

# A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

As we worship the Lord on this wonderful day, we are blessed also to be able to honor our 2017 graduates! God be praised for all of those who are being honored today for their movement to another level of life and service. I remind you always that a commencement is a beginning not an ending. At whatever level these individuals have graduated, they are now poised for new beginnings in life. May each of them be fueled to go forward and ahead with a commitment to excel and achieve, as they honor the Lord with their total selves.

Our Graduates Sunday Celebration coincides with and is connected to our Youth/Young Adult Revival. This is a special time for our congregation as we point our children, youth, and young adults to the Lord, with the hope that they might take seriously the call to live for Christ. The distractions and detractors in the lives of our young people are enormous. As families and as a congregation, we must take seriously the call to "train up our children..." and demonstrate by our living the reality of transformation that the Lord can bring to all who surrender to Him.

I invite ALL OF US to be in prayer for these two nights of worship and may we be present and supportive in every way.

From the onset of my ministry, our congregation has made our youth a focus and priority. They have never been an afterthought, but have and yet remain a very prioritized focus of what we do and who we are. It is my hope and prayer that EVERY young person who is a part of our family and every adult as well will take full advantage of every opportunity available to them through this ministry to grow, mature, and evolve.

Each unfolding day brings with it bad news. Internationally, nationally, and locally we are inundated with events and occurrences that bring us to a state of hopeless anxiety. May our faith in God and in His unfailing power fill us with hope and make us contagious in sharing that hope with whomever we meet, wherever we go.

I am excited about the work that the Lord has given us, may we be faithful stewards of all that He has entrusted to us.

I love you with all of my love!

Pastor Clayton

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# St. Luke at Worship

## Graduates Sunday – Youth/Young Adult Sunday

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

Worship Leader – *Sister Taylor Moore*

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 the Lord 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 #191 “Glory to His Name”*

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

*Sister Marqweesha Guthrie*

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

*Sister Shannon Jackson*

The Ministry of Music

The Morning Message

*Rev. Corey B. Gibson*

*First Baptist Church of Vienna, VA*

### 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 disciples would give joyously and generously.”

## The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Weschna Noel

Brnyi Timmons

**Who Were Baptized and 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

“Nothing God created is mediocre, excellence is demanded of you and you must demand excellence of yourself.”

# 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

- We celebrate our 2017 Graduates Recognition Sunday and the kickoff of our 2017 Youth/Young Adult Revival. We are honored to welcome to our pulpit the Rev. Corey B. Gibson, Youth and Young Adult Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Vienna, VA. Let us pray for him and with him as he preaches God's Word today.
- 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 10 – Sunday, July 16, 2017

### Monday, July 10, 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 #2	New Discipleship 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
<b>7:00 PM</b>	We will gather for Youth/Young Adult Revival. Our Guest Preacher will be Rev. Ashley Lipscomb from the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Passaic, NJ.	Sanctuary

### Tuesday, July 11, 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>7:00 PM</b>	We will gather for Youth/Young Adult Revival. Our Guest Preacher will be Rev. Shakeema North from the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, NY.	Sanctuary

### Wednesday, July 12, 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 5-6 as we study Jesus the Bread of Life.	Overflow
<b>6:45 PM</b>	Evening Prayer Service. The Deacons, Deaconess, and Trustees 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 Chapter 7 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 13, 2017

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Kamp Kreative Kidz	Founders Hall
<b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b>	Christhouse is Open	
<b>7:00 PM</b>	The Praise Team will rehearse.	Overflow
<b>9:00 PM</b>	"Determined" television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

### Friday, July 14, 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 present and bring a friend!	Youth Center

### Saturday, July 15, 2017

<b>10:00 AM</b>	The CDC Executive Board will meet	A.M. Tyler Conference Room
<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 16, 2017

<b>8:00 AM</b>	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes	
<b>8:30 AM</b>	Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #7	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.

**July 19<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Ministry

**July 26<sup>th</sup>** – Floral Ministry and Patricia Tyler Guild

## **2017 Summer Communion Days**



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

## **Support Our 2017 Summer Camp**

Since 2003 we have been a sponsor/host for “Kamp Kreative Kidz.” Approximately 100 children from our city will comprise our camp community. The staff of 16 paid persons is paid through the City of Paterson Department of Recreation. Each year we are asked to make a special donation to support the camp and to provide other amenities. Sunday, July 16, 2017 is the day that we are being asked to give a special donation to support the camp. Checks can be made payable to **St. Luke CDC**. Cash donations can be given in the SLBC Bookstore. Please **DO NOT** give your contribution for the camp in an offering envelope to the church. St. Luke CDC is a separate entity. **ALL** contributions are appreciated, will be acknowledged, and are tax deductible to the fullest extent of the law.



### **Register To Vote**

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

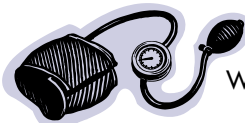


### **Become a Member of the NAACP**

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:**

Deacon Stacy Arrick, Sr. on the death of his cousin  
Sister Mary Cook on the death of her sister

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

Brother Darrell Bell St. Joseph's Hospital 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	

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

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

## **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:**

Joseph Brown	Mary Brown	Richard Sumter
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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  
Courtney Black  
Mazie Blackmon  
Ronea Bundick  
Alaysia Chambers  
Cynthia Clyburn  
Carolyn Coleman  
Naomi Coleman  
Barbara Dolberry  
Barbara Edwards  
Clarine Elebe  
Roy Ellington  
Tom Farrar

Harrie Graham  
Rev. Dr. Gadson L. Graham  
Leola Hargrove  
Daniel Harvey  
Minnie Hines  
Nikki Johnson  
Kellie Ledet  
Cheryl Owens  
Courtney Owens  
Mike Peterson  
Linda Pittman  
Rev. Robert Pittman  
Teverra Pittman

Chanise Pryor  
Mary Etta Reels  
Bernice Rice  
Mack Simpkins, Jr.  
Mary Simpkins  
Johnnie Sims, Jr.  
Glenda Smith  
Ruth Smith  
Mark Thompson  
Donna Williams  
Priscilla Williams  
James Wilson  
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

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### Ministers to The World: The Congregation

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Shaheed Brimley-Thompson

Gail Brown

Stanley DeVore

**The Church Office is open Monday through Friday from 9:00am-7:00pm to facilitate the needs of our congregation and ministry. To contact a member of the Church Staff, please use the above-mentioned information.**

#### To Stay Connected to SLBC:



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Facebook for Youth Ministry

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Facebook for Young Adult Ministry

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Facebook for CDC

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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,

It is such an honor to greet you in the strong name of our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I pray that your week has been blessed and that you are enjoying your summer thus far. I am particularly excited to celebrate Youth and Young Adult Sunday and our graduates this morning. Our youth and young adults are an integral part of our ministry here at St. Luke. It is my prayer that they always know that they have the love, support, and encouragement of their church family.

Graduation season is always a time to celebrate the accomplishments of those who pursue academic goals. Education is a necessary and vital part of our independence and success as people of color. While others may not see the worth in education, I'm proud of our graduates today who have made learning a priority. Let's continue to pray for and encourage all of our students.

I hope that you will all join us for the next two nights of our Youth and Young Adult Revival. Our young people are excited and look forward to your support. We all need spiritual renewal and revival and are looking forward to being blessed by the Word and the Worship. Meet us here on Monday and Tuesday at 7:00pm.

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

### Youth and Young Adult Revival

Please join us for our 2017 Youth and Young Adult Revival on July 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> at 7:00pm. Our theme is: *Committed: From the Inside Out*. Our guest preacher on Monday will be Rev. Ashley Lipscomb from the Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church in Passaic, NJ. Our guest preacher on Tuesday will be Rev. Shakeema North from the Concord Baptist Church of Christ in Brooklyn, NY.

Please invite your family and friends and join us for an incredible time of revival and renewal.

### 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 12<sup>th</sup>. Please read Chapter 7.**

### 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 7pm (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 14<sup>th</sup>, July 28<sup>th</sup>, August 11<sup>th</sup>, August 25<sup>th</sup>, September 22<sup>nd</sup>, 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, June 26<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, July 1<sup>st</sup> Christhouse served 146 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>

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).

# We Welcome To Our Pulpit

## *Rev. Corey B. Gibson*



An educator by profession and minister by call, Rev. Corey B. Gibson views everyday as a day to enhance the lives of others. His mission in life is to "*Shape Lives and Mold Minds according to the will of God!*"

A native of Buffalo, New York, Rev. Gibson is the proud son of Charles and Mattie Gibson. Currently, he is privileged to serve as the Youth and Young Adult Pastor and Director of Ministries of First Baptist Church of Vienna, in Vienna, Virginia, where Dr. Vernon C. Walton serves as Senior Pastor.

Rev. Gibson received a Bachelor of Science Degree in Education from Virginia Union University in Richmond, Virginia (2010), and a Master of Divinity Degree from the Samuel DeWitt Proctor School of Theology at Virginia Union (2014). In January 2013, Rev. Gibson was licensed to preach the Gospel at the Calvary Baptist Church, Buffalo, New York.

Rev. Gibson has developed as an educator, a mentor, and servant while working with youth in both the classroom and the church. As an educator, Rev. Gibson served as an elementary school teacher in the Richmond Public School System. In 2015, he was named "Teacher of the Year" for Chimborazo Elementary School, the first authorized International Baccalaureate Primary Years Programme in Central Virginia. He also served as the Minister of Children and Youth, and later Director of Ministries of the historic First African Baptist Church, Richmond, Virginia, under the leadership of Rev. Dr. Rodney D. Waller. From 2010-2015, Rev. Gibson led the youth ministry at First African B.C. with a passionate, engaging, loving, innovative and energetic presence. He utilized technology-based instruction, engaged the ministry in community outreach projects that extended beyond the walls of the church, and fostered relationships with other ministries throughout the community.

Since joining the pastoral staff at First Baptist – Vienna in July of 2015, Rev. Gibson's passion for empowering and equipping youth and young adults has flourished. The Youth Leadership Council and The S.P.O.T. (Study, Prayer, Open Dialog and Transformation), a weekly bible study for young adults, are just two of the many initiatives Rev. Gibson has launched. He has taken this vision to enhance the lives of God's people beyond our borders to Haiti, where he has preached the gospel and conducted training for youth and young adult leaders.

In addition to being an invested member of his local community, Rev. Gibson is also a proud member of Alpha Phi Alpha Fraternity, Inc. Ultimately, Rev. Gibson strives to be the best man that God has called him to be.

He firmly believes in leaving a lasting legacy through every endeavor of his life. He does not fear the challenges in life, for he lives by the words of 2 Timothy 1:7, "*For God hath not given us the spirit of fear; but of power, and of love, and of a sound mind.*"

# Save the Dates...Get Ready For

**ST. LUKE BAPTIST CHURCH**  
*Youth & Young Adult*  
**REVIVAL**  
**COMMITTED: From the Inside Out** 2017  
Romans 12:1-2  
**Sunday, July 9th - Tuesday, July 11th**

Youth & Young Adult Sunday & Graduates' Recognition Day  
July 9th, 9:30am

Monday Night Revival  
July 10th, 7pm

Tuesday Night Revival  
July 11th, 7pm

  
**Rev. Corey Gibson**  
First Baptist Church of Vienna  
Vienna, VA

  
**Rev. Ashley Lipscomb**  
Mt. Pilgrim Missionary Baptist Church  
Passaic, NJ

  
**Rev. Shakeema North**  
Concord Baptist Church of Christ  
Brooklyn, NY

Kenneth D.R. Clayton, Senior Pastor | Aisha Taylor Isiah, Associate Minister for Children, Youth, & Young Adults  
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www.stlukebaptist.org | facebook.com/SLBCYouth | facebook.com/SLBCYAM

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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**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 - 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.

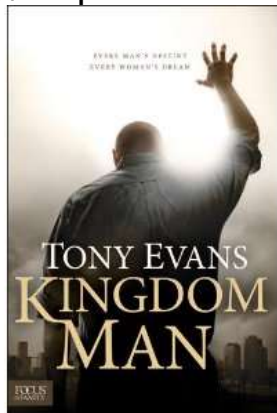
**NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

**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"*

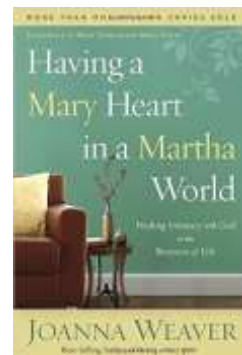
## Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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 1

*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.