were to be honest, it is nice to have love expressed in tangible ways.

Whenever I think of love, I can't help but remember the greatest demonstration of love ever shown. Jesus Christ gave His life for us because He loved us. There is no amount of money that can equate to the love God has for us. His love is unconditional, eternal, and immense. Whenever I feel lonely or depressed, I remember that God loves me. This knowledge makes the difficult days easier to overcome.

Many of our young people act out in various ways because they don't know what real love feels like. They may have been neglected, abandoned, or abused by others. They may have low self-esteem or struggle with addictions. Their issues often lead them to feel unloved. This is why the Gospel message is so vital. It is my life's calling to make sure that every single young person that God sends my way knows that God loves them. And because He loves them, they can make it through any situation.

"For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life." - John 3:16

Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry Announcements/Reminders

Parent Meeting

I'd like to meet with ALL parents of children ages 5-18 on Saturday, February 25th at 9:00am here at the church. We will be discussing important information regarding our children, youth, and young adult ministries; as well as providing helpful support for our parents. Please sign up in the bookstore or contact me to confirm your attendance. I hope to see ALL of our parents in attendance.

Youth Ministry Leader Meeting

We will be having a meeting with ALL youth ministry leaders on Saturday, February 25th at 10:30am here at the church. If you lead any ministry that involves children, youth, or young adults, please plan to be in attendance. Please sign up in the bookstore or contact me to confirm your attendance. If you are absolutely unable to attend, please be sure that your ministry is represented by another leader.

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!

Youth Ministry Serve & Skate – Mission & Fellowship Opportunity

All teens, ages 13-18, are invited to join us on Saturday, February 25th as we share in ministry and fellowship with the residents of Lakeview Rehabilitation Center in Wayne, NJ. Afterwards, we will be skating at Branch Brook Skating Rink. We will be leaving the church at 12:30pm sharp. The cost for the skating rink is \$15 per person which includes admission, skate rental, pizza, and a drink. Please sign up and pay in the bookstore by Wednesday, February 22nd.

Youth Ministry – F.R.E.E. Fridays

All youth, ages 13-18, are welcome to join us for F.R.E.E. Fridays every Friday at 7:00pm (except the 1st Friday of the month). F.R.E.E. Fridays provide an opportunity for our teens to learn more about Christ through relevant and meaningful discussions and activities. All sessions are held at the Youth Center at Christ House (269 Fair Street). **F.R.E.E. Fridays will meet on February 24th. Please note the new start time of 7pm!**

Jewels Mentoring Ministry Workshop

All girls, ages 9-17, are invited to attend a special workshop entitled "**Be the Star of Your Show: Confidence is Your Best Accessory**" on Saturday, March 18th at 10:00am. Our special guest facilitator will be Taiia Smart Young, award-winning author and Founder of Smart Girl Media. All attendees will learn tools for embracing their inner beauty and will also receive a copy of Taiia's book. If you are interested in attending, you must sign up in the bookstore by Sunday, March 12th. We look forward to having our girls be a part of this awesome event.

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 now 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. **J.A.M. City will meet again on March 3rd.**

Please contact me for more information on how you and/or your children can become a part of these awesome ministries.

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Rev. Aisha

amtaylor@stlukebaptist.org



St. Luke CDC is a nonprofit 501©(3) community based organization located in Paterson, NJ. St. Luke CDC was established by St. Luke Baptist Church in 1997 under the direction of the Rev. Kenneth Clayton to serve as a catalyst for economic and community development in the City of Paterson and Passaic County.

As a not for profit entity, the St. Luke CDC aims to:

- Establish programs and services to the broad and diverse socio-economic needs of the residents of Paterson and Passaic County.
- Provide leadership in and form partnerships with private and public sector institutions to improve the quality of life for residents of Paterson and Passaic County.

The CDC currently operates

*** After School Program (ASAP)**

*** House of Mercy**

(Women's Transitional House)

*** Summer Camp (Kamp Kreative Kidz)**

*** St. Luke CDF Freedom School®**

www.childrensdefense.org



*** St. Luke CDC Computer Lab**

***The Re-Entry Program**

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

*** The Literacy Projects**

- a) Computer Literacy
- b) Children's Literacy
- c) Adult Literacy

*** Counseling Services**

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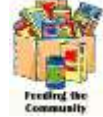
*** Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center**

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

For the week of Monday, February 6th – Saturday, February 11th Christhouse served 116 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



The CDC is appreciative of food and monetary donations from a food drive sponsored by P.S. #28 and the Paterson Academy for the Gifted and Talented.

Ways to Give:

Givelify Mobile App (Anytime)
Select: Saint Luke CDC



OR

Online at
<http://www.stlukebaptist.org/st-luke-cdc.html>

To find out more about the St. Luke CDC, please contact Antoinette Brevard at (973) 345-4309 ext 27, go to the St. Luke CDC link on the St. Luke website www.stlukebaptist.org, or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/slcdc](https://www.facebook.com/slcdc).

Tithing Calculator

Weekly Income	10%	11%	12%	13%	14%	15%
\$100	\$10	\$11	\$12	\$13	\$14	\$15
\$150	15	16.50	18	19.50	21	22.50
\$200	20	22.00	24	26.00	28	30.00
\$250	25	27.50	30	32.50	35	37.50
\$300	30	33.00	36	39.00	42	45.00
\$350	35	38.50	42	45.50	49	52.50
\$400	40	44.00	48	52.00	56	60.00
\$450	45	49.50	54	58.50	63	67.50
\$500	50	55.00	60	65.00	70	75.00
\$550	55	60.50	66	71.50	77	82.50
\$600	60	66.00	72	78.00	84	90.00
\$650	65	71.50	78	84.50	91	97.50
\$700	70	77.00	84	91.00	98	105.00
\$750	75	82.50	90	97.50	105	112.50
\$800	80	88.00	96	104.00	112	120.00
\$850	85	93.50	102	110.50	119	127.50
\$900	90	99.00	108	117.00	126	135.00
\$950	95	104.50	114	123.50	133	142.50
\$1,000	100	110.00	120	130.00	140	150.00
\$1,050	105	115.50	126	136.50	147	157.50
\$1,100	110	121.00	132	143.00	154	165.00
\$1,150	115	126.50	138	149.50	161	172.50
\$1,200	120	132.00	144	156.00	168	180.00
\$1,250	125	137.50	150	162.50	175	187.50
\$1,300	130	143.00	156	169.00	182	195.00
\$1,350	135	148.50	162	175.50	189	202.50
\$1,400	140	154.00	168	182.00	196	210.00

The Tithing Calculator is posted to help us better understand and determine what an actual tithe (or Tenth) is based on our income.

Christian disciples who obey the Word of God, tithe in response to the Lord’s command, in light of the Lord’s graciousness and also to ensure that the local congregation has all that she needs to do ministry that honors the Lord, equips individuals and to build a wholesome Christian community. (Malachi 3:8-10)

If you are not yet a committed part of our “tithing community” we encourage you to prayerfully trust God today, pray and begin surrendering your life to His will in this and every area of your life.

Let the words of Jesus become real and evident in your life according to Matthew 6:33, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

You cannot believe in John 3:16 and NOT believe in Malachi 3:8-10!

Attention "Ladies of the Luke"

Save The Dates!!!

March Sunday Morning Bible Study

(For Women)



"Hidden Figures"

with Guest Instructor

Rev. Thurselle Watts

Sunday, March 5th at 8:30am

Sundays, March 12th, 19th, and 26th at 9:45am



Saturday, March 11, 2017

1:00pm



"Sister to Sister Chat"

With Special Guests

Rev. Dr. Danielle Brown

and

Rev. Dr. Marilyn M. Harris



JOIN US

Mothers, daughters, sisters, and grandmothers for this fun-filled afternoon discussion from "one generation to another."

Sign Up in the Bookstore.

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Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

Sunday Mornings At 9:45 AM

Class	Instructor(s)	Location
Beginners	Deacon Vivian Clayton/ Sister Kendalyn Sumter	128 Carroll Street
Primary (Ages 6-8)	Sister Pamela Jones	128 Carroll Street 2nd Floor
Junior (Ages 9-11)	Sister Tiesha Williams	128 Carroll Street 2nd Floor
Youth (12-14) Male	Brother Robert Whitehead	128 Carroll Street 2nd Floor
Youth (12-14) Female	Sister Gail Brown	128 Carroll Street 2nd Floor
Youth (15-19)	Rev. Aisha Taylor	269 Fair Street/Youth Center 2nd Floor
Young Adult Women (19-35)	Sister Tiffany Smith	Bryant/Eaton Prayer Room
Women	Deacon Vivian Gaines	Sanctuary
New Discipleship Class	Deacon Cleophus Pelt Deacon Gregory Anderson Deacon Linton Gaines	New Discipleship Office Founders Hall
Children's New Discipleship Class	Brother Stacy Arrick, Sr. Sister Susan Corbin	Tuskegee Room
Men's Bible Study Class	Pastor Clayton	Chapel

St. Luke Baptist Church
As "A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known!"

We Are Striving To Be:

- A Christian Church: Jesus Is The Head, We Are The Body. Ephesians 5:23; 1st Corinthians 12:12-28
- A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 2nd Timothy 2:15; James 1:22
- A Praying Church: We Pray Without Ceasing. Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 2; 42; Acts 12:5; Luke 18:1
- A Spirit Filled Church: We Surrender To the Holy Ghost. Roman 12; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:11-16
- A Tithing Church: We Give Back 10% Of All God Gives To Us. Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23 Luke 6:38; 1st Corinthians 16: 1-2
- A Loving Church: We Visit, Care, & Build Up Each Other. John 14:21; John 15:9-13; 1st Corinthians 13
- A Growing Church: We Mature and Bear Good Fruit. Matthew 7:17; John 15:8; Romans 7:4 Galatians 5:22-23
- A Prophetic Church: God Breaks Yokes through St. Luke. Isaiah 6:1; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 3:4-9; Luke 4
- A Witnessing Church: We Spare No Expense To Win Souls. Matthew 18:11; Luke 15; Acts 1:8 Romans 10:13-15
- A Learning Church: We Learn/Teach Bible, History, Etc. Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Proverbs 22: 6; Acts 8:31
- A Community Serving Church: We Help People In Need. Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-15; 1st John 3:17
- A Joyful Church: We Celebrate/Claim Victory. Psalm 100:2; Nehemiah 8:10; 1 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

Our 2017 Challenge

Becoming A G R E A T Church

Growing In Discipleship – “Our Maturity”
(Through Study, Prayer, and Stewardship)

Reaching Souls for Christ – “Our Witness”

Excelling In Ministry – “Our Service”

Authentic in Worship – “Our Praise”

Tue Team in Spirit – “Our Unity”

As we strive to become a GREAT Church, each of us should be challenged to **GROW** together!

Go to God in prayer; **R**ead our Bibles; **O**bey the Word; **W**itness to nonbelievers

Let's Become Great in Order to Grow



Stewardship Reflection

THE PRACTICAL BASIS FOR TITHING

By the Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker

For if the trumpet give an uncertain sound, who shall prepare himself for the battle." (1st Corinthians 14:8)

The Institution

The institution will not change if the preacher does not change. There is no record of any tithing church with a non-tithing pastor. In the section above, we have made some cursory analysis of what the preacher does with his time and energy. It follows, then, that if much of the preacher's time is spent in fund-raising activities, the institution – his lengthened shadow – probably utilizes a great deal of its time and energy *fund-raising*.

When you stand in your home pulpit the next time, look around you. Look at the altar, the choirs, the ushers, the deacons, the people, the windows, the walls, the organ, the piano. Then ask yourself, "What are we doing here?" If you have 300 people at worship on Sunday for two and a half hours, that's 750 person hours. What did that do to advance the kingdom of God on earth? What does that personpower mean? How is it being mobilized for kingdom-building, or *is it* being mobilized for kingdom-building? The truth is that most of our church operations have little to do with kingdom-building, that is, most of it is maintenance and construction. Most of what our churches are about is raising money. Dollars for the kingdom ought to be given, not raised.

I am convinced that much of our focus is all wrong. Too many boards and pastors are obsessed with this year's budget or program instead of the budget and program for the next generation. It won't be long before we're gone. Should we not address some of our energy and resources to the concerns of our posterity? Will we plod along in our traditional church methods, living from year to year rather than taking a new look toward the future and the next generation? We need to change our focus in church life from this year to the next generation; we need to shift from annual concerns to generational concerns.

The periscope of the future is not promising for Blacks in America. The increasing onslaught of industrial technology continues to dislodge our people from the labor force. The epidemics of drug and alcohol abuse have all but destroyed a half a generation of your youth. Much of the stability of our family life has been seduced by the gadgetry of our times. If not us, then who? If not now, when?

Consider, if you will, the impact of twenty-five tithers in your congregation; or fifty or a hundred. With any number, the revolution has begun. The biggest hurdle is the fundamental decision to abandon all fund raising for the operational expenses of the church. But you say, "we can't just stop like that." Why can't you? Aren't we always preaching "Step out on His word?" Do we trust God enough to "rest upon His promise?"

"Bring ye all the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me now herewith, said the Lord of hosts, if I will not open the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it."

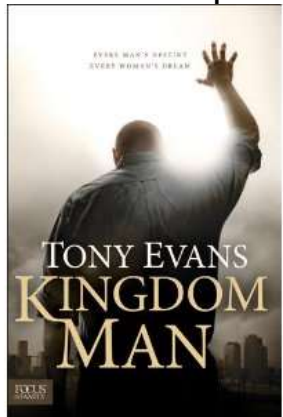


Attention SLBC Disciples...

Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC
for
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am
In the Chapel



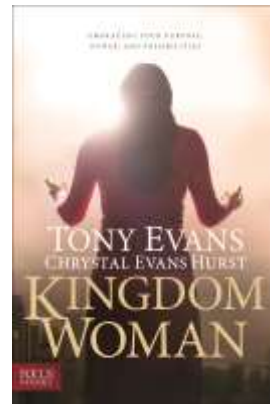
Read Chapter 12

"A Kingdom Man and His Personal Life"

Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, March 4th and 11th
9:00am



Read Chapter 12

"A Kingdom Woman and Her Community"
(pages 187-197)

Operation PRAY!

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."

II Chronicles 7:14

The Challenge - To overcome and defeat prayerlessness individually and as a congregation.

The Goal - To increase the attendance and participation in **ALL** church sponsored Prayer Gatherings and subsequently empower our church to do "greater works" for the Lord
(MUCH PRAYER=MUCH POWER, LITTLE PRAYER=LITTLE POWER, NO PRAYER=NO POWER)

What We Must Do - **REGULARLY** participate in one of our scheduled Prayer Times

Sunday - 8:00am

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.

Ash Wednesday Worship...

The Beginning of Our Lenten Journey

On Wednesday, March 1, 2017 we will begin our 2017 Lenten Journey. Plan and prepare **NOW** to join us as we:

FAST on Wednesday, March 1, 2017 from 6:00am-6:00pm and 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.

BREAK THE FAST at 6:00pm in Founders Hall each Wednesday during Lent.

WORSHIP at 7:00pm in Ash Wednesday Worship Service. Our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome.



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."



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.