

## A Message From Our Pastor



My Dear Loved Ones,

To be the church in the world today is a challenging and daunting task. Although every era has dealt with the reality of sin and its varied manifestations, in addition to sin, wickedness in high places, chaos in our federal government, it appears that the people of God have lost their love of God and their love for doing God's will. This is **SAD** and **SERIOUS**.

The church was established by Christ to change the world! In order to change the world, the church must be intentional and prayerful. Prayerful because we can do nothing without God's power and direction; intentional because ministry should never be done without careful consideration and thought.

I invite you to join me in consistent, earnest prayer so that each of us can become partners with God as St. Luke continues to engage in ministry in this community that changes the world, one life at a time.

Our commitment to grow spiritually will enable us to be used by God to make Paterson a better place, to the glory of God.

To that end, may we labor together.

I love you with all of my love.

Pastor Clayton

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 @kdrclayton.

# St. Luke at Worship

Sunday, September 23, 2018  
9:30am Worship Service

From World to Worship...

MORNING PRAISE

PLEASE STAND AS WE SING PRAISE TO GOD

## The Call to Worship

The Hymn of Worship

Hymn #90 "At Calvary"

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 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](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



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.

## Our Prayer Emphasis for the Week

"This week we are challenged to pray for SLBC to have an increased commitment to local and global missions."

## THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

"Jesus spent his whole life engaging the people most of us have spent our whole lives trying to avoid."

# 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

- At 8:30am representatives from the Health and Wholeness Ministry will be available in the Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room to provide blood pressure screenings for any interested persons.
- Pastor Clayton would like to express THANKS to all those who shared in the fellowship service with Rev. Bennett Johnson, III and the Solid Rock Baptist Church on last Sunday afternoon.
- Persons interested in participating in the Homeless Distribution Project that will begin in October may sign up in the Bookstore.
- 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 livestream at <http://831vision.com/Pastor-Kenneth-Clayton/>



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 our Morning 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 24 – Sunday, September 30, 2018

### Monday, September 24, 2018

|                |   |                       |
|----------------|---|-----------------------|
| <b>7:00 AM</b> | “Determined” television broadcast on Public Access Channel 75 |                       |
| <b>6:00 PM</b> | New Discipleship Class – Class #1                             | New Discipleship Room |
| <b>6:30 PM</b> | Exercise Class  | Founders Hall         |

### Tuesday, September 25, 2018

|                         |  |  |
|-------------------------|--|--|
| <b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b> | Christhouse is Open  |  |
| <b>7:00 PM</b>          | The Mass Choir will rehearse. Persons interested in joining this choir are invited to attend. Overflow |  |

### Wednesday, September 26, 2018

|                        |  |              |
|------------------------|--|--------------|
| <b>6:30 AM</b>         | Early Morning Prayer will be held. Join us as we begin the day in PRAYER!  | Chapel       |
| <b>11:30 AM</b>        | Midday Prayer Service  | Overflow     |
| <b>12:00 NOON</b>      | Noonday Bible Study. Please read Acts chapters 6-8.  | Overflow     |
| <b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b> | Community Computer Lab is Open   | 305 Broadway |
| <b>6:45 PM</b>         | Evening Prayer Service. The Voices of St. Luke will lead us in our time of prayer.                                   | Sanctuary    |
| <b>7:30 PM</b>         | Adult Bible Study. Please read 1 <sup>st</sup> John chapter 1  | Sanctuary    |
| <b>7:30 PM</b>         | Young Adult Bible Study will be held. Please read Titus, Chapter 2 and join us in our series entitled “God’s Grace.” | Chapel       |

### Thursday, September 27, 2018

|                         |   |                            |
|-------------------------|---|----------------------------|
| <b>11:00 AM-2:00 PM</b> | Christhouse is Open   |                            |
| <b>5:30 PM-7:30 PM</b>  | Community Computer Lab is Open  | 305 Broadway               |
| <b>6:30 PM</b>          | SLEAT (Education/Scholarship Committee) will meet. Persons interested in joining this ministry are invited to attend. | A.M. Tyler Conference 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, September 28, 2018

|                |   |              |
|----------------|---|--------------|
| <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 |
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### Saturday, September 29, 2018

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

### Sunday, September 30, 2018

|                |   |                       |
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| <b>8:00 AM</b> | Morning Prayer                                  | Sanctuary             |
| <b>8:30 AM</b> | Sunday Bible Study and New Discipleship Classes |                       |
|                | Adult New Discipleship Class – Class #1         | 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.

**October 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Deacons and Trustees

**October 17<sup>th</sup>** – Adult Ushers

**October 10<sup>th</sup>** – Hospitality Ministry

**October 24<sup>th</sup>** – Young Adult Ministry

## **Monday, October 1 – Tuesday, October 2, 2018**

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

## **Sunday, October 14, 2018**

At 4:00pm we will celebrate the Lord's Supper. Our guests will be Rev. Dana P. Owens and the Messiah Baptist Church of East Orange, NJ.

## **Saturday, November 3, 2018**

At 12:00Noon the Paterson Branch of the NAACP will host their 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Freedom Fund Luncheon at The Brownstone. SLBC's 2018 Inspirational Award honoree is Bro. Darrell Bell. Tickets are \$85.00 and are available in the SLBC Bookstore. Let us all be supportive of this event.



### **Attention SLBC College Students!**

Fall 2018 College Registration Forms are now at both entrances. PLEASE complete yours and place in either Red Box today!



### **Register To Vote**

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

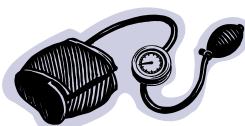


### **Become a Member of the NAACP**

by completing a form and submitting payment in the Bookstore

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

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



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

When: Every 2<sup>nd</sup> and 4<sup>th</sup> Sunday  
Where: Victoria Anderson Nurse's Room  
Time: 8:30am – 9:30am



When blood pressure is under control, the risk of developing heart disease, kidney failure, or stroke is lower.



# Please Remember In Your Prayers



## **Bereaved:**

Deacon Gregory Anderson on the death of his sister  
 Sister Jennifer Foxworth on the death of her uncle  
 Sister Gail Orr-Brown and Sister Christine Wilkerson on the death of their mother  
 Brother Joseph Purnell on the death of his brother  
 Sister Marian Watkins on the death of her aunt

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

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Sister Edna Black<br>Doctors Subacute Care<br>Paterson, NJ                    | Sister Hattie Haynesworth<br>Regency Gardens Rehabilitation Center<br>Wayne, NJ | Deacon Jack Moore<br>NJ Veterans Memorial<br>Paramus, NJ       |
| Sister Connie Clayton<br>Chestnut Convalescent Center<br>Passaic, NJ          | Sister Mae Jones<br>Lakeview Rehabilitation Center<br>Wayne, NJ                 | Sister Nellie Reed<br>Atrium at Wayne Care Center<br>Wayne, NJ |
| Sister Deonna Davis<br>Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center<br>Paterson, NJ | Sister Dorothy Moore<br>St. Joseph's Hospital<br>Paterson, NJ                   |  |

## **Those Recovering at Home:**

|   |   |  |
|---|---|--|
| Sister Gloria Battle<br>Sister Jean Battle<br>Sister Mabel Biggs<br>Sister Mary Burton<br>Sister Mary DeGroat<br>Sister Angela Dockery<br>Sister Edith Douglas<br>Sister Wendy Drakeford<br>Sister Nannie Mae Harrell | Sister Ocie High<br>Sister Valerie Ingram<br>Sister Beulah Jackson<br>Sister Brenda Jackson<br>Sister Damita McClam<br>Sister Laura Parker<br>Sister Christola Roberts<br>Sister Georgiana Rogers | Sister Stephanie Samuels<br>Sister Mary Thomas-Carter<br>Sister Patricia Thompson<br>Sister Cynthia Thorne<br>Sister Miriam Threet<br>Brother Irving Watkins, Sr.<br>Sister Ola Mae Whitaker<br>Sister Marian Williams |
|---|---|--|

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

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Sister Thwana Bowman<br>Brother Carnie P. Bragg, Jr. | Sister Constance Harrell<br>Sister Patricia Myles | Sister Lucille Sumter<br>Sister Ethel Thomas |
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## **Our Loved Ones Who Are Incarcerated:**

|  |   |  |
|--|---|--|
| Edward Fairley<br>Justin Keith<br>Robert Keith<br>Vincent McDuffie | Chamar Myles<br>Kevin Malik Myles<br>Wilmyra Nero | Frederick Simpson<br>Rashad State<br>Denzel Thompson |
|--|---|--|

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

|                  |                  |
|------------------|------------------|
| Carolyn Anderson | Gregory Anderson |
|------------------|------------------|

***\*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:**

Herman Austin  
Michael Beasley  
Flora Bryant  
Cynthia Buffaloe  
Natasha Buffaloe  
Taleisha Chandler  
Naomi Coleman  
Marcia Cunningham  
Bobby Jean Dolberry  
Harrie Graham  
Lovey Gray  
Leola Hargrove

Josephine Harmon  
Chase Hill  
Henry Johnson  
Leslie Johnson  
Katy Jordan  
Geraldine Kearney  
Michael Mantovani  
Rev. Dr. Calvin McKinney  
Otis McKay  
Horace Parker  
Horace Perry  
Linda Pittman

Rev. Robert Pittman  
Teverra Pittman  
Michael Simmons  
Mack Simpkins, Jr.  
Glenda Smith  
Katie Thomas  
Ferenda Wade  
Zellah Wilkinson  
Priscilla Williams  
Tamica Wilson  
Shamika Wormley

## **Our College Students:**

Daquan Bailey  
Keiara Lewis

Maia Pipkin

Simone Pipkin

## **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)  
Jiquan Smallwood (grandson of Patricia Smallwood)  
Mystic Smith (niece of Tanya Williams)  
Kareem Stephen  
Jabir Williams  
Nyree Wilson  
Sterling Wynn (son of Germaine Romero)

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# Attention SLBC Disciples...

## Get Ready For Our *2018 Fall Revival*

Monday, October 1 – Tuesday, October 2, 2018  
7:00pm each night

### Guest Revivalist



Rev. Dr. Lance D. Watson  
St. Paul's Baptist Church  
Richmond, VA



# St. Luke Baptist Church

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## Ministers to The World: The Congregation Ministers to the Congregation:

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Jared McClain, Director of Music

Kendrick Clayton, Percussionist

Taylor Moore, Percussionist

Jordan Randolph, Organist

### Our Administrative Team

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Mary L. Cook, Data Entry

### Our Facilities Team

Stanley DeVore

Sherry Ward

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)



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### SLBC Newsletter

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### Our Leaders

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

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

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,

Happy Sunday! We are so blessed to be alive and in God's house on another beautiful Sunday morning. Last week I, along with several of our young adults, ventured to the Pocono Mountains for our annual Young Adult Ministry retreat. To say we had a phenomenal time would be an understatement. I am so grateful to God for always meeting us during our times away and giving us just what we need while we are there. Our theme this year was Intentional: Seeking & Surrendering. We endeavored to equip ourselves with the tools and skills needed to become intentional about our pursuit of God's will for our lives. As much as we'd like to think so, spiritual growth doesn't happen by accident. We have to

work at it, just like we do anything else that is worth having. I encourage us all, especially our young people, to be intentional about growing in their faith. If we do the work, God promises to reward our diligence. And that's all the guarantee we need.

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

### **Young Adult Bible Study**

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

### **2018 YOUTH RETREAT**

Please save the dates now and prepare to join us for our annual Youth Retreat on Friday, October 5<sup>th</sup> – Sunday, October 7<sup>th</sup> at Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Poconos. All youth, ages 13-18, are invited to join us for what is always a spiritually transformative experience, filled with lots of fun and fellowship. The cost per person is \$175 and includes transportation, meals, and lodging. A non-refundable deposit of \$50 is due today to reserve your space. You can sign up in the bookstore. All balances must be paid by Sunday, September 30<sup>th</sup>. Please contact me for more information.

### **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. Attendees do not have to be members of the church to attend. So, teens can feel free to bring their friends or family members. All sessions are held at the Youth Center at Christ House (269 Fair Street). **F.R.E.E. Fridays will be held again on September 28<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 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. **Our children's ministry will resume its regular schedule 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

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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)



\* **Community Computer Lab**

\* **Reading Assistance Program (RAP)**

\* **Public Speaking Classes**

- a) Children's Literacy Initiative
- b) Adult Literacy Initiative

**\* Community Counseling Center**

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) 462-2255, 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 weeks of Monday, September 10<sup>th</sup> – Saturday, September 15<sup>th</sup> Christhouse served 143 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!**







# Join Us For Sunday Bible Study!!

## *Sunday Mornings at 8:30am*

| <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 <sup>nd</sup> Fl           |
| Junior (ages 9-11)                | Sis. Tiesha Williams                                    | 128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl           |
| Youth Male (ages 12-14)           | Bro. Robert Whitehead                                   | 128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl           |
| Youth Female (ages 12-14)         | Sis. Gail Allen   | 128 Carroll Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> Fl           |
| Youth (ages 15-19)                | Rev. Aisha Taylor Issah                                 | Youth Center/269 Fair Street, 2 <sup>nd</sup> 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 | Dea. 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; 1<sup>st</sup> Corinthians 12:12-28

A Bible Based Church: We Are Doers of God's Word. Psalm 119:105; 2<sup>nd</sup> 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; 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<sup>st</sup> 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





# ST. LUKE CDC

*Restoring Lives, Reviving Hope, Renewing Our Community*

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## After School Assistance Program



(ASAP)



Will begin in September  
for children ages 5-12.

*Days of Operation: Monday-Friday*

*Hours of Operation: 3:30pm-6:30pm*



If you are interested in placing your child in the after school program, please call (973) 345-4309.



*A safe environment for homework assistance.*

*Homework Assistance, Snacks, Games... and More*

After School Assistance Program (ASAP) • Christhouse • Counseling Services  
Freedom School • House of Mercy • Kamp Kreative Kidz • Literacy Initiative  
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## Outreach MUST Be A Priority of the Church!

“Our power to change the world is only effective if we are willing to be in the world. We will never change anything we are not willing to touch.”

Our upreach (in worship) is validated by our outreach (after worship).

St. Luke is committed to outreach. It is one of our 5 pillars and is a key component of “Making Christ Known.”

Through the SLBC Missionaries St. Luke provides two critical areas of outreach:

- 1)
- 2) Monthly worship at Barnert Subacute Rehabilitation Center
- 3) Monthly preparation of sandwiches for the homeless

This is in addition to: Christhouse (operated by the St. Luke CDC); monthly outreach at Straight and Narrow (Secaucus) for women, provided by the Women’s Ministry Outreach Team.

In October we will expand our Outreach to include “Bags of Blessings.” These will be bags that will be distributed to homeless men and women in our community.



### For Men

toothpaste  
deodorant  
toothbrush  
razor  
soap  
washcloth

### For Women

toothpaste  
deodorant  
toothbrush  
razor  
soap  
washcloth  
feminine hygiene products



The Missionaries will begin preparing these bags in October and teams will distribute the bags throughout the community in late October.

### How Can We Help?

1. **PRAY** for this and every outreach initiative that SLBC engages in.
2. If you are interested in joining the Missionaries in preparing these bags (in October and December) please call the church office.
3. If you are interested in serving on the Outreach Team to distribute the bags please call the church office.
4. **EVERY SLBC** disciple is asked to give beyond our regular tithes and offerings weekly on the line for Missions and Benevolence on our envelopes to support this and ALL of our mission efforts. Rather than ask the SLBC family to bring in/donate the various items, it is easier for us to purchase the travel size items in bulk. We are negotiating with several vendors to be able to purchase the needed items at a discounted price. **ALL OF US** can help and be supportive of our mission work locally and beyond. **“NOT equal giving, but equal sacrifice.”**

Our regular giving on the line for Missions and Benevolence will help us develop a **MISSIONS BUDGET** to support financially our local mission efforts and our global mission efforts.

*“Where there is an omission of the commission, there is **NO MISSION.**”*

# Attention SLBC Disciples...



## SLBC 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.

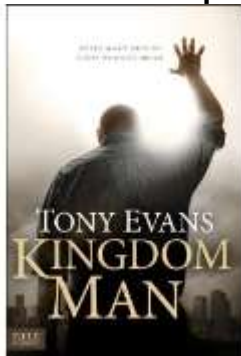
### **NEED A PLACE TO PRAY?**

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

Sundays at 8:30am  
in the Chapel



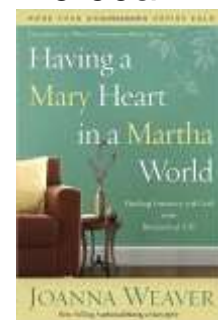
Read Chapter 14

*“A Kingdom Man and His Church Life”*

## Attention Ladies of the Luke...

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

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



Read Chapter 9

*“Martha's Teachable Heart”*

Book is available for purchase in  
Bookstore.  
Cost - \$10.00

# **Attention Youth Ministry...**

*(For Youth Ages 13-18)*

Join Us For the

## ***2018 Youth Retreat***

Friday, October 5 - Sunday, October 7, 2018  
at  
Spruce Lake Retreat Center in the Poconos

Cost per Person - \$175.00

**Non-Refundable Deposit of \$50.00**

**Deposit Due: TODAY**

**Sign Up in the Bookstore  
TODAY!**

**Contact Rev. Aisha for more information.**

# 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.