

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

Throughout the month of February, we commemorated and celebrated the many contributions that African Americans have made to the world! We must never forget the truth that without black people, America and this world would not be as great and as blessed as we are. May our celebration of such continue beyond February and may we be inspired to live everyday as the descendants of Kings and Queens who chose to live as royalty.

March is designated as Women's History Month. Throughout this month we celebrate the contributions that women have made and are making in our world. How important it is that we never diminish the significant role that women have played since the beginning of time in leading and serving to make our world and country better. We must never allow ourselves to participate in the marginalization and denigration of women. The Apostle Paul reminds us in the book of Galatians, "that we are one." Even as we celebrate women, may we be also seek to go forward in a united fashion.

As we move through the season of Lent, I hope and pray that you are taking this journey seriously! I am intent about hearing God speak to me during this time so that I can live more effectively as the Lord's son and servant. It is my prayer that each of us will do the same so that our individual lives and the life of our congregation can be more serious and more devoted to the will and work of the Lord!

Let us look forward to all that this month holds for us as we worship and serve the Lord together.

I love you with all of my love.

Pastor Clayton

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# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, March 4, 2018  
9:30am Worship Service  
**Third 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 #223 "The Solid Rock"

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

11:30am – 12:30pm

### Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm  
6:30pm – 7:15pm

## Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

“This week we are joined with believers from around the world praying for the healing of HIV/AIDS.”



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

“Once you have done all that you can do, God will do all that you can't.”

# 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

- If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily, please see Deacon Mary Brown, Sister Vanessa Darden, Sister Charlene Easley-Sumlin, Mae Frye, Sister Caroylne McClide or Sister Gwendolyn Ndubuisi following the worship service.
- Following the worship service the Youth/Young Adult Ushers will meet. ALL present and future Youth/Young Adult Ushers are asked to be present.
- At 4:00pm we will welcome and host the East Carolina University Gospel Choir in concert. We are all encouraged to share in this worship service.
- 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 will be open for "King's Kids" on Sunday, March 11<sup>th</sup> 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 5 – Sunday, March 11, 2018

### Monday, March 5, 2018

|         |   |                          |
|---------|---|--------------------------|
| 7:00 AM | "Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75   |                          |
| 5:30 PM | D.S. Education Alliance Performing Arts   | St. Luke Learning Center |
| 5:30 PM | The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-9) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.  | Tuskegee Room            |
| 6:00 PM | New Discipleship Class – Class #1   | New Discipleship Room    |
| 6:00 PM | The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.      | Sanctuary                |
| 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            |
| 6:30 PM | Exercise Class  | Founders Hall            |

### Tuesday, March 6, 2018

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

### Wednesday, March 7, 2018 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      | Noonday Bible Study. Please read John chapter 18 as we study "Jesus is Arrested."   | Overflow      |
| 5:30 PM-7:30 PM | St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open   | 305 Broadway  |
| 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  | Founders Hall |
| 6:45 PM         | Evening Prayer Service. The Deacons, Deaconess and Trustees of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.                     | Sanctuary     |
| 7:30 PM         | Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter chapter 3:1-10 as we study Scoffing at the Scoffers.                   | Sanctuary     |
| 7:30 PM         | Young Adult Bible Study will be held. ALL young adults are invited to share in this time of study and fellowship.           | Chapel        |

### Thursday, March 8, 2018

|                  |   |               |
|------------------|---|---------------|
| 11:00 AM-2:00 PM | Christhouse is Open   |               |
| 5:30 PM-7:30 PM  | St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open   | 305 Broadway  |
| 5:30 PM          | The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-9) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.  | Tuskegee Room |
| 6:00 PM          | The Paterson Branch of the NAACP will host an Expungement Clinic here at SLBC.  | 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 |
| 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 9, 2018

|         |   |                          |
|---------|---|--------------------------|
| 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 |
| 7:00 PM | "F.R.E.E. Fridays" (our Youth Ministry) will meet. ALL teens ages 13-18 are invited to be present and bring a friend!   | Youth Center             |

### Saturday, March 10, 2018

|                  |   |        |
|------------------|---|--------|
| 9:00 AM          | Women's Bible Study   | Chapel |
| 11:00 AM-2:00 PM | Christhouse is Open   |        |
| 4:00 PM          | "Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75 |        |

### Sunday, March 11, 2018

|          |   |                       |
|----------|---|-----------------------|
| 7:00 AM  | Early Morning Prayer  | Sanctuary             |
| 7:30 AM  | Early Morning Worship Service   | Sanctuary             |
| 9:45 AM  | Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes   |                       |
|          | Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #5   | New Discipleship Room |
|          | Children's New Discipleship Class – Class #2  | Tuskegee Room         |
|          | Special Sunday Women's Bible Study with Guest Facilitator Rev. Thurselle Williams   | Sanctuary             |
| 10:50 AM | Morning Worship Service   | Sanctuary             |
| 3:30 PM  | We will worship with Pastor Janel York and the Friendship Baptist Church of Paterson in celebration of Pastor York's 2 <sup>nd</sup> Pastoral Anniversary. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing, and the Ushers and Nurses are asked to serve. We are all invited to share in this service. |                       |

# 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 14<sup>th</sup>** – Dance Ministry

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

**March 21<sup>st</sup>** – Young Adults

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

Sundays, March 11<sup>th</sup>, 18<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup>

9:45am – Sanctuary

**Special Sunday Women's Bible Study**

**"#metoo – God's Response to Abuse"**

#METOO



**Facilitator:**

*Rev. Thurselle Williams*

## Sunday, March 18, 2018

At 4:00pm the Combined Health 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.

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

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



### 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



## **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 Robinson  
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 Lucy Ross  
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 Laverne Bowman  
Sister Bertha Buffaloe  
Brother Joseph Clayton, Jr  
Sister Pauline Cooper  
Brother Peter Daye, Jr.

Sister Mary DeGroat  
Sister Edith Douglas  
Sister Wendy Drakeford  
Sister Beulah Jackson  
Sister Rachel Jackson  
Sister Damita McClam  
Sister Dorothy Moore  
Sister Laura Parker  
Sister Georgiana Rogers

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

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

Sister Thwana Bowman  
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.

Sister Jennifer Foxworth  
Sister Hattie Haynesworth

Sister Patricia Myles  
Sister Ethel Thomas

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

Edward Fairley  
Justin Keith  
Vincent McDuffie

Chamar Myles  
Kevin Malik Myles  
Wilmyra Nero

Frederick Simpson  
Rashad State  
Denzel Thompson

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

Vivian Clayton

Cleophus Pelt

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



# Please Remember In Your Prayers



## **Our Extended Family:**

Herman Austin  
Cynthia Buffaloe  
Bobby James Dolberry  
Constance Fletcher  
Mary Ford  
Harrie Graham  
Lovey Gray

Leola Hargrove  
Henry Johnson  
Leslie Johnson  
James Lee  
Michael Mantovani  
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)  
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/SLBCYouth](https://facebook.com/SLBCYouth)

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

Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

# A MESSAGE FROM “REV. AISHA”



Greetings St. Luke Family,

On this past Sunday, I was blessed by our worship experiences in many ways. During both services, God used members of our congregation to speak directly to me. As I listened to Mr. Bell’s testimony during our early morning worship, I was given the much-needed reminder that God is able to do the impossible. As I watched Regina Flood passionately lead worship, I was encouraged to never lose my praise, even in the midst of difficult times. I was encouraged by the displays of worship and praise that came in

various forms from various persons.

Why am I sharing this? Because sometimes I think we forget how important corporate worship really is for us and especially for our children. It’s so important that they see and feel God’s presence manifested in the lives of everyday people in a very genuine way. I know sometimes it seems like they aren’t listening. And sometimes they aren’t. But the more they come, the more they will begin to move from spectators to participants in worship. They’ll begin to understand why we worship and what worship means for the life of the worshipper. I pray that we continue to make worship a priority for our children. All we have to do is make sure they get there. God, through the power of the Holy Spirit, will do the rest.

## **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 next week, March 7<sup>th</sup> as we continue our new series “The Pursuit of Holiness.”**

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

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

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

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

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

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Rev. Aisha

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

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

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

**The CDC currently operates**

**\* After School Program (ASAP)**

**\* House of Mercy**

(Women's Transitional House)

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

**\* St. Luke CDF Freedom School®**

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

**\* St. Luke CDC Computer Lab**

**\* The Literacy Projects**

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

**\*The Re-Entry Program**

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



**\* Counseling Services**

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

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

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

**For the weeks of Monday, February 19<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, February 24<sup>th</sup> Christhouse served 183 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:

- |               |                 |
|---------------|-----------------|
| 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 in session

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

at 7:00pm



*(ages 5-12)*

are invited to be present  
and bring a friend!

## REMINDER:

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

will meet

**Friday, March 9, 2018**

at 7:00pm



**ALL TEENS**

*(ages 13-18)*

are invited to be present and bring a friend!



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## *“Setting Parameters and Becoming Free”*

*#ametoconversation*

**POSTPONED**

*Please see upcoming publications for new date.*



**Facilitator:**

Rev. Dr. LaKeesha Walrond

*Author, My Body Is Special*

1 out of every 3 women have  
experienced physical and/or  
sexual violence worldwide

**This Discussion/Dialogue is NOT JUST for Women/Girls.  
Open to ALL.**

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# 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.

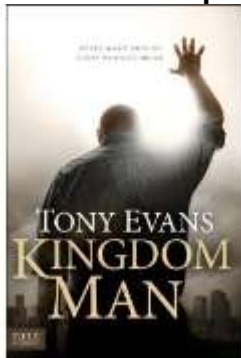
### **NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

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



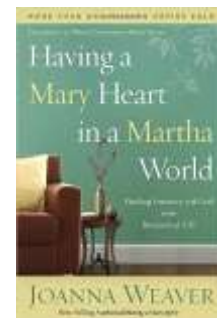
Read Chapter 14

*"A Kingdom Man and His Church Life"*

## Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturday, March 10<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 caffeinated foods and drinks.***

**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.