

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

The celebration of our 90th Church Anniversary is indeed a high moment in the life of this congregation. God has blessed us for nine decades to exist in this city and to operate for Him as St. Luke Baptist Church.

In 1927 eight faithful and faith-filled individuals united to organize the St. Luke Mission. These individuals laid the foundation and paved the way for who we are today and all that we have done. We praise God for the journey of St. Luke. In the words of a current song, "We've made it this far by the grace of God."

St. Luke has endured many obstacles and challenges. Each pastoral leader who has preceded me in pastoral leadership and those whom they served were faithful stewards in their time; all of them have passed to us, the baton of service. We are now called to be faithful to God as we serve this present age.

I have been blessed to be a part of this loving congregation for two decades. I marvel at the wonderful ways that God has blessed us and used us to be a blessing to individuals and to our community and world. I am not only proud to be the pastor of St. Luke, I am proud of the ministry of St. Luke. We are a local congregation that is "DETERMINED to Know Christ and Make Him Known." We demonstrate the truth of this statement in a variety of practical, relevant and biblical ways.

As we celebrate our glorious history and heritage, may we at the same time be energized by our hope that we will continue to be used by God to continue to do His work in this local community (and the world).

May we celebrate today all the ways God has blessed us, and may we be renewed in our commitment and conviction to be as faithful to the Lord and His church in our time as our forbearers were in theirs.

I love you with all of my love!

Pastor Clayton

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

St. Luke at Worship

90th CHURCH ANNIVERSARY

Sunday, April 2, 2017
10:00am Worship Service

From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISEE

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 #136 "Look and Live"

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

Deacon Gregory Anderson

The Choral Response

The Ministry of Music

The Dance Ministry

"St. Luke Through My Eyes"

Sister Tracy L. Salmon

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

The Ministry of Music

The Morning Message

Rev. Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight

The Invitation to Salvation, Christian Discipleship, and Church Membership

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

The Offertory Prayer

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

Tithing Affirmation

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

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

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

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

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offering

"Bring ye all the tithes (and offerings) into the storehouse." (Malachi 3:8-10)

The General Offering

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

The Pastoral Observations

The Benediction

Our Departing Affirmation

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

From Worship to Service...

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

Six Ways To Give At SLBC

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



In Person

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



Online

www.stlukebaptist.org
(Anytime)



In Our Bookstore

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



SLBC Mobile App

(Anytime)



Givelify Mobile App

(Anytime)



Mail

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

Your regular support and generosity is encouraged and greatly appreciated.



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

This week the Bookstore is open:

Sunday

12:30pm – 1:00pm

Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

“This week we are challenged to pray that God will continue to use SLBC to honor Him, help people, and heal our community.”

The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Terrance L. Hill

Verlean Hill

Robyn G. Spencer

Who Made Decisions 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

“Church is the context in which we should grow up in Christ to maturity.”

WELCOME TO ST LUKE...

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

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

TODAY

- In a United Worship Service we celebrate the 90th Church Anniversary of St. Luke. In light of today's celebration we are honored to welcome to our pulpit our Guest Preacher, the Rev. Dr. Carolyn Ann Knight of Atlanta, GA. Let us with joy and excitement give God thanks and praise for His blessings to St. Luke. We are all encouraged to be supportive of this celebration spiritually with our prayer, physically with our presence, and sacrificially with our sacrificial gift of \$90.00 above our regular giving of tithes and offerings today.
- If you would like to purchase an Easter Lily, please see Sister Vanessa Darden, Sister Charlene Easley-Sumlin, Sister Mae Frye, Sister Carolyn McClide, or Sister Gwendolyn Ndubuisi following the Worship Service.
- Pastor Clayton would like to express THANKS to all SLBC disciples who shared in the fellowship service with Pastor Joel Rudolph and the Christian Fellowship Center on last Sunday.
- 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, April 3 – Sunday, April 9, 2017

Monday, April 3, 2017

7:00 AM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
12:00 NOON	"Determined" Internet Radio Broadcast on www.wmocradio.net	
5:30 PM	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	New Discipleship Class – Class #5	New Discipleship Class
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 35-64) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:30 PM	Exercise Class	Founders Hall
6:30 PM	Darshell's Quality Music Inc. will meet	St. Luke Learning Center

Tuesday, April 4, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse will be closed	
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
5:30 PM	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35-64) 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
8:00 PM	The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

Wednesday, April 5, 2017

Churchwide Fast – 6:00am-6:00pm

6:30 AM	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
11:30 AM	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
12:00 NOON	The Senior VIP's will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Overflow
5:30 PM	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) 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 nd Peter chapter 1:12-21.	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, April 6, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
5:00 PM-7:00 PM	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
5:30 PM	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35-64) 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
8:00 PM	The Mass 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, April 7, 2017

7:00 PM	"J.A.M. City" (our Children's Ministry) will meet. ALL children ages 5-12 are invited to be present and bring a friend!	St. Luke Learning Center
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Saturday, April 8, 2017

9:00 AM	Women's Bible Study	Chapel
11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
1:00 PM	The Young Adult Ministry will gather for the first installment in their Millennial Matters Series. We will be hosting a panel discussion on how to successfully navigate our careers, entrepreneurship, and personal branding. We've prepared a lineup of phenomenal panelists who will share their expertise and provide valuable insight. Please save the date and invite other young adults to attend. All attendees must RSVP at https://millennialmatters1.eventbrite.com .	
4:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Sunday, April 9, 2017 – Palm Sunday

7:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 AM	Early Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	Sunday Bible Study Classes and New Discipleship Classes	
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #5	New Discipleship Room
	Children's New Discipleship Class – Class #1	
10:50 AM	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
3:00 PM	Pastor Clayton will be preaching at the Trinity Baptist Church in Hackensack, NJ. We are all invited to share in this service and be in prayerful support of our Pastor.	

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.

April 12th – SLEAT and College Connection

April 26th – Adult Ushers

April 19th – Voices of St. Luke

Monday, April 10th – Friday, April 14th – Holy Week

See Insert

Sunday, April 16th – Resurrection Sunday

Tuesday, April 18th

At 7:00pm Pastor Clayton and the SLBC family will worship with Pastor Clayton and the Canaan Baptist Church of Paterson as they celebrate Pastor Graham's 4th Pastoral Anniversary. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing, and ALL Ushers, Nurses and SLBC disciples are invited to share in this service.

Saturday, April 22nd

At 11:00am the Legal Assistance Ministry will host a Wills and Estates Seminar. We are all invited to attend this workshop and benefit from the valuable information that will be shared.

Sunday, April 30th

In the 10:50am Worship Service we will celebrate Athlete Recognition Sunday and show support for all SLBC youth and the sports teams that they play for.



Register To Vote

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



Become a Member of the NAACP

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

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

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



The Health and Wholeness Ministry provides FREE Blood Pressure Screening

When: Every 2nd and 4th Sunday

Where: Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room

Time: 9:45am – 10:45am



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

Please Remember In Your Prayers



Bereaved:

Sister Valerie Barnes on the death of her mother

Those Hospitalized or In: Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Sister Connie Clayton
Chestnut Convalescent Center
Passaic, NJ

Deacon Jack Moore
NJ Veterans Memorial
Paramus, NJ

Sister Rosetta Sims
Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center
Paterson, NJ

Sister Mae Jones
Advanced Care Center at Wayne
Wayne, NJ

Sister Nellie Reed
Atrium at Wayne Care Center
Wayne, NJ

Brother Jerel Stone
Robert Wood Johnson Hospital
New Brunswick, NJ

Those Recovering at Home:

Sister Gloria Battle
Sister Jean Battle
Sister Mabel Biggs
Sister Edna Black
Sister Peggy Brown
Sister Mary DeGroat
Sister Edith Douglas
Sister Wendy Drakeford
Brother LaMar Gaines
Sister Hattie Haynesworth

Sister Pamela Haywood
Sister Ocie High
Sister Beulah Jackson
Sister Rachel Jackson
Sister Damita McClam
Brother John McKenzie
Sister Morgan McMillan
Sister Alice Robinson
Sister Georgiana Rogers
Sister Stephanie Samuels

Sister Doris Smith
Sister Retha Sumter
Sister Mary Thomas-Carter
Sister Patricia Thompson
Sister Cynthia Thorne
Sister Miriam Threet
Brother Irving Watkins, Sr.
Sister Ola Mae Whitaker
Sister Marian Williams

Those In Need of Healing and Strength:

Sister Thwana Bowman
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.
Sister Bertha Buffaloe.

Sister Jennifer Foxworth
Sister Lanitra Green

Brother Malinque Haskins
Sister Leticia McGuire

Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:

Kenneth Brogsdale
Gary Davis
Edward Fairley
Justin Keith

Kevin Malik Myles
Chamar Myles
Wilmyra Nero

Frederick Simpson
Rashad State
Denzel Thompson

Our Deacons of the Week:

Joseph Brown

Mary Brown

Richard Sumter

**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
Hafiz Brown
Ronea Bundick
Alaysia Chambers
Carolyn Coleman
Naomi Coleman
Stanley Darden
Barbara Dolberry
Roy Ellington

Rev. Diane Faison
Rev. Ronnie Faison
Sherry Foster
Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham
Leola Hargrove
Minnie Hines
Mike Peterson
Linda Pittman
Rev. Robert Pittman
Teverra Pittman

Chanise Pryor
James Salmon
Mack Simpkins, Jr.
Johnnie Sims, Jr.
Glenda Smith
Ruth Smith
Mark Thompson
Laverne Walton
Priscilla Williams
James Wilson

Our College Students:

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

Ebony Gilchrist
Zhanhia 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
Jah'mel Ayers (nephew of Sister Cynthia Toppin) who is in Kuwait
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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Lent 2017

“Denying Some Things in Order to Develop Some Things”

Matthew 16:24; Luke 9:23

What Is Lent?

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

- ❖ **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.
- ❖ **BREAK THE FAST** at 6:00pm in Founders Hall 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.

A Congregational Call To Fast and Pray!!

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

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

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

What Is A Fast?

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

Why Are We Fasting?

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

Church-Wide Fast Begins:

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

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

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

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

March 20th-24th – No Social Media

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

March 27th-31st – No red meat

April 3rd-7th – No fried foods

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

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

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Shaheed Brimley-Thompson

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

 Facebook for Young Adult Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYAM

 Facebook for CDC

facebook.com/slcdc

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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

Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

 United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc.

A MESSAGE FROM “REV. AISHA”



Greetings in the name of our awesome God! It is with great pleasure and pride that I greet you in honor of this most auspicious occasion – the 90th anniversary celebration of the St. Luke Baptist Church. When I began serving at St. Luke almost 3 years ago, I never imagined just how great the impact of its ministry would have on my life. I admit, I was nervous and fearful about starting in ministry at a new church. I had been at my home church my entire life and was eager, yet anxious, about starting in a new place. I quickly

learned that St. Luke was a place where I would be free to worship, free to learn, and free to serve.

Undoubtedly, the greatest impact since joining the staff at St. Luke has been the growth I have experienced in my own relationship with Christ.

St. Luke is a unique congregation. Our worship, fellowship, and service really can't be compared to that of any other church. God has blessed St. Luke with a special gift of love that permeates from the pulpit to the pew, and extends into the community in tangible ways. The love and generosity that exudes from our disciples have allowed our church to become a beacon of God's love across the nation. I feel so blessed to be part of the ministerial staff at St. Luke -- a church determined to know Christ and to make him known.

Serving as the Associate Minister for Children, Youth, and Young Adults has been a tremendous blessing. I'm always excited to engage with our young people and am looking forward to witnessing their continued spiritual growth. Since joining St. Luke, I have endeavored to better train our youth leaders, engage parents more, and maintain consistent programming. These goals have been met and continue to grow as we seek to better serve the young people in our midst.

The teaching and compassion of Pastor Clayton has helped to instill in me a passion for worship, a heart for service, and an affection for preaching. His leadership and love for God's people reflect the kind of church that St. Luke is – a church that is the salt and light of the earth. This combination of worship and service puts us in alignment with the very teachings of Jesus, that we are to "love the Lord your God with all your heart...and love your neighbor as yourself (Luke 10:27)."

I never imagined that God would call me into His awesome ministry. Furthermore, I'm grateful that He has allowed me to serve in one of His finest churches. St. Luke has been a gift, and for that I am eternally grateful. As we begin the next 90 years of our church's ministry, I'm excited about what God has in store. While I remember all the good times we've shared and the sorrows we've overcome, I rejoice in the knowledge that our best days are yet to come. Let us continue to renew our commitments to Christ as we strive to be the best church that God would have us to be. And in the days ahead, we'll continue to sing his praise...for the wonderful, miraculous, and marvelous things He has done. To God be the glory!

Rev. Aisha



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

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

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

The CDC currently operates

*** After School Program (ASAP)**

*** House of Mercy**

(Women’s Transitional House)

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

*** St. Luke CDF Freedom School®**

www.childrensdefense.org



*** St. Luke CDC Computer Lab**

*** The Literacy Projects**

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

***The Re-Entry Program**

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

*** Counseling Services**

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

*** Christhouse – Food and Clothing Center**

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

For the week of Monday, March 20th – Saturday, March 25th Christhouse served 173 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 (Anytime)
Select: Saint Luke CDC



OR

Online at
<http://www.stlukecdc.org/donations.html>

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

Tithing Calculator

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

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

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

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

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

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

Join Us For Spring Revival

Wednesday, May 10th – Thursday, May 11th
7:00pm nightly

Guest Preacher:



Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth,
Pastor
Mount Olivet Baptist Church
Columbus, OH

Join Us For Women's Revival

Wednesday, May 17th – Friday, May 19th
7:00pm nightly

Guest Preacher:



Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale,
Pastor
Ray of Hope Christian Church
Decatur, GA

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

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Licensed Professional Counselor
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Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

Sunday Mornings At 9:45 AM

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

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

We Are Striving To Be:

- A Christian Church: Jesus Is The Head, We Are The Body. Ephesians 5:23; 1st Corinthians 12:12-28
- A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 2nd Timothy 2:15; James 1:22
- A Praying Church: We Pray Without Ceasing. Matthew 18:19-20; Acts 2; 42; Acts 12:5; Luke 18:1
- A Spirit Filled Church: We Surrender To the Holy Ghost. Roman 12; Galatians 5:16-26; Ephesians 4:11-16
- A Tithing Church: We Give Back 10% Of All God Gives To Us. Malachi 3:8-10; Matthew 23:23 Luke 6:38; 1st Corinthians 16: 1-2
- A Loving Church: We Visit, Care, & Build Up Each Other. John 14:21; John 15:9-13; 1st Corinthians 13
- A Growing Church: We Mature and Bear Good Fruit. Matthew 7:17; John 15:8; Romans 7:4 Galatians 5:22-23
- A Prophetic Church: God Breaks Yokes through St. Luke. Isaiah 6:1; Jeremiah 1:4-10; Ezekiel 3:4-9; Luke 4
- A Witnessing Church: We Spare No Expense To Win Souls. Matthew 18:11; Luke 15; Acts 1:8 Romans 10:13-15
- A Learning Church: We Learn/Teach Bible, History, Etc. Deuteronomy 6:5-9; Proverbs 22: 6; Acts 8:31
- A Community Serving Church: We Help People In Need. Matthew 25:31-46; James 2:14-15; 1st John 3:17
- A Joyful Church: We Celebrate/Claim Victory. Psalm 100:2; Nehemiah 8:10; 1 Corinthians 15:57
- A Working Church: Every Member Works for God. Nehemiah 4:6; John 6:29; John 9:4
- A Friendly Church: Gratitude Is Our Attitude: We Love Our Brothers And Sisters As Ourselves. Psalm 150; John 15:14; Hebrews 13:1-3

Our 2017 Challenge

Becoming A G R E A T Church

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

Reaching Souls for Christ – “Our Witness”

Excelling In Ministry – “Our Service”

Authentic in Worship – “Our Praise”

Tue Team in Spirit – “Our Unity”

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

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

Let's Become Great in Order to Grow



Stewardship Reflection

THE SPIRITUAL BASIS FOR TITHING

By the Rev. Dr. Wyatt Tee Walker

"Will a man rob God? Yet ye have robbed me. But ye say Wherein have we robbed Thee? In tithes and offerings..." (Malachi 3:8)

Bring ye all of the tithes into the storehouse, that there may be meat in mine house, and prove me herewith, saith the Lord of hosts, if I will not open you the windows of heaven, and pour you out a blessing that there shall not be room enough to receive it." (Malachi 3:10)

Let's turn for a few moments to some of the scriptural references: The practice of paying the tithe is ancient. Abraham paid tithes to Melchizedek, the King of Salem.

"And blessed him and said, Blessed be Abram of the Most High God, possessor of heaven and earth: And blessed be the most High God, which hath delivered thine enemies into thy hand. And he gave his tithes of all." (Genesis 14:20)

Jacob initiated the piety of his grandfather:

"And Jacob vowed a vow, saying, If God will be with me, and will keep me in the way that I go, and will give me bread to eat and raiment to put on, so that I come again to my father's house in peace, then shall the Lord be my God. and this stone, which I have set for a pillar: and of all that thou shalt give me I will surely give the tenth unto thee." (Genesis 28:20)

Under the law Moses ordained, there were three sorts of tithes:

(1) **To the Levites:** *"And behold, I have given the children of Levi all the tenth in Israel for an inheritance, for their service which they serve, even the service of the tabernacle of the congregation...But the tithes of the children of Israel which they offer as an heave offering unto the Lord, I have given to the Levites to inherit: therefore I have said unto them, Among the children of Israel they shall have no inheritance." (Numbers 18:21-24)*

(2) **For the Lord's feasts and sacrifices:** *"Thou shalt truly tithe all the increase of thy seed, that the field bringeth forth year by year. And thou shalt eat before the Lord thy God, in the place that he shall choose to place his name there, the tithe of the corn, of thy wine, and of thine oil, and the firstlings of thy herds and of thy flocks; that thou mayest learn to fear the Lord thy God always. And if the way be too long for thee so that thou art not able to carry it; or if the place be too far from thee, which the Lord thy God shall choose to set his name there, when the Lord thy God hath blessed thee: Then shall thou turn it into money, and bind up the money in thine hand, and shalt go unto the place which the Lord thy God shall choose." (Deuteronomy 14:22-25)*

(3) **Beside these two, there was to be, every third year, a tithe for the poor, to be eaten in their own dwellings:** *"At the end of the three years thou shalt bring forth all the tithe of thine increase the same year, and shall lay it up within thy gates: And the Levite....and the stranger, and the fatherless, and the widow, which are within thy gates shall come, and shall eat and be satisfied...." (Deuteronomy 26:12)*

There are other references:

"And all the tithe of the land, whether of the seed of the land, or of the fruit of the tree, is of the Lord's, it is holy unto the Lord. And if a man will at all redeem ought of his tithes, he shall add thereto to the fifth part thereof. And concerning the tithe of the herd, or of the flock, even whatsoever passeth under the rod, the tenth shall be holy unto the Lord." (Leviticus 27:30-32)

"And the Lord spake unto Moses, saying, Thus speaking unto the Levites, and say unto them, When ye take of the children of tithes from them for your inheritance, then shall ye offer up an heave offering unto the Lord, even a tenth part of the tithe." (Numbers 18:26)

"And as soon as the commandment came abroad, the children of Israel brought in abundance the first-fruits of corn, wine and oil and honey and all of the increase of the field; and the tithe of all things brought they in abundantly...they also brought in the tithe of the oxen and sheep and the tithe of holy things consecrated unto the Lord their God and laid them by heaps." (2nd Chronicles 31:5-6)

"And the priest, the son of Aaron shall be with the Levites, when the Levites, take tithes: and the Levites shall bring up the tithes of tithes into the house of God to the chambers unto the treasure house." (Nehemiah 10:38)

Additionally there are Deuteronomy 25:12, 12:6; Malachi 3:8, 10; Matthew 23:23; Hebrews 7:5; and Luke 18:12.

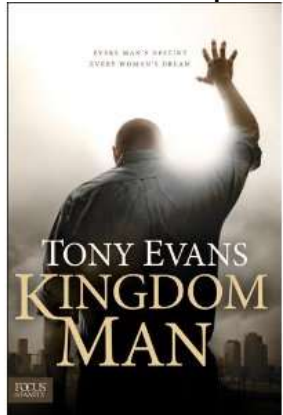


Attention SLBC Disciples...

Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC
for
Men's Bible Study

Sundays at 9:45am
In the Chapel



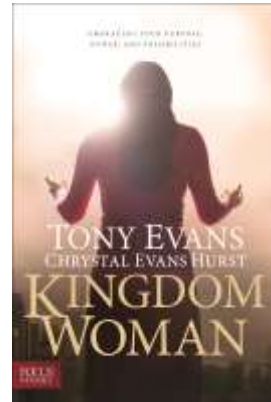
Read Chapter 12

"A Kingdom Man and His Personal Life"

Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturday, April 8th
9:00am



Read Chapter 12

"A Kingdom Woman and Her Community"
(pages 178-186)

Operation PRAY!

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

II Chronicles 7:14

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

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

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

Sunday - 8:00am

Wednesday - 6:30am in the Chapel

- 11:30am in the Overflow

- 6:45pm in the Sanctuary

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

NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?

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

SLBC on a Mission

"Mission is the purpose of the church to provide evidence of the heart of God, spreading the gospel of Jesus Christ in real and practical ways."



March 2017

- Missionaries and Patricia Tyler Guild prepared sandwiches for homeless in partnership with Paterson Cares
- Provided assistance for Passaic fire victims (one family)
- Missionaries and Patricia Tyler Guild monthly outreach service at Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center
- Women's Ministry Outreach Team monthly service at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)
- Jewels initiated Purses with a Purpose project
- Donated food to Good Shepherd Mission and St. Paul's Shelter
- Dotation to Savannah State University Wesleyan Gospel Choir

****This is in addition to our weekly work at Christhouse through the St. Luke CDC, and our monthly support of the Foreign Mission Board and the Home Mission Board of the National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc.**

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.