

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

The Lord has yet shown us His wonderful kindness by allowing us to move into the second month of the year 2017. It is a blessing that none of us should take lightly or for granted. In the words of our forbearers, "He didn't have to do it but He did." Because He has, I am thankful, grateful, and DETERMINED to live my life to please the Lord and in His service.

February is designated as Black History Month. In this month (the shortest of the twelve) our nation pauses to acknowledge and pay homage to the significant contributions that African Americans have made in and to our country. The real truth is that America would not be as great a country as it is, if it were not for the sweat, labor, and sacrifices of African Americans. We must never forget this truth, nor should we ever let America forget this either.

One month is not long enough to celebrate all that African Americans have done for the advancement of America. Because our contributions are intricately woven into the fiber and fabric of the history of America, Black History Month is EVERYDAY and should not be seen or celebrated in a manner that separates it from the history of our country.

As we trace the history of African people brought to America since 1619, we know that our journey and evolution in this land has not been easy. We have literally survived and thrived, against all odds! Because of this truth we must not allow the current political climate to make us afraid. We have had obstacles as a people prior to this and by God's grace, those obstacles were overcome. Although we face new and somewhat different challenges, we do so with the same God. He is able to carry us through, and He will.

I hope that each and every one of you has purchased your book and that you will be participating in our first "Read In" of 2017. May we continue to be inspired and challenged to deepen our faith and broaden our ability to learn, think, impact and influence the world.

PLEASE ALSO REMEMBER, that during the month of February, we will support four historically black colleges and universities (HBCU's). We will continue our longstanding tradition of providing monetary support to the institutions selected by the Helping Hand Ministry. PLEASE, throughout this month give a special gift beyond your regular giving of tithes and offerings on the line for Missions and Benevolence so that we can continue to "Make Christ Known" in this manner.

As we move through the first quarter of this year, may our best continue to get better for the Lord.

I love you with all of my love.

Pastor Clayton

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

# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, February 5, 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 #504 "Oh Freedom"*

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 Tiesha Williams  
10:50am – Brother David Rice*

The Choral Response

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

The Ministry of Music

*The Youth and Teen 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](http://www.stlukebaptist.org)  
(Anytime)



### In Our Bookstore

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



### SLBC Mobile App

(Anytime)



### Givelify Mobile App

(Anytime)



### Mail

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

Your regular support and generosity is encouraged and greatly appreciated.



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

**This week the Bookstore is open:**

#### Sunday

9:45am – 10:45am

1:00pm – 1:30pm

#### Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm

6:30pm – 7:15pm

## Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

"This week we are challenged to pray for all unemployed SLBC disciples to find gainful employment that will enable them to provide for themselves (and their families) and be able to continue growing in faith and serving God."

## The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Elijah Davis

### 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

"Obedience is an act of worship."

# 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

- At 1:00pm the Youth/Young Adult Ushers will meet. ALL ushers are asked to be present. Any youth or young adults interested in ushering are asked to be present.
- 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 the Health and Wholeness Ministry for planning and hosting the Suicide Prevention Workshop on last Saturday!
- EVERY SLBC disciples has been asked to bring in two bags of canned goods or other food items for Christhouse. Food items may be left in the pulpit today. For those who wish to make a monetary donation, you may do so in the Bookstore.
- All St. Luke scholarship recipients must complete the Education Renewal Scholarship Certification by **TOMORROW**, February 6<sup>th</sup> in order to receive the second half of the scholarship award. Submit your form to the church office. Forms are available at the church entrances
- 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 6 – Sunday, February 12, 2017

### Monday, February 6, 2017

<b>7:00 AM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	"Determined" Internet Radio Broadcast on <a href="http://www.wmocradio.net">www.wmocradio.net</a>	
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	New Discipleship Class – Class #3	New Discipleship Class
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Exercise Class	Founders Hall

### Tuesday, February 7, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:00 PM-7:00 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Floral Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

### Wednesday, February 8, 2017

<b>6:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	Noonday Bible Study. Please read Luke chapters 23-24 as we study Jesus Experiences Calvary and the Resurrection.	Overflow
<b>6:45 PM</b>	Evening Prayer Service. The Hospitality Ministry of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter chapter 1:1-11 as we study "Knowing and Growing."	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. ALL young adults are invited to share in this time of study and fellowship.	Chapel

### Thursday, February 9, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:00 PM-7:00 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>9:00 PM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Friday, February 10, 2017

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

### Saturday, February 11, 2017

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Women's Bible Study - Read Chapter 11, "A Kingdom Woman and Her Church" (pages 169-186)	Chapel
<b>10:00 AM</b>	The Women's Ministry Outreach at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus, NJ)	
<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Sunday, February 12, 2017 – Heritage Sunday

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>9:30 AM</b>	United Worship Service – Our Guest Messenger will be Walter Fields, Jr.	Sanctuary
<b>4:00 PM</b>	The Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees will celebrate their service to our congregation in conjunction with our observance of the Lord's Supper. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Thomas Johnson, Sr. and the Canaan Baptist Church of Christ of New York, NY.	Sanctuary

# The Month Ahead

## **Prayer Leaders:**

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

**February 15<sup>th</sup>** – Floral Ministry

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>** – Missionaries

*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**

## **Tuesday, February 21 – Thursday, February 23**

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.

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



### **Become a Member of the NAACP**

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

### **DID YOU KNOW????????????????**

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



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

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



When blood pressure is under control, the risk of developing heart disease, kidney failure, or stroke is lower.  
"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:**

Sister Mae Benson and Sister Ida Stokley on the death of their nephew  
Sister Deborah Myles, Sister Patricia Myles, and Sister Thelma Myles on the death of their mother  
Brother Jesse Sims on the death of his nephew

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

Brother Anthony Clayton Maple Glen Center Fair Lawn, NJ	Sister Beulah Jackson Care One at Wayne Wayne, NJ	Sister Maxine Randolph Preakness Healthcare Center Wayne, NJ
Sister Connie Clayton Chestnut Convalescent Center Passaic, NJ	Sister Mae Jones Advanced Care Center at Wayne Wayne, NJ	Sister Nellie Reed Atrium at Wayne Care Center Wayne, NJ
Sister Mary DeGroat Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center Paterson, NJ	Deacon Jack Moore NJ Veterans Memorial Paramus, NJ	

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

Sister Thelma Arthur	Sister Hattie Haynesworth	Sister Doris Smith
Sister Gloria Battle	Sister Ocie High	Sister Retha Sumter
Sister Jean Battle	Sister Rachel Jackson	Sister Mary Thomas-Carter
Brother Darrell Bell	Sister Geana Kennedy	Sister Patricia Thompson
Sister Mabel Biggs	Sister Damita McClam	Sister Cynthia Thorne
Sister Edna Black	Brother John McKenzie	Sister Miriam Threet
Sister Edith Douglas	Sister Alice Robinson	Sister Ola Mae Whitaker
Sister Wendy Drakeford	Sister Georgiana Rogers	Sister Marian Williams
Brother LaMar Gaines	Sister Stephanie Samuels	

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

Sister Thwana Bowman	Sister Jennifer Foxworth	Brother Malinque Haskins
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.	Sister Lanitra Green	Sister Leticia McGuire

## **Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:**

Kenneth Brogsdale	Kevin Malik Myles	Frederick Simpson
Gary Davis	Chamar Myles	Rashad State
Rev. Edward Fairley	Wilmyra Nero	Denzel Thompson
Justin Keith		

## **Our Deacons of the Week:**

Carolyn Anderson	Gregory Anderson
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*\*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 to 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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### Ministers to The World: The Congregation

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# A MESSAGE FROM “REV. AISHA”



Greetings St. Luke Family,

It is indeed a blessing to greet you all in the strong name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. We serve a great God and I'm so thankful to be His child. January has left us and we are now in February. It seems like just a few days ago we were saying "Happy New Year!"

While we should celebrate Black History every month, I am always excited about highlighting our history and heritage during the month of February. Our history is unlike any other. It's deeply rooted in struggle and achievement, with an overshadowing presence of faith. Our people are rich, beautiful, talented, courageous, strong, innovative, and proud. This should always be celebrated, not just in February, but every day of the year. In addition to highlighting the achievements of others, we must become more intentional about becoming achievers ourselves. Any one of us could become the next great writer, or athlete, or scholar, or politician, or inventor. While our motivation shouldn't be recognition, it's important that we still strive for greatness in everything we do. We owe it to our ancestors and we owe it to ourselves. Happy Black History Month!

## **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!

### **Youth Ministry – F.R.E.E. Fridays**

All youth, ages 13-18, are welcome to join us for F.R.E.E. Fridays every Friday at 7:00pm (except the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month). F.R.E.E. Fridays provide an opportunity for our teens to learn more about Christ through relevant and meaningful discussions and activities. All sessions are held at the Youth Center at Christ House (269 Fair Street). **F.R.E.E. Fridays will meet on February 10<sup>th</sup>, 17<sup>th</sup>, and 24<sup>th</sup>. 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 18<sup>th</sup> at 10am. 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 12<sup>th</sup>. 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 on February 10<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup>.**

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

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Rev. Aisha

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



# 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!**

# The Jewels Mentoring Ministry will meet

Saturday, February 18, 2017

9:30am – Continental Breakfast

10:00am – Monthly Meeting

Location: Youth Center



ALL young ladies ages 9-17 are welcome!

Join us as we learn why Jewels  
are "*fearfully and wonderfully made!*"



Discussion topic:  
***"What Do You Believe?"***

What do you believe about God? What do you believe about yourself?  
We will talk about these topics and much more!

For more information, please call the church office at 973-345-4309  
or email [tiffylsmith@yahoo.com](mailto:tiffylsmith@yahoo.com).

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## St. Luke CDC Is Proud To Announce Counseling Services Available To The Community

Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC  
Licensed Professional Counselor  
[tharris@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:tharris@stlukebaptist.org)

305 Broadway  
(Martin Luther King Way)  
Paterson, NJ 07501

Office: (973) 977-8201  
Cell: (973) 462-2255  
Fax: (973) 977-8202

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. Services provided to persons age 18 years and older.

For a consultation or information, please call Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC via phone at (973) 977-8201, via fax at (973) 977-8202 or via email at [tharris@stlukebaptist.org](mailto:tharris@stlukebaptist.org).

## Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

### Sunday Mornings At 9:45 AM

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

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

**We Are Striving To Be:**

A Christian Church: Jesus Is The Head, We Are The Body. Ephesians 5:23; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-28

A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 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; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16: 1-2

A Loving Church: We Visit, Care, & Build Up Each Other. John 14:21; John 15:9-13; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 13

A Growing Church: We Mature and Bear Good Fruit. Matthew 7:17; John 15:8; Romans 7:4 Galatians 5:22-23

A Prophetic Church: God Breaks Yokes through St. Luke. Isaiah 6:1; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 3:4-9; Luke 4

A Witnessing Church: We Spare No Expense To Win Souls. Matthew 18:11; Luke 15; Acts 1:8 Romans 10:13-15

A Learning Church: We Learn/Teach Bible, History, Etc. Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Proverbs 22: 6; Acts 8:31

A Community Serving Church: We Help People In Need. Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-15; 1<sup>st</sup> John 3:17

A Joyful Church: We Celebrate/Claim Victory. Psalm 100:2; Nehemiah 8:10; 1 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**

**G**rowing In Discipleship – “Our Maturity”  
(Through Study, Prayer, and Stewardship)

**R**eaching Souls for Christ – “Our Witness”

**E**xcelling In Ministry – “Our Service”

**A**uthentic in Worship – “Our Praise”

**T**ue Team in Spirit – “Our Unity”

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

**G**o 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.*" (1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 14:8)

The contemporary American scene in the context of Black Americans is one of severe crisis. In the last twenty years we have witnessed visible changes in our everyday circumstance, North, South, East, and West. There have been three major civil rights bills; the consciousness-raising process precipitated by the presence of Martin and Malcolm has been healthy if not comfortable. In the matter of ethnic differences we have set aside sham, convenience and hypocrisy that once were forbidden territory. Individually, a great deal of "progress" has been made. But the rub is that many of the gains made during the King era have either been neutralized or nullified by the combination of intransigent racism and the accelerated pace of white progress. The bottom line – the reality – is that the Black body politic is farther behind its white counterpart than it was prior to the Supreme Court decision of 1954. The changes are visible, but they are more cosmetic than they are consequential.

Martin Luther King and his legions gave the Black clergy and the Black church enterprise a new visibility that it had not had in white America. The frenetic activity in the manner of the white vs. Black syndrome in this republic heightened the expectations of the oppressed community beyond our capacity to deliver. In our painful sojourn in this land, we have had four major institutions that fended for our rights; *the Black press, Black Businesses, Black schools and the Black church*. The Black press is no longer a voice to champion the cause of the downtrodden masses. At the mercy of instantaneous news reporting and electronic newsgathering, the Black press has been forced into prostitution of advertising revenues to stay alive. Black businesses and the leverage it represents against the nation's one trillion dollar gross national product is miniscule. Black colleges and universities are on the ropes because of the dollar cost of academic competition and the absence of giant subsidies afforded the MIT's and Cal Techs of this land. Our last bastion of hope for liberation and wholeness is the Black Church. But we are struggling to be relevant and productive because we are trying to make bricks without straw. Our financial systems in this jet plane age are still fumbling with a horse and buggy methodology.

One might ask, "Is it the business of the church – the Black Church specifically – to address itself to the struggle for liberation and wholeness?" Let us take a brief survey of the role of the Black Church in Black life. No one will deny that it is the primary institution of influence in the lives of the community it serves. Historically, there is some very persuasive evidence that the distance we have traveled so far has been largely on the strength of the central role the Black Church has played in Black life. In the distant past and not so distant past, it has been the *citadel of faith* that provided us with resiliency to endure what we had to endure in order to survive. It has been that safe harbor that has protected us from a thousand insanities imposed by the systematic racism of white America. The unspeakable cruelties, both physical and psychic, were neutralized sufficiently by our trust and existentialist faith in "sweet Jesus." And not only that. The Black Church which exists in the capitalist system is the only instance where its benefits are open to all. It is the singular *economic entity* that holds any promise of collective leverage. Nothing in Black life matches the collateral equity of the Black Church in terms of real economic strength. That Black Church has been our primary *political base* in direct proportion to our incidence of population. All across our land, in cities large and small, where Black political power is flexed, whether crucial, important or marginal the bulk of that political leverage is ensconced in the Black Church. There is no larger *employment component*. More Black people are gainfully employed in the Black Church enterprise than anywhere else in Black life. It is the chief *resource of leadership* and the primary *reservoir of our culture and heritage*. All meaningful social change, however slight or great, has been under the auspices of the Black Church, a *revolutionary instrument* in our social predicament. If in this moment the Black Church does not respond to the cries of our people, *who* will answer? And, if not now, *when*?

There are some who look askance at this suggestion of the mission of the Black Church. I heard Jesus say the other day in the synagogue at Nazareth, *"The Spirit of the Lord is upon me, because he hath anointed me to preach the gospel to the poor; he hath sent me to heal the broken-hearted, to preach deliverance to the captives and the recovering of sight to the blind, to set at liberty them that are bruised, to preach the acceptable year of the Lord."* That is the mission of the Church, if it is anything at all.

To bring together theory and practice, we must recognize that the reality of accomplishing the mission of the Church is through the resources that are available. Our resources are people and goods that are sanctified to His purpose.

Earlier, I proposed to you that the Spiritual Basis for Tithing is explicitly and implicitly scriptural. The professing Christian subscribes to Bible-based belief *and* practice. That belief and practice is buttressed by the *a priori* assumption that everything belongs to God. Given that, the theory and practice takes on flesh and sinew through the successive and persistent application of practical stewardship.

I remember Martin Luther King saying on many occasions that every institution is the lengthened shadow of the man. That is to say that our institutions, corporate and religious, tend to reflect the stance and character of the pivotal personality. It follows then that when it comes to the Black Church, the Black preacher is not only pivotal but crucial. What he does and how he does what he does can have far-reaching effects for good or ill. Our concern then should be to examine the best route to making the Black preacher the best craftsman he can become for the work of the kingdom.

Let me make it very clear that I am not talking about academic preparation. Schooling only provides you with tools. There is no substitute for common sense and judgment. A Ph.D. with no common sense is an educated fool. In Romans, Paul speaks of "gifts differing according to the grace that is given to us..." Whether our gifts are different or multiple or many or few, if we take seriously our call to the ministry, we ought to strive to do the best we can with what we have. If our commitment is any less than that, we ought to get out of the ministry!

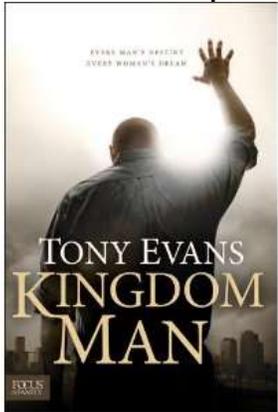


# Attention SLBC Disciples...

## Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC  
for  
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am  
In the Chapel



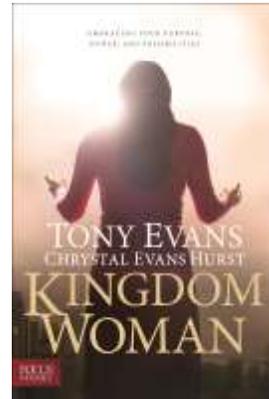
Read Chapter 12

*"A Kingdom Man and His Personal Life"*

## Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturday, February and 11<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am



Read Chapter 11

*"A Kingdom Woman and Her Church"*  
(pages 163-168)

## 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. 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.

**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; and be serious about deepening your faith that we might live resurrected lives and lead unsaved/unchurched people to new life in Christ.

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.