

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

In our Summer Sunday Bible Study Class, we are studying from the book entitled, *I Will*. This book is written to challenge Christians to overcome being selfish and inwardly focused. It is a simple but challenging read, with a great goal.

The premise of the book is very simple and true, and that is that most churches and most church people are focused on themselves. This preoccupation with self, contradicts the will of the Lord for His church and for His people, and it hinders the church from doing what we have been called to do. The church has been called to impact and transform the world, and we cannot do that by simply gathering in a sanctuary. If we are to accomplish the will of the Lord and make disciples of men and women, then we must be intentional about our witness, "after and beyond worship."

All that we do in a worship service, should empower and equip us to leave the place of worship and reenter and reengage the world with power and purpose to be instruments of change. In Matthew 28:19-20; Mark 16:15 and Acts 1:8, we read the words of our Savior, challenging us to go into THE WORLD (our local community and beyond) and MAKE A DIFFERENCE. This is what Jesus saved us to do, this is what he demands and expects for us to do, and St. Luke, this is what we MUST BE DOING.

It is my continued hope and prayer that EVERY PERSON who is a follower of the Risen Savior and a part of this congregation will be serious about growing to become a disciple that the Lord loves and is pleased with. If each of us strives to become such, then we will enable St. Luke to be a church that God is pleased with and by. May each of us work toward this end.

I invite and encourage you to join us in this summer study and in our many opportunities to take the church outside of the building.

Pray always for God to bless the ministry of St. Luke and for every church in our city to have healing and transformative presence and power in Paterson.

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 [Instagram](#) @kdrclayton or on [Twitter](#) @kdrclayton.

# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, July 23, 2017  
9:30am Worship Service

From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

## The Call to Worship

*"O come let us worship the Lord our creator and redeemer. Let us worship in the beauty of holiness and give praise to His name. For the Lord is great and greatly to be praised."*

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #298 "Just a Little Talk with Jesus"

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

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

The Ministry of Music

The Morning Message

Pastor Clayton

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

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

The Offertory Prayer

"Praise God from Whom All Blessings Flow"

## Tithing Affirmation

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

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

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

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

The Giving of God's Tithes and Offering

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

The General Offering

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

The Pastoral Observations

The Benediction

## Our Departing Affirmation

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

From Worship to Service...

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

## Six Ways To Give At SLBC

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



### In Person

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



### Online

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



### In Our Bookstore

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



### SLBC Mobile App

(Anytime)



### Givelify Mobile App

(Anytime)



### Mail

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

Your regular support and generosity is encouraged and greatly appreciated.



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

**This week the Bookstore is open:**

#### Sunday

11:30am – 12:00noon

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 SLBC and all churches in Paterson will be focused on seeking and saving the lost."



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

"If Christ is not valued above all, then Christ is not valued at all."

# 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

- Pastor Clayton would like to express THANKS to all SLBC disciples who gave on last Sunday to the St. Luke CDC in support of our 2017 Summer Camp. Your kindness and generosity are greatly appreciated and will be used to provide an enriching summer experience for this year's campers. Donations for this effort cans still be given in the Bookstore.
- The book for our 2017 Summer Sunday Bible Study Class can be purchased in the SLBC Bookstore.
- 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 9:30am 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 9:30am 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, July 24 – Sunday, July 30, 2017

### Monday, July 24, 2017

<b>7:00 AM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Kamp Kreative Kidz	Founders Hall
<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 Boys Dance Ministry (ages 6-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<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, July 25, 2017

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Kamp Kreative Kidz	Founders Hall
<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 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 Boys Dance Ministry (ages 6-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow

### Wednesday, July 26, 2017

<b>6:30 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!	Chapel
<b>8:00 AM</b>	Kamp Kreative Kidz	Founders Hall
<b>11:30 AM</b>	Midday Prayer Service	Overflow
<b>12:00 NOON</b>	Noonday Bible Study. Please read John chapters 7-8 as we study Jesus the Light of the World.	Overflow
<b>5:30 PM</b>	The Girls Dance Ministry (ages 6-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>6:45 PM</b>	Evening Prayer Service. The Floral Ministry and Patricia Tyler Guild 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 2:1-9 as we study Beware of Counterfeits.	Sanctuary
<b>7:30 PM</b>	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. Please read Chapters 8-9 of the book Biblical Stewardship by Alfred Martin. ALL young adults are invited to share in this time of study and fellowship.	Chapel

### Thursday, July 27, 2017

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Kamp Kreative Kidz	Founders Hall
<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>6:00 PM</b>	SLEAT (Education/Scholarship Committee) will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
<b>6:00 PM</b>	The Girls Dance Ministry (ages 6-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
<b>9:00 PM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Friday, July 28, 2017

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Kamp Kreative Kidz	Founders Hall
<b>7:00 PM</b>	"F.R.E.E. Fridays" (our Youth Ministry) will meet. ALL teens ages 13-18 are invited to be and bring a friend!	Youth Center

### Saturday, July 29, 2017

<b>11:00 AM</b>	The Women's Ministry Outreach at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)	
<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>4:00 PM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Sunday, July 30, 2017

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes	
	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #8 part B	New Discipleship Room
<b>9:30 AM</b>	Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary

# The Month Ahead

## Prayer Leaders:

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

**August 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees

**August 23<sup>rd</sup>** – Dance Ministry

**August 9<sup>th</sup>** – Floral Ministry

**August 30<sup>th</sup>** – Back to School Prayer Service

**August 16<sup>th</sup>** – No Prayer or Bible Study

## 2017 Summer Baptism and Communion Days



- Sunday, August 6<sup>th</sup>
- Sunday, September 3<sup>rd</sup>

## ALL Students Grades K-12...

Make sure you submit your fourth marking period report cards to Pastor Clayton as soon as possible.

**AND**

## ALL College Students...

Make sure you submit your final semester grades to Pastor Clayton as soon as possible.

***The Deadline to Submit Your Grades is Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>.***

You can fax them to (973) 345-9495, email them to [Kdrclayton@aol.com](mailto:Kdrclayton@aol.com), OR drop them in a **Red Box** at either entrance.



### 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 Beginning September 24, 2017

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 Vanessa Farrar-Darden on the death of her father

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

Brother Darrell Bell 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	Sister Lucille Sumter St. Joseph's Hospital Paterson, NJ
Sister Angela Dockery St. Joseph's Hospital Paterson, NJ		

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

Sister Gloria Battle	Sister Wendy Drakeford	Sister Mary Thomas-Carter
Sister Jean Battle	Sister Dolores Hand	Sister Patricia Thompson
Sister Mabel Biggs	Sister Beulah Jackson	Sister Cynthia Thorne
Sister Edna Black	Sister Rachel Jackson	Sister Miriam Threet
Sister Earline Bolden	Sister Damita McClam	Brother Irving Watkins, Sr.
Sister Peggy Brown	Brother John McKenzie	Sister Ola Mae Whitaker
Sister Mary DeGroat	Sister Georgiana Rogers	Sister Marian Williams
Sister Edith Douglas	Sister Stephanie Samuels	

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

Sister Thwana Bowman	Sister Bernice Corbin Horne	Sister Hattie Haynesworth
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.	Sister Jennifer Foxworth	Sister Leticia McGuire
Sister Bertha Buffaloe.	Sister Lanitra Green	Sister Patricia Myles
Sister Tonya Clayton	Brother Malinque Haskins	Sister Ethel Thomas

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

Kenneth Brogsdale	Chamar Myles	Frederick Simpson
Edward Fairley	Kevin Malik Myles	Rashad State
Justin Keith	Wilmyra Nero	Denzel Thompson
Vincent McDuffie		

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

Linton Gaines	Vivian Gaines
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*\*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	Jimmy Frierson	Teverra Pittman
Courtney Black	Harrie Graham	Chanise Pryor
Mazie Blackmon	Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham	Mary Etta Reels
Ronea Bundick	Leola Hargrove	Bernice Rice
Jackie Carter	Daniel Harvey	Mack Simpkins, Jr.
Alaysia Chambers	Minnie Hines	Mary Simpkins
Cynthia Clyburn	Nikki Johnson	Johnnie Sims, Jr.
Carolyn Coleman	Kellie Ledet	Glenda Smith
Naomi Coleman	Cheryl Owens	Ruth Smith
Barbara Dolberry	Courtney Owens	Mark Thompson
Barbara Edwards	Mike Peterson	Donna Williams
Clarine Elebe	Jackie Pettiford	Priscilla Williams
Roy Ellington	Linda Pittman	James Wilson
Constance Fletcher	Rev. Robert Pittman	Shamika Wormley

## **SLBC Family Members in the Armed Forces:**

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

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St. Luke Baptist Church  
Celebrates  
Our  
**"90/20 Anniversary"**



***Celebrating Our Legacy and Our Leadership***

*90 Years As A Congregation*

*20 Years Under the Pastoral Leadership  
of the*

*Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton*

**Friday, September 15, 2017 – 7:00pm**

***An Evening of Elegance***

***"90/20 Banquet"***

Crowne Plaza Saddle Brook

(50 Kenny Pl, Saddle Brook, NJ 07663)

*Tickets and Ad Journal Forms are now available in the Bookstore.*

Dinner Ticket Cost – \$75.00

## St. Luke Baptist Church

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Shaheed Brimley-Thompson

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**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](https://facebook.com/slbcpat)

 Facebook for Youth Ministry

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

 Facebook for Young Adult Ministry

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

 Facebook for CDC

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

 Twitter

@SLBCPAT

 Instagram

@slbcpat

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#### SLBC Newsletter

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##### Trustee Ministry

Richard Cook, Chairman


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

Lott Carey Foreign Missions Convention – [www.lottcarey.org](http://www.lottcarey.org)

National Baptist Convention, USA, Inc. – [www.nationalbaptist.com](http://www.nationalbaptist.com)

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

 United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc.  
Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ, Inc.

# A MESSAGE FROM "REV. AISHA"



Greetings St. Luke Family,

I pray you all are enjoying the hot weather and appreciating this season. It will be cold before we know it, so I'm soaking up as much sun as possible. I know the summer months are usually less busy, but we have much happening and on the horizon with our youth and young adult ministry. It is my prayer to keep our young people engaged and active in the life of our church and our community. Please continue to keep us in prayer as we endeavor to develop youth and young adults who love God and are committed to serving Him

wholeheartedly!

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

### YAM First Friday Fellowship – Karaoke in NYC

Our next First Friday Fellowship will be on August 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. We'll be heading to Karaoke in NYC. Please sign up in the bookstore and leave a deposit of \$15 to confirm your attendance. The last day to sign up is Sunday, July 30<sup>th</sup>. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for what promises to be an epic night of fun and fellowship.

### Youth Leader Training – Save the Date

We will be hosting a mandatory training for all persons who volunteer with our children, youth, and young adult ministries (i.e. Dance, Sunday Bible Study, Ushers, Choir, Children's Ministry, Jewels & Bootcamp, etc.) on Saturday, September 9<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 1:00pm. Our facilitator will be Rev. Russell St. Bernard, Director of Ministry Operations at Reid Temple AME Church in Glenn Dale, MD and founder of *After the Music Stops*, a ministry designed to empower and equip youth ministry leaders. Please save the date and plan now to join us for a great morning of learning and development. A registration link will be available next week. All attendees must pre-register.

### 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 have begun a new series on **Biblical Stewardship**. 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 online. **Our next Bible Study will be on Wednesday, July 26<sup>th</sup>. Please read Chapters 8 and 9.**

### 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 on the following dates during the summer:

July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, and September 29<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 is currently on break for the summer and will resume in the fall.**

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, July 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 15<sup>th</sup> Christhouse served 96 individuals!**

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

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



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



**Ways to Give:**



**Givelify Mobile App**

Go to “Charities” and **Select:** Saint Luke CDC

**OR**

**Online at**

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

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

# Tithing Calculator

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

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

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

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

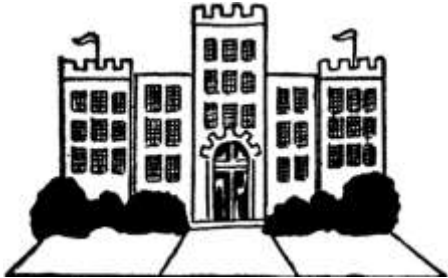
Let the words of Jesus become real and evident in your life according to Matthew 6:33, *“But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.”*

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

# Attention SLBC Disciples...

## Calling ALL College Students

Please complete the  
2017 College Student  
Information Form.



The form is available in the waiting  
area and once completed should be  
placed in the Red Box.

Thank you.

## August Is Outreach and School Supply Month



The month of August is School Supply  
Month at SLBC. We will be collecting  
school supplies to provide bookbags and  
other needed items for children in need  
in our community and for our  
partnership with School #6. In the month  
of August we will also share in "Water  
Witness", Community Prayer, and a  
Celebration of Recovery Sunday.

On Wednesday, August 30<sup>th</sup> we will  
gather in our Back to School Prayer  
Service.

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

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## Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

### Classes will resume on Sunday, September 24, 2017

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**rustworthy 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 - 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.

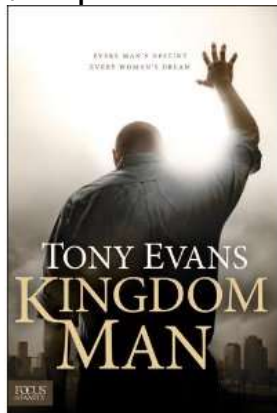
**NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

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

## Attention Men of St. Luke...

Join the Men of SLBC  
for  
Men's Bible Study

Class will resume  
Sunday, September 24, 2017.



Read Chapter 12

*"A Kingdom Man and His Personal Life"*

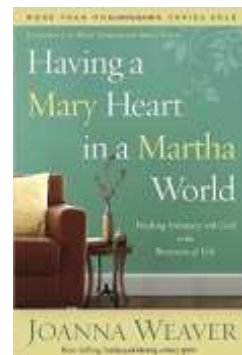
## Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, August 5<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>  
9:00am

Read Chapter 2

*Theme Verse: Matthew 11:28*



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."*



## June 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
- Women's Ministry Outreach Team taught discipleship classes at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)
- Hosted Pizza and Ice Cream Party for 3<sup>rd</sup> Marking Period Honor Roll students at E.W. Kilpatrick School (Adopt A School Initiative)
- Provided financial support for 4 sports teams of SLBC youth
- Provided support for 4<sup>th</sup> Ward CPTED (Crime Prevention Through Environmental Design) Barbour Park Clean Up Event

\*\*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. and our annual financial support of the Lott Carey Foreign Mission Board.

***"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.