

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

As we prepare to enter into the month of May, we are getting ready for REVIVAL! This time of the year is always an exciting time for our congregation as we "seek the Lord" and seek renewed power in being the church and people that He wants us and needs us to be. THE CHURCH desperately needs to be revived.

The times that we live in are trying. Internationally, nationally and locally, we are seeing events unfold in our world that bother us and burden us. It would be easy for some to lose hope and give up if it were not for the assurance that we have, "that God is our ever present help." We must maintain that assurance and deepen it so that we do not lose hope in the face all of the cares and concerns of the world. That is why we should be praying for REVIVAL!

As we press on in life, we need to be reenergized in our faith, so that we do not lose our desire to be the salt of the earth and the light of the world. Without the active ministry of the church, the world is hopeless. Whenever the church ceases to be about the work of "seeking and saving the lost, discipling, developing and deploying the found and healing the community then we too are lost.

REVIVAL therefore calls the believer to a time of renewal, refocus, and recommitment. Let us take this time seriously and may our GENUINE DESIRE be, to become stronger and more faith filled, faithful individuals, who individually and collectively, "turn the world upside down."

The world indeed is hungry, and it is our job as the church to "lift the Savior up." May we do so in ways that today and forever cause people to see Christ and surrender their lives to Christ.

PRAY for the spirit and fire of revival to come alive in our midst in the month of May and beyond!

I love you with all of my love!

Pastor Clayton

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

# St. Luke at Worship

## ***Athlete Recognition Sunday***

Sunday, April 30, 2017

7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

### **Worship Leaders**

***7:30am – Sister Shantel Anderson***

***10:50am – Jayden Rowe***

### **From World to Worship...**

#### **MORNING PRAISE**

***PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD***

#### **The Call to Worship**

*"Make a joyful noise unto the Lord, all ye lands. Serve the Lord with gladness: come before his presence with singing. Know ye that the Lord he is God: it is he that hath made us, and not we ourselves; we are his people, and the sheep of his pasture. Enter into his gates with thanksgiving, and into his courts with praise: be thankful unto him, and bless his name. For the Lord is good; his mercy is everlasting; and his truth endureth to all generations."*

#### **The Hymn of Worship**

***Hymn #188 "Yield Not to Temptation"***

#### **The Affirmation of Unity**

***"Lord Make Us One"***

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

#### **The Church In Prayer**

***7:30am – Sister Melanie Holmes***

***10:50am – Brother Brandon Davis***

#### **The Choral Response**

#### **The Ministry of Music**

#### **The Dance Ministry**

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

***7:30am – Precious Kitchings***

***10:50am – Cameron Rowe***

#### **The Ministry of Music**

#### **The Morning Message**

***7:30am – Pastor Clayton***

***10:50am – Rev. Aisha M. Taylor***

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

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

#### **The Offertory Prayer**

***"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"***

#### **Tithing Affirmation**

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

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

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

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

#### **The Giving of God's Tithes and Offering**

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

#### **The General Offering**

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

#### **The Pastoral Observations**

#### **The Benediction**

#### **Our Departing Affirmation**

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

#### **From Worship to Service...**

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

## Six Ways To Give At SLBC

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



### In Person

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



### Online

[www.stlukebaptist.org](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 God's power to be active in SLBC, enabling us to do the work that Jesus calls us to."



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

"God has not given every one everything but he has given all of us something."

# 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 our 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.
- 2017 Membership Contribution Envelopes are available in Founders Hall. Please pick yours up today.
- 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, May 1 – Sunday, May 7, 2017

### Monday, May 1, 2017

<b>7:00 AM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	"Determined" Internet Radio Broadcast on <a href="http://www.wmocradio.net">www.wmocradio.net</a>	
<b>6:00 PM</b>	New Discipleship Class – Class #1	New Discipleship Room
<b>6:00 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 35-64) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Exercise Class	Founders Hall
<b>6:30 PM</b>	Darshell's Quality Music Inc. will meet	St. Luke Learning Center

### Tuesday, May 2, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:00 PM-7:00 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Floral Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35-64) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Voices of St. Luke will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

### Wednesday, May 3, 2017

<b>6:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	The Senior VIP's will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35-64) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:45 PM</b>	Evening Prayer Service. The Women of SLBC will lead us in our time of prayer.	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Adult Bible Study. Please read 2 <sup>nd</sup> Peter chapter 1:12-21.	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. ALL young adults are invited to share in this time of study and fellowship.	Chapel

### Thursday, May 4, 2017

<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>5:00 PM-7:00 PM</b>	St. Luke CDC Computer Lab is Open	305 Broadway
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Children's Dance Ministry (ages 5-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
<b>6:30 PM</b>	The 90/20 Anniversary Committee will meet. Persons interested in being on this committee or a subcommittee are invited to attend.	Chapel
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Voices of St. Luke 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, May 5, 2017

<b>7:00 PM</b>	"J.A.M. City" (our Children's Ministry) will meet. ALL children ages 5-12 are invited to be present and bring a friend!	St. Luke Learning Center
<b>7:00 PM</b>	Young Adult Ministry's First Friday Fellowship – All young adults are invited to join us as we discuss "Bae-ology 101: Are we Mating or Dating?" You are welcome to join us for great conversation, fellowship, and food. Please plan now to be in attendance and bring a friend. You must RSVP with Rev. Aisha by Wednesday, May 3 <sup>rd</sup> .	Youth Center

### Saturday, May 6, 2017

<b>9:00 AM</b>	Women's Bible Study - Read Chapter 12, " <i>A Kingdom Woman and Her Community</i> " (pages 178-186)	Chapel
<b>10:00 AM</b>	The Women's Ministry Outreach at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)	
<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>3:00 PM</b>	The Missionaries' and Patricia Tyler Guild's Monthly Outreach at Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center in Paterson	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Sunday, May 7, 2017

<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 #8 part B	New Discipleship Room
	Children's New Discipleship Class – Class #1	Tuskegee Room
<b>10:50 AM</b>	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
<b>1:00 PM</b>	The Youth/Young Adult Ushers will meet. ALL current ushers and those who would like to serve as an usher are asked to be present.	Chapel
<b>4:00 PM</b>	Pastor and People will worship with the Rev. Sharonda Strothers and the Tabernacle Baptist Church of Newark, NJ as they celebrate the Pre-Installation Services of Rev. Strothers. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing, and ALL Ushers, Nurses and SLBC family are invited to share in this service.	

# The Month Ahead

## **Prayer Leaders:**

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

**May 10<sup>th</sup> – NO Prayer or Bible Study-Spring Revival**

**May 24<sup>th</sup> – Adult Ushers**

**May 17<sup>th</sup> – NO Prayer or Bible Study-Women's Revival**

## **Wednesday, May 10<sup>th</sup> – Thursday, May 11<sup>th</sup>**

At 7:00pm we will worship in our 2017 Spring Revival with the Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth, Pastor of the Mt. Olivet Baptist Church of Columbus, OH.

## **Sunday, May 14<sup>th</sup> – Mother's Day**

Baptism and Communion will be observed at 10:00am between our two morning worship services.

## **Wednesday, May 17<sup>th</sup> – Friday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**

At 7:00pm each evening the Ladies of the Luke will gather in worship for our 2017 WOW (Women's Only Worship) Revival with the Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale, Pastor of the Ray of Hope Christian Church of Decatur, GA.

## **Sunday, May 28<sup>th</sup>**

At 9:30am we will gather in a United Worship Service.



### **Register To Vote**

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



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

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

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

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



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

When: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday

Where: Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room

Time: 9:45am – 10:45am



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

# Please Remember In Your Prayers



## **Bereaved:**

Deacon Vivian Clayton on the death of her cousin

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

Sister Earline Bolden

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

Sister Connie Clayton

Chestnut Convalescent Center  
Passaic, NJ

Deacon Jack Moore

NJ Veterans Memorial  
Paramus, 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

Brother Johnny Brown

Sister Peggy Brown

Sister Mary DeGroat

Sister Edith Douglas

Sister Wendy Drakeford

Sister Hattie Haynesworth

Sister Pamela Haywood

Sister Beulah Jackson

Sister Rachel Jackson

Sister Damita McClam

Brother John McKenzie

Sister Morgan McMillan

Sister Georgiana Rogers

Sister Stephanie Samuels

Sister Rosetta Sims

Sister Doris Smith

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 Buffalo.

Sister Tonya Clayton

Sister Bernice Corbin Horne

Sister Jennifer Foxworth

Sister Lanitra Green

Brother Malinque Haskins

Sister Leticia McGuire

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

Kenneth Brogsdale

Edward Fairley

Justin Keith

Kevin Malik Myles

Chamar Myles

Wilmyra Nero

Frederick Simpson

Rashad State

Denzel Thompson

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

Marc Medley

Lestine Robinson

*\*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  
Mazie Blackmon  
Ronea Bundick  
Alaysia Chambers  
Cynthia Clyburn  
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  
Mary Etta Reels

Bernice Rice  
James Salmon  
Mack Simpkins, Jr.  
Mary Simpkins  
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  
Zhanina 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  
Jabir Williams  
Nyree Wilson  
Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

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**ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
A CHURCH DETERMINED TO KNOW CHRIST AND MAKE HIM KNOWN

**SPRING  
REVIVAL**

*Guest Preacher*  
**Rev. Dr. Charles E. Booth**  
Mount Olivet Baptist Church  
Columbus, OH

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH - THURSDAY, MAY 11TH**  
**7:00 PM EACH NIGHT**

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**WOMEN'S  
REVIVAL**  
W.O.W. - WOMEN ONLY WORSHIP

*Guest Preacher*  
**Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale**  
Ray of Hope Christian Church  
Decatur, GA

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 17TH - FRIDAY, MAY 19TH**  
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*"Wilt thou not revive us again, that your people may rejoice in thee?" – Psalm 85:6*

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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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#### SLBC Newsletter

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# A MESSAGE FROM "REV. AISHA"



Greetings St. Luke Family,

It's always a blessing to greet you all in the strong name of Jesus Christ. I'm so grateful to be His child and honored to be His servant. I pray you have all had a blessed week and are looking forward to the week ahead. Regardless of what you may face this week, we have a blessed assurance as children of God that we don't have to face it alone.

I am so excited about this season in our children's, youth, and young adult ministries and am in great expectation for what God has in store. We are pushing ourselves to try new things and reach higher heights. While newness isn't always easy, it is often necessary. We don't want our efforts to become stale and mundane. Instead, we aim for a fresh, lively, and innovative approach to ministry that keeps Jesus at the center of all we do.

We solicit your prayers as we seek to grow together. The enemy doesn't want to see our young people succeed with Christ at the head of their lives. He knows that when godly children become godly adults, it further threatens the impact of evil. Let's continue to work together in making the devil mad as we lift up the name of Jesus!

## Children, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry Announcements/Reminders

### Young Adult Bible Study

All young adults (ages 19-35) are encouraged and invited to attend Young Adult Bible Study every Wednesday at 7:30pm. Our study and knowledge of God's Word is integral to our spiritual development. We meet in the chapel and we hope to see you there!

We will be beginning a new series on **Biblical Stewardship** on Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>. All young adults are asked to purchase the book *Biblical Stewardship* by Alfred Martin. You can make your purchase in the bookstore today. If you prefer the e-book, you can purchase it on Amazon.

### Young Adult Ministry – First Friday Fellowship

All young adults are invited to our First Friday Fellowship on Friday, May 5<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We will meet at Christhouse (269 Fair Street) and our topic will be "Bae-ology 101: Are we Mating or Dating?" You are welcome to join us for great conversation, fellowship, and food. Please plan now to be in attendance and bring a friend. You must RSVP with Rev. Aisha by Wednesday, May 3<sup>rd</sup>.

### Youth Ministry – F.R.E.E. Fridays

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

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

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

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

Be blessed. Be a blessing.

Rev. Aisha

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



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 week of Monday, April 17<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, April 22<sup>nd</sup> Christhouse served 285 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** (Anytime)  
**Select:** Saint Luke CDC



**OR**

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

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# Tithing Calculator

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

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

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

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

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

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

## Attention SLBC Disciples...

Sunday, May 14, 2017  
(Mother's Day)

Baptism and Communion  
will take place at 10:00am  
between our two  
morning worship services.



## Save the Date

Friday, September 15, 2017  
7:00pm

We will celebrate in our  
"90/20" Anniversary Banquet

Celebrating our 90 year legacy as  
a congregation  
and 20 years of pastoral leadership  
of the  
Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton

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

**Tranetta Harris, MS, LPC**  
*Licensed Professional Counselor*  
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(Martin Luther King Way)  
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## Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

### Sunday Mornings At 9:45 AM

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

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

**We Are Striving To Be:**

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

# **Our 2017 Challenge**

## **Becoming A G R E A T Church**

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

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

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

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

**T**ue Team in Spirit – “Our Unity”

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

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

**Let's Become Great in Order to Grow**





# Stewardship Reflection

## THE CHURCH IN BOLD MISSION

The goal for those seriously involved in church leadership is always enabling the church to be the church. In the area of missions-stewardship, there is much work to be done. All the mental and material energies at our disposal are required. Unquestionably, the rewards of developing workable concepts will be worth everything invested.

**Tithes and offerings!** This is God's way revealed in the scriptures and no plan is better than God's for doing his work. Still, it is the fairest. **A tithing stewardship plan always means equal sacrifice – not equal giving.** Tithing is the financial stewardship plan for the church – all the time. If proportionate giving can be instituted on a church-wide basis, the need for all gimmickry disappears. In these critical times, what servant of God has time or energy to major in thinking up tricks to get money out of people's pockets? "Fields are white and the harvest is waiting." **If our time is spent developing one money raising scheme after another, who will bear the sheaves away?**

The church in this world can ill afford to be begging all the time. If God is all we say He is, the church should be rich in resources. The prophet Malachi issued a promise from the Lord of abundance through tithes and offerings (Malachi 3:10).

The task of any church extends beyond erecting buildings and paying current operating expenses. **The Great Commission of our Lord never mentions anything about buildings and grounds. The task of the church is missions.** The purpose for which Malachi called for tithes and offerings was the provision of meat in the storehouse of the Lord. For all practical purposes, the church of Jesus Christ is still the storehouse. And meat is not maintenance. Meat is not furniture. Meat is something to eat. Meat supplies a vital and essential human need. Meat satisfies hunger and helps keep the body alive.

It is at this point that missionary zeal becomes all-important. Missions is the very "meat" that keeps the church alive and fruitful. Missions makes the church what it ought to be. Through missions, the disciples of Christ carry out His Great Commission. No wonder, then, that missions should be tied in with any building project, operations budget and stewardship program.

A tithing church is, first, **a church that calls on every leader and member to begin personal giving with the tithe** – 10 percent of individual income. This includes wages, gifts, bonuses, etc. Whatever money comes into my personal possession is shared with the Lord through the church. That amount which exceeds 10 percent is my offering. By regularly giving the tithes and offerings, the individual and the institution is blessed according to God's word. Surely, every Christian wants to be blessed along with the church of their choice.

Secondly, **the tithing church must also tithe.** This means that the church that receives 10 percent of the members' income has a tithing responsibility. Entrusted with the hard-earned monetary treasures of its people the church has a sacred responsibility to do all that it is supposed to do in the work of advancing the kingdom of the Savior. The very least the church of Christ can do is magnify his name beyond the four walls of its sanctuary. At least the church can give a tithe, 10 percent to missionary work in some form.

**"Where there is omission of the commission there is no mission."**



# Attention SLBC Disciples...

## 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 - 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.

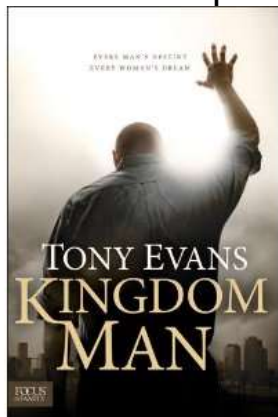
**NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

**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



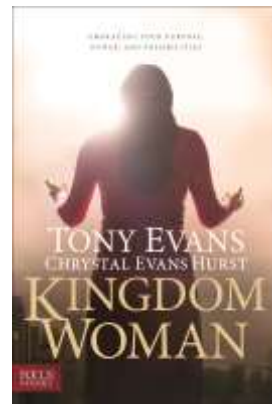
Read Chapter 12

*"A Kingdom Man and His Personal Life"*

## Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, May 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am



Read Chapter 12

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

## **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.

***"It is our outreach that validates our upreach."***

# 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.