

A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

I begin this missive, by expressing my genuine love for all who make up this family of believers. When I say that, I LOVE YOU, those are not just “preacher words” they are the most sincere feelings of my heart! The last twenty years of my life have been spent in partnership with the Lord and with you. They have been some of the best years of my life and definitely the best of my ministry. I hope that you are always aware of my love for you but I decided to begin this message by declaring such today.

On today we end our summer schedule and on next Sunday we will resume our normal worship schedule. As we prepare to fall back into place, may we be ever committed to being responsible in every area of support and participation so that we end the year 2017 STRONG! The Lord has been good to us in this year, and as has been true in years past, we have sought to be responsible and faithful in engaging in meaningful, relevant ministry that honors the Lord and provides healing for individuals and for our city. We must NEVER lose sight of our call and responsibility to PLEASE GOD in all that we do and to be faithful to being the light of the world and the salt of the earth as we make disciples. No matter what we have accomplished to date, I yet believe that God yet has more for us to do, and we MUST BE about the business of the Father.

On next Sunday at 9:45am we will gather in our 2017 Ministry Fair. It is our desire that EVERY DISCIPLE of SLBC will actively participate in ONE service ministry; ONE SLBC Bible Study; and ONE time of congregational prayer. If we become committed to doing such, then we will enable the process of discipleship to begin. Once this becomes a reality then we will be prepared to “go and tell...”

Of course we will end the month of SEPTEMBER with a bang, and then proceed into the last quarter of the year doing great things for the Lord. PLEASE make note of all of the things that are coming and plan now to be a part of all that we are doing in the name of the Lord.

On the third Sunday in September of 1988 (September 18, 1988) I preached my first sermon and was licensed to preach at the New Shiloh Baptist Church of this city. On that night, I had no idea what the future would hold for me. All I had to cling to, was the promise of our Savior, “I will be with you always.” That promise has and yet sustains me. God has kept that promise, and He has kept that promise to me through your partnership, love, encouragement, support, and prayers. I am not just a better preacher because of you, I am a better person because of you!

Thank you for allowing me to “practice preaching” on you for these twenty years, I look forward to the days and years ahead. I close today in the same way that I began.

I LOVE YOU!

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, September 17, 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 #249 “My God Is Real”

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.

NEWS FOR THE PEWS

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

11:30am – 12:00noon

Wednesday

12:45pm – 1:15pm

6:30pm – 7:15pm

Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

“This week we are challenged to pray for those in Texas, Louisiana, Florida, and the Caribbean as they recover from the devastation of natural disasters.”

The SLBC Family Extends a Word of Welcome to

Dyasha Brunson

Who Made A Decision for Christ on Last Sunday!

And To

Verlean Hill

Who Received the Right Hand of Fellowship!



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

“Christ expects us to be the salt of the earth and not the salt shaker.”

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

- Following the worship service 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 worship service the Security Ministry will meet in the Overflow. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.
- At 3:00pm Pastor and People will worship with the Solid Rock Baptist Church of Paterson as they celebrate their 70th Church Anniversary. Pastor Clayton will preach, the Mass Choir will sing, and ALL Ushers, Nurses and SLBC disciples are encouraged to share in this service.
- Pastor Clayton would like to express THANKS to all who supported the “90/20” Worship Service on Wednesday and all who attended the “90/20” Banquet on Friday night.
- Pastor Clayton would like to extend Happy Birthday wishes to all who celebrate a birthday this week AND Happy Wedding Anniversary to all couples who may celebrate their wedding anniversary this week!
- 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, September 18 – Sunday, September 24, 2017

Monday, September 18, 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 5-8) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
5:30 PM	The Pre-Teen Dance Ministry (ages 9-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	New Discipleship Class – Class #8 part A	New Discipleship Room
6:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:30 PM	Exercise Class	Founders Hall
6:30 PM	Darshell’s Quality Music Inc.	St. Luke Learning Center

Tuesday, September 19, 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 5-8) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
5:30 PM	The Pre-Teen Dance Ministry (ages 9-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
6:00 PM	The College Connection will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel
6:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
7:00 PM	The Men’s Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
7:00 PM	The Adult Ushers will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Chapel
7:00 PM	The Combined Health Ministry will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall

Wednesday, September 20, 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 9-10 as we study Jesus the Good Shepherd.	Overflow
5:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
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 2:10-16 as we study Marked Men.	Sanctuary
7:30 PM	Young Adult Bible Study will be held. Please read Nehemiah Chapter 3.	Chapel

Thursday, September 21, 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 5-8) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Founders Hall
5:30 PM	The Pre-Teen Dance Ministry (ages 9-12) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
6:00 PM	The Teen Dance Ministry will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Sanctuary
6:30 PM	The Adult Dance Ministry (ages 35 and up) will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend.	Tuskegee Room
7:00 PM	The Men’s Choir will rehearse. Men interested in joining this choir are invited to attend.	Overflow
9:00 PM	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Friday, September 22, 2017

7:00 PM	“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
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Saturday, September 23, 2017

11:00 AM	Christhouse is Open	
11:00 AM	The Women’s Ministry Outreach at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus)	
4:00 PM	“Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75	

Sunday, September 24, 2017

7:00 AM	Early Morning Prayer	Sanctuary
7:30 AM	Early Morning Worship Service	Sanctuary
9:45 AM	2017 Fall Ministry Fair	Founders Hall
10:50 AM	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.

September 27th – Missionaries and Patricia Tyler Guild

Monday, October 2 – Tuesday, October 3, 2017

At 7:00pm each night we will gather in our 2017 Fall Revival. Our Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. Lance Watson, Pastor of the St. Paul's Baptist Church of Richmond, VA.

Sunday, October 8, 2017

At 4:00pm we will celebrate Baptism and the Lord's Supper (Communion). Our special guests will be the Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney and the Calvary Baptist Church of Garfield, NJ.

Wednesday, October 18, 2017

At 7:00pm we will gather in our Pre-Pastoral Anniversary Service. Our special guests will be the Rev. Gregory J. Jackson and the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Hackensack, NJ.

Sunday, October 29, 2017

At 10:00am we will gather in worship to celebrate the 20th Pastoral Anniversary of the Rev. Kenneth D.R. Clayton. Our Guest Celebrant will be the Rev. Dr. Vernon C. Walton, Pastor of the First Baptist Church of Vienna, VA.



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 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 Alice McDuffie on the death of her brother

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 Leslie Johnson
Jersey Shore University Medical Center
Neptune, NJ

Deacon Jack Moore
NJ Veterans Memorial
Paramus, NJ

Those Recovering at Home:

Sister Gloria Battle
Sister Jean Battle
Sister Mabel Biggs
Sister Edna Black
Sister Earline Bolden
Sister Mary DeGroat
Sister Edith Douglas
Sister Wendy Drakeford

Sister Beulah Jackson
Sister Rachel Jackson
Sister Damita McClam
Brother John McKenzie
Sister Georgiana Rogers
Sister Stephanie Samuels
Sister Lucille Sumter

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

Those In Need of Healing and Strength:

Sister Thwana Bowman
Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr.
Sister Tonya Clayton
Sister Bernice Corbin Horne

Sister Jennifer Foxworth
Brother Malinque Haskins
Sister Hattie Haynesworth

Sister Leticia McGuire
Sister Patricia Myles
Sister Ethel Thomas

Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:

Kenneth Brogsdale
Edward Fairley
Justin Keith
Vincent McDuffie

Chamar Myles
Kevin Malik Myles
Wilmyra Nero

Frederick Simpson
Rashad State
Denzel Thompson

Our Deacons of the Week:

David Boyd

Charlie Jackson

Argentina Mallory

**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
 Jackie Carter
 Alaysia Chambers
 Cynthia Clyburn
 Carolyn Coleman
 Naomi Coleman
 Barbara Dolberry
 Yvette Elam
 Clarine Elebe
 Roy Ellington
 Constance Fletcher
 Jimmy Frierson

Harrie Graham
 Lovey Gray
 Theresa Hamlin
 Leola Hargrove
 Minnie Hines
 Nikki Johnson
 Kellie Ledet
 James Lee
 Otis McKay
 Cheryl Owens
 Courtney Owens
 Mike Peterson
 Jackie Pettiford
 Linda Pittman
 Rev. Robert Pittman

Teverra Pittman
 Chanise Pryor
 Mary Etta Reels
 Bernice Rice
 Mack Simpkins, Jr.
 Johnnie Sims, Jr.
 Glenda Smith
 Laila Smith
 Ruth Smith
 Leroy Thomas
 Mark Thompson
 Donna Williams
 Priscilla Williams
 James Wilson
 Shamika Wormley

Our College Students:

Daquan Bailey
 Shaheed Brimley-Thompson
 Bryanna Buchanan
 Kendrick Clayton

Brandon Davis
 Tiara Dawkins
 Raniya Martin-Davis
 D'Ijah Newell

Maia Pipkin
 Tyler Sumter
 William (Alex) Thomas
 Amani Wynter

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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SLBC Family!!!

Get Ready

For Our

2017 FALL REVIVAL

October 2 - October 3, 2017

7:00pm

reconnect, recommit, recharge



Rev. Dr. Lance Watson

Pastor

St. Paul's Baptist Church

Richmond, VA

St. Luke Baptist Church

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Ministers to the Congregation:

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Gail Brown

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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

 Facebook for Youth Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYouth

 Facebook for Young Adult Ministry

facebook.com/SLBCYAM

 Facebook for CDC

facebook.com/slcdc

 Twitter

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 Instagram

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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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United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. – 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 have had a blessed week. I'm still reflecting on the awesome worship we experienced last during week during Back to School Sunday. God favored us in a tremendous way and I'm so grateful to have been a part. I still believe in the power of prayer and the strength that young people gain from being in a relationship with God. While tough times are guaranteed to come, we know without a doubt that God will be with us during the tough times.

Children's, Youth, and Young Adult Ministry Announcements/Reminders

YAM One-Day Retreat – October 7, 2017

Our young adult ministry will be having a one-day retreat on Saturday, October 7th at the Streamside Conference Center in Stroudsburg, PA. This year, we will be collaborating with the young adult ministries from First Baptist Church Lincoln Gardens (Somerset), Calvary Baptist Church (Morristown), and Mt. Olive Baptist Church (Hackensack). The cost for registration will be \$40. Our guest preacher will be Rev. Frederick Faison, Chaplain of Lincoln University. We will experience an awesome day of learning, growing, worship, and fellowship. **You can register in the bookstore today with a deposit of \$20. The deadline for registration and all payments are due by Sunday, October 1st.**

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! **Please read Nehemiah Chapter 3 for our next lesson on September 20th as we continue our series on *Becoming Godly Leaders*.**

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 on the remaining dates during the summer: September 22nd and September 29th

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 resume on Friday, October 6th at 7:00pm.**

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 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*

* *The Re-Entry Program*

a) Computer Literacy

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

b) Children's Literacy

c) Adult Literacy

d) Public Speaking Class

*** 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 weeks of Monday, September 4th - Saturday, September 9th Christhouse served 161 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 |



Feeding the Community

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, 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.

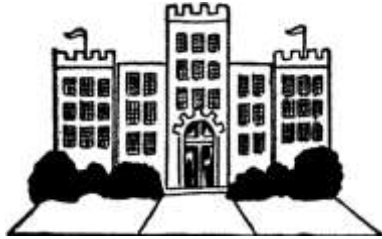
Let the words of Jesus become real and evident in your life according to Matthew 6:33, *"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well."*

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.

MILLENNIAL MATTERS
MATTERS OF COMMITMENT, FAITH, AND JUSTICE
ONE-DAY YOUNG ADULT RETREAT

Hosted by the Young Adult
Ministries of:

- St. Luke Baptist Church
Paterson, NJ
- First Baptist Church of
Lincoln Gardens
Somerset, NJ
- Calvary Baptist Church
Morristown, NJ
- Mt. Olive Baptist Church
Hackensack, NJ

Guest Preacher
Rev. Frederick T. Faison
Chaplain, Lincoln University

Saturday, Oct. 7, 2017 - 9am to 7pm
Streamside Camp & Conference Center, Stroudsburg, PA
WORKSHOPS | WORSHIP | FELLOWSHIP
Cost - \$40 per person (includes lunch & dinner)
For more information, contact Rev. Alisha Taylor Issah at amtaylor@stlukebaptist.org.

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Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

Classes will resume on Sunday, October 1, 2017

at 9:45am

<u>CLASS</u>	<u>INSTRUCTOR(S)</u>	<u>LOCATION</u>
Beginners	Dea. Vivian Clayton and Sis. Kendalyn Sumter	128 Carroll Street
Primary (ages 6-8)	Sis. Pamela Jones	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Junior (ages 9-11)	Sis. Tiesha Williams	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth Male (ages 12-14)	Bro. Robert Whitehead	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth Female (ages 12-14)	Sis. Gail Allen	128 Carroll Street, 2 nd Fl
Youth (ages 15-19)	Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah	Youth Center/269 Fair Street, 2 nd Fl
Young Adult Women (ages 19-35)	Sis. Tiffany Smith	Bryant/Eaton Prayer Room
Women	Dea. Vivian Gaines	Sanctuary
New Discipleship Class	Dea. Gregory Anderson, Linton Gaines, and Cleophus Pelt	New Discipleship Room
Children's New Discipleship Class	Bro. Stacy Arrick, Sr. and Sis. 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. Romans 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; 1st 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



Attention Parents of SLBC...

“J.A.M. City”

will be back in session

Friday, October 6th

at 7:00pm



(ages 5-12)

are invited to be present
and bring a friend!

REMINDER:

“F.R.E.E. Fridays”

will meet

Friday, September 22nd

at 7:00pm



ALL TEENS

(ages 13-18)

are invited to be present and bring a friend!



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 so 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.



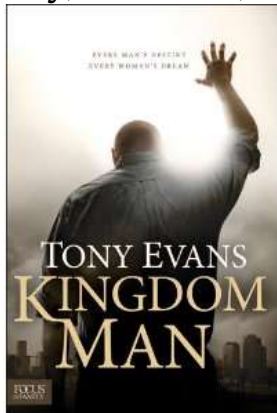
NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?

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, October 1, 2017.



Read Chapter 12

“A Kingdom Man and His Personal Life”

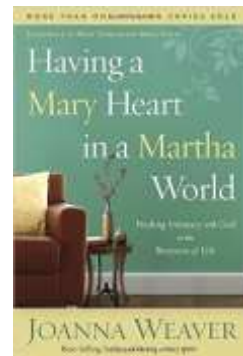
Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

Saturdays, October 7th and 14th
9:00am

Read Chapter 2

Theme Verse: Matthew 11:28



Book is available for purchase in Bookstore.

Cost - \$10.00

Hurricanes Harvey and Irma Relief



Over the last two weeks people in Houston and the Southeast region of Texas (Beaumont, Port Athur, etc.), Florida, and the Carribean have been devastated as a result of Hurricanes Harvey and Irma. Literally hundreds of thousands of people are dealing with extreme losses (some total loss).

As we have in the past, the SLBC family is committed to responding and helping our sisters and brothers in these areas. It is our goal to ensure that our help gets to people on the “ground level.”

We have already provided financial assistance to Jason Thorne, a former SLBC disciple who lives in Houston. We are now partnered with Faith Action Network, a credible agency in Houston, TX with a proven track record of aiding people in similar situations. We have provided them with financial assistance to begin helping people with their immediate basic needs.

In Florida, we are partnering with the Mt. Olive Primitive Baptist Church (Jacksonville) to assist local residents.

Because the immediate need of all the people involved in these disasters is monetary, Pastor Clayton is asking the SLBC family to please give regularly and liberally on the line for Missions and Benevolence on our envelopes (or online or through Givelify or the app) so that we will be able to provide meaningful assistance. This is above and beyond our regular tithes and offerings.

In coming weeks we may (depending on the need) collect and donate clothes and other essential items.

THANK YOU for helping us “Make Christ Known” through our generosity to those in need during this time.



**These efforts are all a part of SLBC’s ongoing Missio Work, our commitment to spread the good news in practical ways in our local community and around the world (Acts 1:8).*

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.