

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

A few days ago, I stumbled across the following quote while engrossed in a book that I am reading. The book's author stated, "Although many Americans attend church regularly, the evidence of Christianity's influence on society is waning." This seemingly simple statement caught my attention because it emphasizes for us the reality that the church should and must be impacting and transforming our local community and our world.

The present "brand" of Christianity that is popularly peddled and preached is selfish and self-centered. It is all about what an individual believer gets FROM GOD. "My blessing," "My praise," "My breakthrough," "My miracle," etc. and other similar terms are heard and uttered by many who claim to be believers in the risen Christ. All of these terms denote a selfish desire on the part of an individual or a group of individuals to GET FROM GOD while our responsibility to DO FOR GOD is neglected and/or ignored.

God does not provide salvation to individuals just so that they can get. Nor does God set apart a church (a congregation of saved individuals) just so that they can come together in worship and seek to get more from God. God provides salvation to individuals and God sets apart and empowers churches so that they can represent Him in the earth and do His will. It is imperative that all who say that they believe (including you and I) understand that and be committed and engaged in being agents of transformation in our local community and in the world.

It is my sincerest hope and prayer that EVERY DISCIPLE at SLBC will become serious about ensuring that our lives and our local congregation continue to be committed to such, so that God can use us to bring help, hope, and healing into the lives of individuals, families, and ultimately into this community.

This is the model for ministry that was established by Jesus for all of us who are His followers to emulate. Let those of us who are disciples of Jesus Christ and connected to this congregation called St. Luke, be ever committed to learning, living and growing as a community of faith so that our lives and our ministry can have such an impact!

Although I am away today, my love and prayers join you. I look forward to seeing you throughout this week as we continue to grow together.

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 [@kdrclayton](https://www.instagram.com/kdrclayton).

St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, May 21, 2017
7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

The Call to Worship

"Oh give thanks unto the Lord for he is good and his mercy endures forever. Let the redeemed of the Lord say so, give thanks and Praise his name.

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #248 "Hold to God's Unchanging Hand"

The Affirmation of Unity

"Lord Make Us One"

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

The Church In Prayer

The Choral Response

The Ministry of Music

The Dance Ministry

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

The Ministry of Music

The Morning Message

*7:30am – Rev. Janel York
10:50am – Min. Sonya McMillan*

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

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 that the families of SLBC (whatever their makeup) will be encouraging, nurturing communities that promote excellence and spiritual wholeness."

The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Diane Stucks

Who Made A Decision for Christ on Last Sunday!

And To

Yvonne C. Bauer	Jamier Samuels
Vivian Clemmons	Jemaine Samuels
Malachi M. McNeal	LaTasha D. Singletary
William I. McNeal	

Who Received the Right Hand of Fellowship 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

"Limitations are not grounds for disqualification."

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 the absence of Pastor Clayton we are honored to welcome to our pulpit, the Rev. Janel York who will preach at the 7:30am Worship Service and Min. Sonya McMillan who will preach at the 10:50am Worship service. Let us pray for them as they preach God's Word today.
- Following BOTH worship services voter registration will take place. If you are 18 years of age or older, not registered, recently changed your name or address, PLEASE see a member of the Social/Political Action Committee to (re)register in the foyer.
- Following the 10:50am Worship Service the Security Ministry will meet in the Overflow. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.
- Pastor Clayton would like to express THANKS to all of the women of SLBC who shared in and supported the 2017 Women's Revival
- 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 22 – Sunday, May 28, 2017

Monday, May 22, 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 #7	New Discipleship Room
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	Exercise Class	Founders Hall
6:30 PM	Darshell's Quality Music Inc. will meet	St. Luke Learning Center
7:00 PM	The Sight and Sound Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Overflow

Tuesday, May 23, 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
6:00 PM	The College Connection will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
7:00 PM	The Combined Health Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel
7:00 PM	The Men's Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
8:00 PM	The Women's Day Choir will rehearse. Women interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

Wednesday, May 24, 2017

6:30 AM	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
11:30 AM	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
12:00 NOON	Noonday Bible Study. Please read John chapters 5-6 as we study Bread of Life.	Overflow
6:45 PM	Evening Prayer Service. The Adult Ushers 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, May 25, 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
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry (ages 13-17) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
6:00 PM	SLEAT (Education/Scholarship Committee) will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
7:00 PM	The Men's Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
8:00 PM	The Women's Day Choir will rehearse. Women interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
9:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Friday, May 26, 2017

NO MINISTRY ACTIVITIES

Saturday, May 27, 2017

11:00 AM-2:00 PM	Christhouse is Open	
4:00 PM	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Sunday, May 28, 2017

9:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
9:30 AM	United Worship Service	Sanctuary

The Month Ahead

Prayer Leaders:

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

May 31st – Missionaries and Patricia Tyler Guild

June 7th – NO Evening Prayer

June 14th – Security Ministry and Sight and Sound Ministry

Monday, May 29th – Memorial Day

Church Office Closed

Tuesday, May 30th

At 6:30pm the 90/20 Anniversary Committee will meet. Any persons interested in being on the committee is invited to be present.

Sunday, June 4th

In a United Worship Service at 10:00am we will celebrate Women's Day 2017. Our Guest Celebrant will be the Rev. Cokiesha Bailey-Robinson of Dallas, TX. On this day the 2017 Women's Day Choir will sing and all women of our congregation are asked to give a sacrificial gift of \$100.00 beyond our regular tithes and offerings. Let us all look forward to this day of worship and celebration.

Sunday, June 11th

At 4:00pm we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Charlie Stallworth and the East End Baptist Tabernacle Church of Bridgeport, CT.

Sunday, June 18th – Father's Day

Summer Schedule Begins:

8:00am-Prayer; 8:30am-Sunday Bible Study Classes and New Discipleship Classes; 9:30am-United Worship

Sunday, June 25th

At 12:00noon the Birthday Ministry will host the Birthday Reception for SLBC Disciples born in the months of January-June.

At 3:00pm Pastor and People will worship with the Rev. Lee Roy Jefferson and the Second Baptist Church of Belleville, NJ as they celebrate the Pastoral Anniversary of Rev. Jefferson. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing, and ALL Ushers, Nurses and SLBC disciples are invited to share in this service.



Register To Vote

Every 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:

Deacon Joseph Brown on the death of his uncle
Sister Charise Reid on the death of her aunt

Those Hospitalized or In: Nursing Homes or Adult Facilities:

Sister Connie Clayton
Chestnut Convalescent Center
Passaic, NJ

Sister Mae Jones
Advanced Care Center at Wayne
Wayne, NJ

Sister Nellie Reed
Atrium at Wayne Care Center
Wayne, NJ

Sister Beulah Jackson
CareOne at Wayne
Wayne, 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
Sister Earline Bolden
Brother Johnny Brown
Sister Peggy Brown
Sister Tonya Clayton
Shamari Crawford
Sister Mary DeGroat

Sister Edith Douglas
Sister Wendy Drakeford
Sister Hattie Haynesworth
Sister Pamela Haywood
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 Buffaloe.
Sister Tonya Clayton

Sister Bernice Corbin Horne
Sister Jennifer Foxworth
Sister Lanitra Green
Brother Malinque Haskins

Sister Leticia McGuire
Sister Patricia Myles
Sister Ethel Thomas

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:

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
Mazie Blackmon
Leslie Boyd
Ronea Bundick
Alaysia Chambers
Cynthia Clyburn
Carolyn Coleman
Naomi Coleman
Stanley Darden
Barbara Dolberry
Clarine Elebe
Roy Ellington
Rev. Diane Faison

Rev. Ronnie Faison
Sherry Foster
Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham
Leola Hargrove
Minnie Hines
Kellie Ledet
Courtney Owens
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

SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:

Mychal Alexander (nephew of Mary Baskerville)
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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Ladies of the Luke...
Get Ready
for
Women's Day 2017

Sunday, June 4, 2017
10:00am



Guest Preacher:

Rev. Cokiesha Bailey-Robinson

(The colors for Women's Day are white and blue.)

Music will be rendered by our 2017 Women's Day Choir.

Women's Day Choir Rehearsal Dates:
Tuesday, May 23^d and Thursday, May 25th
at 8:00pm

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Ministers to The World: The Congregation

Ministers to the Congregation:

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Taylor Moore, Percussionist

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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:



Facebook

facebook.com/slbcpat



Facebook for Youth Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYouth



Facebook for Young Adult Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYAM



Facebook for CDC

facebook.com/slcdc



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The SLBC Mobile App Is Now Available For Google and Apple Mobile Devices. Devices include: Androids, iPads, iPods and iPhones



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Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

A MESSAGE FROM "REV. AISHA"



Greetings St. Luke Family,

It's such a blessing to be alive and well. It's the midst of all the chaos in this world, I'm glad to be God's child. My patience and faith has been tested in many ways over the past few weeks for various reasons. I've wanted to scream, cry, and run all at once. More, now than ever, I'm grateful for God's presence that keeps my mind in perfect peace. I'm also grateful for therapy and those who help me work through my issues.

It's so important that we pay attention to our own mental stability as well as the mental stability of those we care about. It's often a lack of attention or care for mental instability that causes matters to escalate into troublesome situations. During this Mental Health Awareness Month, let's commit to taking mental health seriously and not ignoring its impact in our families and on our community. Life is hard and can often seem like too much to handle...especially for our young people. But with prayer and proper treatment, we can overcome even the greatest challenges.

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 24th. 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.

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 1st 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 June 9th.**

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 June 2nd.**

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



ST. LUKE CDC

Restoring Lives, Reviving Hope, Renewing Our Community

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**

- Computer Literacy
- Children's Literacy
- Adult Literacy
- 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, May 8th – Saturday, May 13th Christhouse served 124 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!

Save the Dates...Get Ready For

Sunday, July 16, 2017
**2017 Graduates
Recognition Sunday**



Monday, July 17 –
Tuesday, July 18, 2017
7:00pm

Youth/Young Adult Revival



Friday, September 15, 2017
7:00pm

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



Celebrating our 90 year legacy as
St. Luke Baptist Church
and 20 years of pastoral leadership
of the
Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton

Detailed information to follow

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”

T rue 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 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.



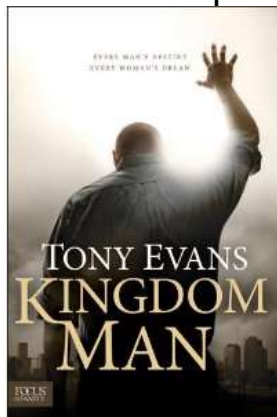
NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?

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



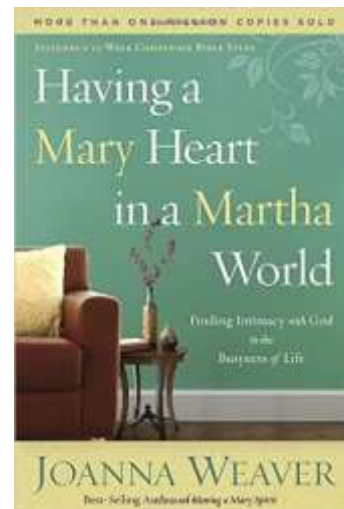
Read Chapter 12

"A Kingdom Man and His Personal Life"

Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, June 3rd and 10th
9:00am



Book is available for purchase in Bookstore.

Cost - \$10.00

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."



April 2017

- Missionaries and Patricia Tyler Guild prepared sandwiches for homeless in partnership with Paterson Cares
- Missionaries and Patricia Tyler Guild monthly outreach service at Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center
- Jewels "Purses With a Purpose" Project: Collected pocketbooks and stuffed them with essential feminine hygiene products. The pocketbooks were distributed to women at Passaic County Women's Shelter and Eva's Village
- College Connection prepared and distributed "Student Survival Kits" to all registered SLBC college students as they prepare for final exams
- Shante Anderson in partnership with St. Luke CDC and SLBC collected gowns and other accessories for Prom Gown giveaway
- Women's Ministry Outreach Team monthly discipleship class at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)
- Donated food to Good Shepherd Mission
- Made food donation to NBC, USA, Inc. Disaster Relief Fund. This fund was established to provide financial resources to churches within our convention that are faced with financial challenges due to natural disasters in their state or city (floods, hurricanes, etc.)

**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.