

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

Though we have come to the last Sunday in February, we must not allow the world to forget or ignore the many contributions that African Americans have made to our world. We must also allow the pride of our strength, resilience and ingenuity to live in us in every month of the year and cause for us to become committed to continuing the advancement and forward movement that our foremothers and forefathers did in their time.

The perilous times that we live in demand that we be unapologetically Christian. We **MUST NOT** allow the culture and climate of our world to make us think about forsaking our calling to be the "light of the world and the salt of the earth." IF we are to be such then we must do it in both word and deed. The world does not apologize for anything that it does and the church must not apologize for doing what the Lord asks and requires of us. May we be unapologetic in our faith and may our celebration of our faith inspire us to be a congregation of Christian disciples who welcomes all people and seeks to lead all people to Jesus Christ.

Just the other day, I heard it said, "that real ministry is about liberation and transformation." This very serious statement highlights the truth of what **BEING THE CHURCH** is really all about. Through our worship, work and witness people ought to be made free and empowered to change. This is **REAL MINISTRY**. Too many churches and too many church people are satisfied with "having church." The worship service, no matter how exciting it is, is merely the huddle that we gather in on Sundays and sometimes throughout the week to learn (or relearn) the plays, and to hear our coach give us the directives to stay in the game **AND WIN!** When we leave the huddle it becomes our responsibility to put the plays into action. If we do, then we ought to be winning and advancing in the fight against the adversary of the church (the devil) and in his attempts to defeat us.

Let us be committed to not just gathering in the huddle, but also getting in the field and putting the plays into practice through our individual lives and our congregational witness. I am in it **TO WIN**, and I pray that we will win, **TOGETHER!**

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

St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, February 26, 2017

7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

Worship Leaders

7:30am – Christian Cooper 10:50am – Sister Sasha Lowery

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 #500 "Stand By Me"

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

7:30am – Sister Tiffany Allen

10:50am – Josiah Bell-Williams

The Choral Response

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

7:30am – Genia Johnson

10:50am – Darryl Newell

The Ministry of Music

The Men's Choir

The Morning Message

Rev. Aisha M. Taylor

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 that SLBC will be committed to a ministry of transformation and liberation."

The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Melanie Holmes

Who Made a Decision for Christ 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

"If our lives do not reflect radical compassion for the poor, there is reason to wonder if Christ is in us at all."

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

- In BOTH worship services our Associate Minister for Children, Youth, and Young Adults, Rev. Aisha M. Taylor will preach. Let us pray for her and with her as she preaches God's Word.
- At 9:45am representatives from the Health and Wholeness Ministry will be in the Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room to provide blood pressure screenings for any interested persons.
- Sign up for the Women's Ministry's "Sister to Sister Chat" will take place following BOTH worship services today in the SLBC Bookstore. ALL "Ladies of the Luke" are invited to share in this event.
- 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!
- 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 27 – Sunday, March 5, 2017

Monday, February 27, 2017

7:00 AM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
12:00 NOON	"Determined" Internet Radio Broadcast on www.wmocradio.net	
5:30 PM	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	New Discipleship Class – Class #1	New Discipleship Class
6:30 PM	Exercise Class	Founders Hall
6:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room

Tuesday, February 28, 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
5:30 PM	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
7:00 PM	The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

Wednesday, March 1, 2017 – Ash Wednesday

Churchwide Fast – 6:00am-6:00pm

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	The Senior VIP's will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Overflow
5:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	We will break the fast	
7:00 PM	We will gather in our Ash Wednesday Service. Our guest preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Raquel Lettsome. We are encouraged to be a part of this service as we begin our 2017 Lenten Journey.	Sanctuary

Thursday, March 2, 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
6:30 PM	The Praise Team will rehearse	Overflow
7:00 PM	The Young Adult Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
9:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Friday, March 3, 2017

7:00 PM	"J.A.M. City" (our Children's Ministry) will meet. ALL children ages 5-12 are invited to be present and bring a friend!	St. Luke Learning Center
7:30 PM	The Young Adult Ministry will gather for their First Friday Fellowship	Youth Center

Saturday, March 4, 2017

9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study - Read Chapter 11, " <i>A Kingdom Woman and Her Community</i> " (pages 178-186)	Chapel
11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
11:00 AM	SOZO, our HIV/AIDS Ministry will meet. ANYONE who is interested in being a part of this ministry is invited to be present	Chapel
3:00 PM	The Missionaries' and Patricia Tyler Guild's Monthly Outreach at Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center in Paterson	
4:00 PM	The St. Luke Literary Arts Ministry (SLLAM) will lead us in our first book discussion reflecting from our Black History Month book selection. We are all invited to participate.	Founders Hall
4:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Sunday, March 5, 2017

8:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
8:30 AM	Sunday Bible Study Classes and New Discipleship Classes Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #1 Children's New Discipleship Class – Class #1	New Discipleship Room
10:00 AM	United Worship Service – During this worship service we will share in the Installation of our 2017 Ministry Leaders. Our special musical guests will be the Savannah State University Wesleyan Gospel Choir.	Sanctuary
3:30 PM	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	

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 8th – Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees

March 22nd – Women of SLBC

March 15th – Young Adult Ministry

March 29th – Birthday 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**

Sunday, March 5 – Sunday, March 12

SLBC will participate in the National Week of Prayer for the Healing of HIV/AIDS sponsored by The Balm in Gilead.



Sunday, March 12

At 4:00pm we will observe Baptism and the Lord's Supper. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dana P. Owens and the Messiah Baptist Church of East Orange, NJ.

Sunday, March 19

At 4:00pm the Adult Ushers, Youth/Young Adult Ushers, Combined Health Ministry and the Hospitality Ministry will celebrate their service to our congregation. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Jerry M. Carter, Jr. and the Calvary Baptist Church of Morristown, NJ.

Sunday, March 26

At 5:00pm Pastor and People will worship with Pastor Joel Rudolph and the Christian Fellowship Center of Paterson. 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



Bereaved:

Brother Joseph Clayton, Jr. on the death of his brother, Anthony Clayton

Brother John Harris on the death of his brother-in-law

Those Hospitalized or In: Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Sister Peggy Brown
St. Joseph's Hospital
Paterson, 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

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 Beulah Jackson
Sister Rachel Jackson
Sister Damita McClam
Brother John McKenzie
Sister Flelicia McMillan
Sister Morgan McMillan
Sister Alice Robinson
Sister Georgiana Rogers

Sister Stephanie Samuels
Sister Doris 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:

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:

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

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

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
Zhaniah 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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Ash Wednesday – Wednesday, March 1, 2017

“Denying Some Things in Order to Develop Some Things”

Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23

What Is Lent?

The English word lent (stems from an Anglo-Saxon word for “spring” and is related to the English word lengthen) refers to the penitential period preceding Easter. Early Christians felt that the magnitude of the Easter celebration called for special preparation. As early as the second century, many Christians observed several days of fasting as part of that preparation. Over the next few centuries, perhaps in remembrance of Jesus’ fasting for forty days in the wilderness (Matthew 4:1-2), forty days became the accepted length of the Lenten season. Since, from the earliest years of Christianity, it had been considered inappropriate to fast on the day of the resurrection, Sundays were not counted in the forty days. Thus, the Wednesday 46 days before Easter came to be regarded as the beginning of Lent.

Genesis 3:19

The time has come! We will begin the journey of Lent with Ash Wednesday. The goal of Ash Wednesday is to reflect upon our sins, our need for forgiveness, and to connect us to the last days of Christ. The symbol of ashes has been used numerous times in the Old Testament as a sign of penance and mourning. This is the time of year that all Christians can look inward as to how our sins lead Jesus to the cross out of His love for us!

A Time To Pray, Study, Worship, Serve, Sacrifice

A Congregational Call To Fast and Pray!!

In the Gospel of Mark Chapter 9 verse 29, Jesus tells his disciples “This kind can come forth by nothing, but by prayer and fasting.”

Jesus was teaching his disciples (then and now) that the power to do the work of Jesus is available to followers of Jesus ONLY BY PRAYER and FASTING.

Our congregation is being called to FAST and PRAY in the season of Lent, so that individually and congregationally we might be renewed and empowered to serve the Lord, and be disciples that will serve and minister in the name and power of the Lord.

What Is A Fast?

Fasting is an act of worship, a spiritual discipline where one goes without food, drink (or certain foods) for a prescribed period of time. It is an act that is done in conjunction with prayer to change the individual in ways that have social and interpersonal impact for the Lord. We worship not just to please ourselves, but to become empowered to change the world.

Why Are We Fasting?

We are fasting because we realize that in our personal lives and in our church, God wants to use us to do greater work for Him. The Word of God teaches us that we can only accomplish great work for God in our personal lives, and in the life of the church “by prayer and fasting.” As we fast and pray we will be focusing more closely on our need of God’s power in our lives, our families, and the life of SLBC. We will devote this time asking God to deepen our commitment to following Him, praying, studying, and obeying His word, and be empowered to serve and please God with our lives.

Church-Wide Fast Begins:

Ash Wednesday, March 1, 2017, 6:00am – 6:00pm
and continues EVERY Wednesday throughout Lent.

In addition, during the week (Monday-Friday) we will be asked to abstain from:

March 6th-10th – No caffeinated food or drinks

March 13th-17th – No candy, sweets, or desserts of any kind

March 20th-24th – No Social Media

(If you are not on any social media outlet(s), No television – except for the news)

March 27th-31st – No red meat

April 3rd-7th – No fried foods

April 10th-14th – No negative speech or conversation

*During the entire season of Lent we are asked NOT to listen to any music other than gospel/inspirational music.

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Ministers to The World: The Congregation

Ministers to the Congregation:

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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 for Youth Ministry



Facebook for Young Adult Ministry



Facebook for CDC



Twitter



Instagram

facebook.com/slbcpat

facebook.com/SLBCYouth

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A MESSAGE FROM "REV. AISHA"



Greetings St. Luke Family,

A few years ago, I decided to take swimming lessons. This was on my bucket list of things to do because I never learned how to swim as a child. I was determined to finally conquer this lifelong quest. I did some research, found a beginner's class at a local community college, and geared myself up to become a swimmer. I was really excited.

I remember during our first day of class when we initially got into the water, everyone yelled about how cold the water was. We were shivering and uncomfortable. I even thought about getting out of the pool because it was just too cold. Then the instructor gave us a tip. He said, "The longer you stay in the water, the warmer you will become." He then went on to say, "if you dip your whole body into the water at once, you'll warm up a lot quicker." Despite our apprehension, we all took his advice. We quickly dipped our whole bodies in the water and then stayed in, rather than getting out quickly. Within minutes, we weren't even thinking about the cold water but were focused on the new breathing techniques that we were learning.

This story comes to mind today for two reasons. First, I think some of our young people quit too quickly. As soon as something becomes hard or uncomfortable, they want to abort and find something less challenging. Think about all the extracurricular activities or sports that your children have started and didn't stick with. Or think about the college class that you dropped right away because it was just too hard. Well, like the cold water, if you keep your body in it for long enough, your temperature will adjust to a point where it isn't uncomfortable. In fact, the water temperature becomes more and more comfortable the longer you stay in it. The same is true for those things which challenge us. We can't give up so easily. But we must learn to stay in it because ease will surely come.

Secondly, I am convinced that many of our young people are afraid to go "all in." We want to give God a fraction of our gifts, our time, and our service, rather than giving him all that we have to offer. We are satisfied with coming to Christ about the big problems but trying to handle the little ones all by ourselves. However, God wants us to dive right in to the uncomfortable and unfamiliar. We can do this with confidence because though it may be unfamiliar to us, there is nothing unfamiliar to God. We never dive in alone because he is always there.

Let's be more committed and more confident in our relationships with Christ. My prayer is that our youth will learn to stay in the fight and to go all in. Then, they will fully experience the benefits of being a child of the King!

Children, 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!

First Friday Fellowship

All young adults are invited to join us for our First Friday Fellowship on Friday, March 3rd at 7:30pm. We will be meeting at the Youth Center at Christ House.

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 7pm (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 again on March 10th. Please note the new start time of 7:00pm!**

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 Literacy Projects**

- a) Computer Literacy
- b) Children’s Literacy
- c) Adult Literacy
- d) Public Speaking Class

***The Re-Entry Program**

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

*** Counseling Services**

Feeling overwhelmed, seeking support, struggling with changing addictive behaviors, suffering from mental health symptoms? Counseling provides a healthy way to address these concerns. Through an integrative approach in individual and group settings we will work to improve coping skills and resilience in dealing with mental health and co-occurring disorder. Call for a consultation or information, please call Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC via phone at (973) 977-8201, via fax at (973) 977-8202 or via email at tharris@stlukebaptist.org.

*** Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center**

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

For the week of Monday, February 13th – Saturday, February 18th Christhouse served 190 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 ECONOMIC BASIS FOR TITHING

By the Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker

What I gave, I have; what I spent, I had, what I kept, I lost. (Old Epitaph)

In the two preceding chapters of this case study of the adventure of tithing, I have suggested strongly that there is first and foremost a *spiritual* basis for tithing. Professing Christians cannot easily deny the Bible-based admonition to pay the tithe. Secondly, the present moment in the lives of Black Christians especially, demand an almost revolutionary re-tooling in our methods of church finance. The historical and traditional role of the church in the Black religious experience requires a new dynamic in the matter of dollars for the kingdom. There seems to be no other viable and effective option to move the Black Church from its horse-and-buggy methodology to a financial system comparable to the jet age in which we live. Thus, there is also a *practical* basis for tithing. Intellectual acceptance of these two propositions is probably not fraught with much difficulty. Suppose there remain some very serious questions as to the practical steps by which the transition can be made from traditional church financial methods to those which are admittedly, revolutionary, in character.

What is the basis for persuading professing Christians to trust God sufficiently to make this step of faith? I have repeatedly insisted that "to tithe or not to tithe" is a decision of the heart rather than a decision of the mind. If the heart decides, the mind and body will follow. Tithing is in the realm of *faith-action*. "Now faith is the substance of things hoped for and the evidence of things unseen...." Faith-action does not take place in the absence of rationality but in spite of rationality. In fact at some points, rationality can play a supportive role in faith-action.

There are some constants that prevail when one considers the economic aspects of tithing. In the course of my personal adventure in tithing, I have found these constants incontrovertible. First, commitment to the tithing principle has *universal applications*. Anyone with the will, can tithe. A simple illustration is persuasive. A professing Christian, from the stance of believing that everything comes from the Lord ("All of my help, comes from the Lord") agrees that, every time, *every* time God gives a dollar, a dime must be returned to the Lord who sends *all of the help*. There is not one of us who will not readily agree on a person to person basis, to accept this premise. If you give me a dollar, I'll be glad to give you a dime all day every day, *ad infinitum*. If we are willing to do that with each other, why not with God? Besides, what is it you have that you did not receive?

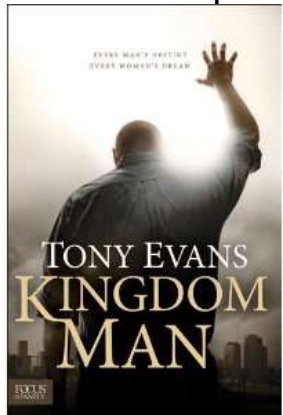


Attention SLBC Disciples...

Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC
for
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am
In the Chapel



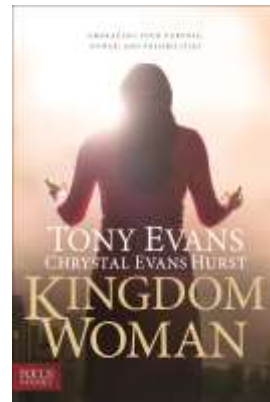
Read Chapter 12

"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 178-186)

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.