

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

Throughout the Lenten Journey, I have been serious and sincere in my attempt to identify attitudes and actions that I need to get rid of and those that I need to acquire in order to be a more faithful disciple of the Lord Jesus Christ. Although I THINK that I am a pretty good person, I had begun to become somewhat dissatisfied with my relationship with the Lord and really sought to discover how I could maximize my joy in the Lord. I also wanted to make sure that my life was authentically pleasing to God. So I embarked upon Lent 2018 with an even greater sense of focus and devotion. I really hope that ALL OF US will do the same.

It is so easy to become complacent in any relationship, even our relationship with the Lord! Because it is so easy to do, every one of us who is a disciple of the Lord must be intentional about growing in Christ AND about maintaining excitement, enthusiasm and JOY as we grow. The joy of the Lord is indeed our strength and without it we are weak, withering disciples.

It is my sincere hope and prayer that EVERY PERSON who claims connection to Christ through St. Luke Church will renew and rediscover their love for God and recommit to growing in Him! If we do this, our individual lives, the lives of our families and the life of our congregation will abound in greater love and energy that will connect us to God and to one another in a more sincere way. This should be our goal and our desire as children of God.

There is so much negativity in our world. We who say that we believe must be persons who bring hope, peace, and joy into the world by how we live and because of who we believe in. May we be committed to doing such every day that we are alive.

This afternoon, we gather at 4:00pm to celebrate the service of the Combined Ushers, Hospitality Ministry, and Health Ministry to our congregation. We should all be indebted to these servant/leaders of our congregation and I invite you to join me in being a part of this worship service.

Pray now for our Holy Week Worship Services and all that God has planned for us as we continue to strive to be, "A Church DETERMINED to Know Christ and Make Him Known."

I love you with ALL of my love!

Pastor Clayton

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# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, March 18, 2018  
7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services  
**Fifth Sunday of Lent**

**From World to Worship...**

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

## The Call to Worship

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #191 "Glory To His Name"

The Affirmation of Unity

"Lord Make Us One"

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

The Church In Prayer

The Ministry of Music

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

The Ministry of Music

The Morning Message

Pastor Clayton

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

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

The Offertory Prayer

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## Tithing Affirmation

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

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

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

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

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

The General Offering

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

The Pastoral Observations

The Benediction

## Our Departing Affirmation

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

**From Worship to Service...**

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

# NEWS FOR THE PEWS

## Six Ways To Give At SLBC

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



### **In Person**

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



### **Online**

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



### **In Our Bookstore**

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



### **SLBC Mobile App**

(Anytime)



### **Givelify Mobile App**

(Anytime)



### **Mail**

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

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



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

**This week the Bookstore is open:**

### Sunday

9:45am – 10:45am

1:00pm – 1:30pm

### Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm

6:30pm – 7:15pm

## Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

“This week we are challenged to pray for the courage to be faithful to God, despite difficult circumstances.”

## **The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to**

Jasmir J. Cleaves

Viviana J. Thompson

## **Who Made Decisions for Christ!**



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

“Courage is not the absence of fear, but the presence of faith.”

# WELCOME TO ST LUKE...

*Hope Lives Here, Freedom is Found Here, Changed Lives Leave Here*

**IF YOU ARE A VISITOR**, the Pastoral Staff, Leaders, and the entire SLBC Family would like to extend to you a heartfelt **WELCOME!** We invite you to experience the presence of God as you worship with us. If you are new to the area and have no church home, we would love for you to become a part of the St. Luke Family. Please come forward at the end of the sermon and we will gladly share with you the reality of Jesus Christ and how to become a disciple of Christ through St. Luke. From your visit with us today we hope that you will feel the love of Christ and the sweet fellowship that comes from our love for Him. This is our special way of providing a rewarding and memorable worship experience. Visitors are not expected to give during the offertory period. Our ministry is supported by the committed disciples of our congregation. If you desire to give an offering, we thank you for your gift. God bless you and thank you for your visit with us. If you leave the sanctuary during the preaching moment you will be asked to wait in the overflow until after the message and the Invitation to Christian discipleship has been extended. Thank you for your cooperation as we seek to honor and respect the preaching moment.

## TODAY

- Following BOTH worship services voter registration will take place. If you are 18 years of age or older, not registered, recently changed your name or address, PLEASE see a member of the Social/Political Action Committee to (re)register in the foyer.
- If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily, please see Sister Debra Bracey, Sister Vanessa Darden, Sister Mae Frye, or Sister Gwendolyn Ndubuisi following the 7:30am Worship Service or see Deacon Mary Brown, Sister Charlene Easley-Sumlin or SisterCarolyn McClide following the 10:50am Worship Service.
- At 4:00pm the Combined Health Ministry, the Hospitality Ministry, and the Combined Ushers (Adults, Youth/Young Adults) will celebrate their Annual Day in worship. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. J. Michael Sanders and the Fountain Baptist Church of Summit, NJ. We are all encouraged to be a part of this service.
- Pastor Clayton would like to express THANKS to all SLBC disciples who shared in the fellowship service with Rev. Janel York and the Friendship Baptist Church of Paterson on last Sunday.
- 2017 Contribution Request Forms are now available at both entrances of the Church. Completing and submitting this form is **THE ONLY** means by which your contribution statement will be given to you.
- Pastor Clayton would like to extend Happy Birthday wishes to all who celebrate a birthday this week AND Happy Wedding Anniversary to all couples who may celebrate their wedding anniversary this week!
- SLBC Ministry Leaders, please check your ministry mailboxes.

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When you are unable to be in worship physically, you can worship with us via livestream at <http://831vision.com/Pastor-Kenneth-Clayton/>



The Children's Nursery is open for "King's Kids" during our 10:50am Worship Service for infants to children age 6 in Founders Hall. Parents with infants may view the services via closed circuit TV in the Chapel.



Van Service is available for our 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, March 19 – Sunday, March 25, 2018

### Monday, March 19, 2018

<b>7:00 AM</b>	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
<b>5:30 PM</b>	D.S. Education Alliance Performing Arts	St. Luke Learning Center
<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 Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
<b>6:00 PM</b>	New Discipleship Class – Class #3	New Discipleship Room
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Exercise Class	Founders Hall

### Tuesday, March 20, 2018

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

### Wednesday, March 21, 2018 **Churchwide Fast – 6:00am-6:00pm**

<b>6:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	Noonday Bible Study. Please read John chapter 18 as we study “Jesus is Arrested.”	Overflow
<b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway

*Evening Prayer and Bible Study will resume on Wednesday, March 28, 2018.*

### Thursday, March 22, 2018

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
<b>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 Children’s Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 PM</b>	SLEAT (Education/Scholarship Committee) will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Men’s Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>8:00 PM</b>	The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>9:00 PM</b>	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Friday, March 23, 2018

<b>6:45 PM</b>	“J.A.M. City” (our Children’s Ministry) will share in a night of fun at Sky Zone	
<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, March 24, 2018

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Sunday, March 25, 2018 – Palm Sunday

<b>7:00 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
<b>9:45 AM</b>	Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes	
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #7	New Discipleship Room
	Special Sunday Women’s Bible Study with Guest Facilitator Rev. Thurselle Williams	Sanctuary
<b>10:50 AM</b>	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary

# The Month Ahead

## Prayer Leaders:

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

**March 28<sup>th</sup>** – Men of SLBC

## **Attention Ladies of the Luke!!!**

Sundays, March 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

9:45am – Sanctuary

**Special Sunday Women's Bible Study**  
**"#metoo – God's Response to Abuse"**

#METOO



**Facilitator:**

*Rev. Thurselle Williams*



**Monday, March 26 – Friday, March 30, 2018 – Holy Week!**

**Sunday, April 1, 2018 – Resurrection Sunday!**

## **Wednesday, April 4, 2018**

At 7:00pm SLBC will join with churches in our city in observing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King's assassination. This commemorative worship service will be held at the Calvary Baptist Church (575 East 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Paterson, NJ 07514) where the Rev. Dr. Randall M. Lassiter, Jr. is pastor. The Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Simeon D. Spencer, Pastor of the Union Baptist Church of Trenton, NJ. There will be NO evening activities at SLBC on this day.

## **Sunday, April 8, 2018 – 91<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary**

In a United Worship Service at 9:30am we will celebrate the 91<sup>st</sup> Church Anniversary of St. Luke Church. Our Guest Celebrant will be Rev. Dr. Emil Thomas, Pastor of the Jerusalem Baptist Church of Palo Alto, California. On this day as we celebrate God's grace to SLBC every SLBC disciple is asked to give a sacrificial offering of \$91.00 (one dollar for every year of our church's existence) above our regular giving of tithes and offerings. Let's look forward to this day of celebration with prayerful expectation.



## **Register To Vote**

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

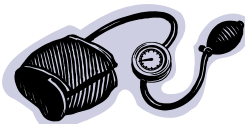


## **Become a Member of the NAACP**

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

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

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



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

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



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



# Please Remember In Your Prayers



## **Bereaved:**

Sister Lois Woods on the death of her nephew

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

Brother Johnny Brown  
Oakland Rehabilitation Center  
Oakland, NJ

Deacon Jack Moore  
NJ Veterans Memorial  
Paramus, NJ

Sister Christola Roberts  
St. Joseph's Hospital  
Wayne, NJ

Sister Connie Clayton  
Chestnut Convalescent Center  
Passaic, NJ

Sister Nellie Reed  
Atrium at Wayne Care Center  
Wayne, NJ

Sister Patricia Thompson  
Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center  
Paterson, NJ

Sister Mae Jones  
Lakeview Rehabilitation Center  
Wayne, NJ

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

Sister Gloria Battle  
Sister Jean Battle  
Sister Mabel Biggs  
Sister Edna Black  
Sister Bertha Buffaloe  
Brother Joseph Clayton, Jr  
Sister Tonya Clayton  
Sister Pauline Cooper  
Brother Peter Daye, Jr.  
Sister Mary DeGroat

Sister Edith Douglas  
Sister Wendy Drakeford  
Sister Brenda Hill  
Sister Valerie Ingram  
Sister Beulah Jackson  
Sister Rachel Jackson  
Sister Damita McClam  
Sister Laura Parker  
Sister Georgiana Rogers

Sister Lucy Ross  
Sister Therese Salmon  
Sister Stephanie Samuels  
Sister Lucille Sumter  
Sister Mary Thomas-Carter  
Sister Cynthia Thorne  
Sister Miriam Threet  
Brother Irving Watkins, Sr.  
Sister Ola Mae Whitaker

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

Sister Thwana Bowman  
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.

Sister Jennifer Foxworth  
Sister Hattie Haynesworth

Sister Patricia Myles  
Sister Ethel Thomas

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

Edward Fairley  
Justin Keith  
Vincent McDuffie

Chamar Myles  
Kevin Malik Myles  
Wilmyra Nero

Frederick Simpson  
Rashad State  
Denzel Thompson

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

Bridget Arrick

Stacy Arrick, Sr.

***\*To add your name or the name of a loved one to any of these areas, please call the Church Office at extension 11 for directions/details.***



# Please Remember In Your Prayers



## Our Extended Family:

Herman Austin  
Flora Bryant  
Cynthia Buffaloe  
Janet Coleman  
Bobby James Dolberry  
Constance Fletcher  
Mary Ford  
Harrie Graham  
Lovey Gray

Leola Hargrove  
Robert Harrell  
Henry Johnson  
Leslie Johnson  
Caryn Kitchings  
James Lee  
Michael Mantovani  
Dexter Martin

Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney  
Otis McKay  
Linda Pittman  
Rev. Robert Pittman  
Mack Simpkins, Jr.  
Johnnie Sims, Jr.  
Glenda Smith  
Priscilla Williams

## Our College Students:

Niashonda Brimley  
Sierra Gerald

Janiah Mitchell

Tyler Sumter

## SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:

Mychal Alexander (nephew of Mary Baskerville)  
Keon Arrick (son of Stacy and Bridget Arrick)  
Jah'mel Ayers (nephew of Sister Cynthia Toppin) who is in Kuwait  
Rose Marie Berry (niece of Cleophus Pelt)  
Akeem Fraser.  
Maximillian Johnson (cousin of Antionette Brevard) who is in Japan  
Gregory Jones (nephew of Mary Buckingham) who is in Iraq  
Javon Riddick (grandson of Mary Wade)  
Jiquan Smallwood (grandson of Patricia Smallwood)  
Mystic Smith (niece of Tanya Williams)  
Kareem Stephen  
Jabir Williams  
Nyree Wilson  
Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

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Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Senior Pastor

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

### Holy Week Noonday Worship Services



Monday, March 26, 2018

12:00 Noon

Guest Preacher:

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



Tuesday, March 27, 2018

12:00 Noon

Guest Preacher:

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



Wednesday, March 28, 2018

12:00 Noon

Guest Preacher:

Rev. Maurice Porter  
Shiloh Baptist Church  
Hartford, CT

### Maundy Thursday Worship Service

Thursday, March 29, 2018

7:00pm



Guest Preacher: Rev. Dr. Ann Lightner-Fuller

### Good Friday Worship Service

#### "SEVEN WORDS ONE FRIDAY"

Friday, March 30, 2018

12:00 Noon



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



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



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



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



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



Rev. Lester Wormley  
Liberty Baptist Church  
Elizabeth, NJ



Rev. Janel York  
Friendship Baptist Church  
Paterson, NJ

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

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

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Taylor Moore, Percussionist

Jordan Randolph, Organist

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Gail Brown

Stanley DeVore

The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-7:00pm to facilitate the needs of our congregation and ministry. To contact a member of the Church Staff, please use the above-mentioned information.

### To Stay Connected to SLBC:



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



Facebook for CDC

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#### Trustee Ministry


Richard Cook, Chairman

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### St. Luke Is a Member of and Supports:

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# A MESSAGE FROM “REV. AISHA”



Greetings St. Luke Family,

It's amazing how God can turn something bad into something good. I had another idea for last Sunday's sermon. But then my basement flooded. God birthed a message in me for our young people that I hope was a blessing. It certainly blessed me because I needed the reminder that God can rebuild a broken foundation and turn it into a firm foundation.

I'm sure if you think about it, you can identify some bad in your life that God has turned into good. God has a unique way of turning our bad experiences into good when we seek him for guidance and trust his direction. We just have to be willing to go through the process in order to fully understand the purpose.

Be reminded that the bad we experience can be turned into good when God is the head of our lives. He never leaves us in a bad place. Instead, he loves us enough to take us through the process of our bad becoming good. I'm so grateful!

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

### **Young Adult Bible Study**

All young adults (ages 19-35) are encouraged and invited to attend Young Adult Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Our study and knowledge of God's Word is integral to our spiritual development. We meet in the chapel and we hope to see you there! **Join us on Wednesday, March 28<sup>th</sup> as we continue our new series "The Pursuit of Holiness."**

### **Youth Ministry – Mission Day**

All youth, ages 13-18, are invited to join us on Saturday, March 24<sup>th</sup> as we complete our Plastic Bag Drive Mission Project. We will meet at 10:45am to finish preparing the bags and travel to CUMAC to deliver them. Following our delivery of the plastic bags, we will spend a little time in fellowship with lunch and games. For more details and to sign up, please see Rev. Aisha.

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

All youth, ages 13-18, are welcome to join us for F.R.E.E. Fridays **every Friday at 7:00pm (except the 1<sup>st</sup> Friday of the month)**. F.R.E.E. Fridays provide an opportunity for our teens to learn more about Christ through relevant and meaningful discussions and activities. Attendees do not have to be members of the church to attend. So, teens can feel free to bring their friends or family members. All sessions are held at the Youth Center at Christ House (269 Fair Street).

### **Children's Ministry - J.A.M. City**

All parents of children, ages 5-12, are invited and encouraged to become a part of our children's ministry, J.A.M. (Jesus and Me) City. **J.A.M. City meets EVERY FRIDAY EXCEPT THE LAST FRIDAY OF EACH MONTH at 7:00pm at the ST. Luke Learning Center, 128 Carroll Street.** J.A.M. City is dedicated to providing a space where our children can learn about Christ while having fun. The children participate in various learning, recreational, and community service activities...and so much more! Please make sure that your children are a part of our Children's Ministry. Let's work together to ensure that their lives are built on a firm foundation...Jesus Christ.

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Rev. Aisha

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

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

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

**The CDC currently operates**

- \* **After School Program (ASAP)**
- \* **Summer Camp (Kamp Kreative Kidz)**
- \* **St. Luke CDC Computer Lab**
- \* **The Literacy Projects**
  - a) Computer Literacy
  - b) Children's Literacy
  - c) Adult Literacy
  - d) Public Speaking Class
- \* **House of Mercy**  
(Women's Transitional House)
- \* **St. Luke CDF Freedom School®**  
[www.childrensdefense.org](http://www.childrensdefense.org)



**\* Counseling Services**

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

**\* Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center**

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

**For the weeks of Monday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, March 10<sup>th</sup> Christhouse served 111 individuals!**

We remain thankful to those who support Christhouse with generous food and clothing donations. As we strive to continue this work we solicit your financial support and your donations of the following nonperishable food items:

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|---------------|-----------------|
| Pasta         | Spaghetti Sauce |
| Rice          | Tuna Fish       |
| Ramen Noodles | Vienna Sausage  |



as well as clothing in all sizes items for: Men Women Boys  
Girls Infants Toddlers



**Ways to Give:**

 **Givelify Mobile App** Go to "Charities" and **Select:** Saint Luke CDC **OR** **Online at** <http://www.stlukecdc.org/donations.html>

To find out more about the St. Luke CDC, go to the St. Luke CDC link on the St. Luke website [www.stlukebaptist.org](http://www.stlukebaptist.org), or like us on Facebook at [facebook.com/slcdc](https://www.facebook.com/slcdc).

# Tithing Calculator

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

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

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

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

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

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

We encourage anyone who may be dealing with substance abuse issues to please check the following website for Narcotics Anonymous Meetings near you:



[www.nanj.org](http://www.nanj.org)

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***Feeling overwhelmed? Seeking support?  
Struggling with changing addictive behaviors?  
Suffering from mental health symptoms?***



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# Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

## *Sunday Mornings at 9:45am*

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Beginners	Dea. Vivian Clayton and Sis. Kendalyn Sumter	128 Carroll Street
Primary (ages 6-8)	Sis. Pamela Jones	128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
Junior (ages 9-11)	Sis. Tiesha Williams	128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
Youth Male (ages 12-14)	Bro. Robert Whitehead	128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
Youth Female (ages 12-14)	Sis. Gail Allen	128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
Youth (ages 15-19)	Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah	Youth Center/269 Fair Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl
Young Adult Women (ages 19-35)	Sis. Tiffany Smith	Bryant/Eaton Prayer Room
Women	Dea. Vivian Gaines	Sanctuary
New Discipleship Class	Dea. Gregory Anderson, Linton Gaines, and Cleophus Pelt	New Discipleship Room
Children's New Discipleship Class	Bro. Stacy Arrick, Sr. and Sis. Susan Corbin	Tuskegee Room
Men's Bible Study Class	Pastor Clayton	Chapel

### St. Luke Baptist Church

#### As "A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known!"

#### WE ARE STRIVING TO BE:

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

A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 2<sup>nd</sup> Timothy 2:15; James 1:22

A Praying Church: We Pray Without Ceasing. Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 2; 42; Acts 12:5; Luke 18:1

A Spirit Filled Church: We Surrender To the Holy Ghost. Romans 12; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:11-16

A Tithing Church: We Give Back 10% Of All God Gives To Us. Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23 Luke 6:38; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 16: 1-2

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

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

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

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

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

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

A Joyful Church: We Celebrate/Claim Victory. Psalm 100:2; Nehemiah 8:10; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 15:57

A Working Church: Every Member Works for God. Nehemiah 4:6; John 6:29; John 9:4

A Friendly Church: Gratitude Is Our Attitude: We Love Our Brothers And Sisters As Ourselves. Psalm 150; John 15:14; Hebrews 13:1-3



# Attention Parents of SLBC...

## "J.A.M. City"

will be enjoy a night of fun at Sky Zone

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

They will leave the Church at 6:45pm.



*(ages 5-12)*

are invited to be present  
and bring a friend!

## REMINDER:

### "F.R.E.E. Fridays"

will meet

**Friday, March 23, 2018**

at 7:00pm



**ALL TEENS**

*(ages 13-18)*

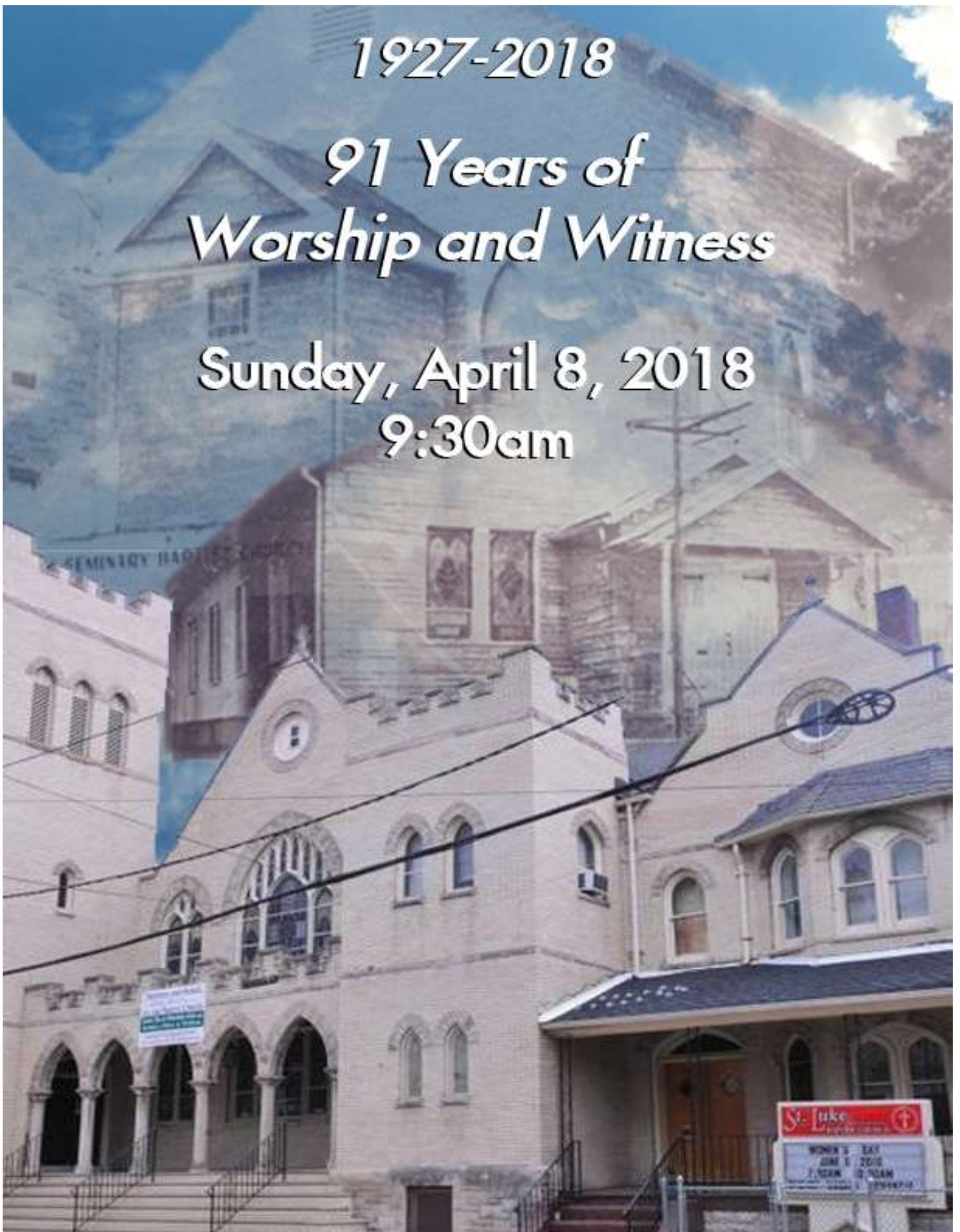
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*91 Years of  
Worship and Witness*

Sunday, April 8, 2018  
9:30am



# Attention SLBC Disciples...



## SLBC Prayer Times

Sunday – 7:00am

Wednesday – 6:30am in the Chapel  
– 11:30am in the Overflow  
– 6:45pm in the Sanctuary

**REGULARLY** pray about the printed prayer concerns, weekly prayer emphasis and pray for sick, hospitalized, recovering, college students, relatives in the military, etc.

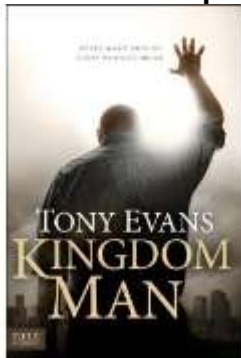
### **NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

The Bryant-Eaton Prayer Room is open during Church Office hours, on Sundays, and when evening activities are held.

## Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC  
for  
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am  
in the Chapel



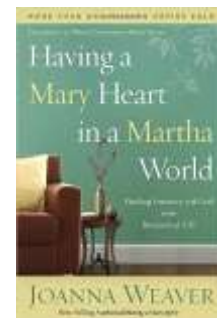
Read Chapter 14

*"A Kingdom Man and His Church Life"*

## Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, April 7<sup>th</sup> and 14<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am



Book is available for purchase in  
Bookstore.

Cost - \$10.00

# ***Our 2018 Lenten Journey***

***This week Monday through Friday, we are abstaining from candy, sweets, or desserts of any kind.***

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

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

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

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

Ezra 8:23

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

Matthew 17:21

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



# Notes

*"I will delight in your principles and not forget your word."*

*Psalm 119:16*

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Scripture Text: \_\_\_\_\_

Preacher/Messenger: \_\_\_\_\_

Subject: \_\_\_\_\_

Sermon Notes:

How Should This Sermon Influence My Christian Growth and Service?:

Special Points to Consider:

## Our Response To Today's Message

As we are being challenged to be HEARERS and DOERS of the Word, we are being called to a serious response to each message/sermon that we hear. The following pattern has been designed to encourage each of us to hear the WORD and LIVE IT!!!

### First, READ

the sermon text slowly, meditatively and expectantly three times. Allow God's Word to be your primary focus. As you read, listen for God's message to His people both then and for you now. Ask yourself, "What truth is God calling me to learn and live out today?" (5 minutes)

### Second, REFLECT

in the scripture. Record your observations. Note those things which stand out, pique your interest or make you wonder. Pay attention to the names of people, places, special events, sequences, repetition, patterns, etc. Note the use of verbs and verb tenses. (10 minutes)

### Next, RETREAT

in prayer. Take two or three minutes to share your prayer concerns with God. Then devote the balance of your prayer time to silently and expectantly listening for God's words to you. Record both your prayers and God's response.

### Finally, RESPOND

with action! God's answer to prayer almost always calls for a corresponding act on the part of those to whom God has given His Word. As the Lord addresses the prayers you have set before Him, ask yourself, "What is the one thing I will do in light of what I have discovered today?" Record this and commit to carrying it out today.