

The Chronicle

The Newsletter of the St. Luke Baptist Church of Paterson, NJ

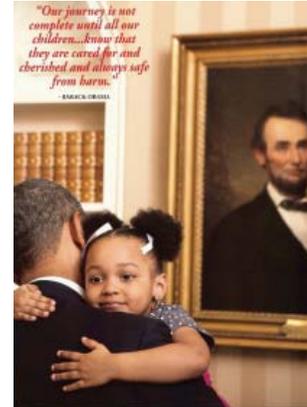
January-March 2013

Our History Makers

Re-Election of the 44th President of the United States Barack Hussein Obama



President Obama
takes the
Oath of Office as our
nation's 44th President -
giving hope to future
generations.



Black History 2013

2013 Commemorative Stamp Collection

Mr. Jimmy Richardson and the United States Postal Service have partnered together again this year to honor several Paterson icons for their story and their tireless service to the City of Paterson, through the Freedom Boulevard Project. Several of these community leaders have been selected to have their portraits rendered on U. S. commemorative postage stamps. On Saturday, February 2, the 2013 Commemorative Stamp Collection was unveiled at the Paterson Library. Among the six people selected to be in this year's commemorative stamp collection was our own The Reverend Kenneth D. R. Clayton. The \$0.46 stamps are issued by the Paterson Post Office and can be ordered in the SLBC Book Store. Stamps will be available two weeks after orders are placed. The U. S. Postal Service continues its commitment to honor the historical achievements and contributions of noted African American leaders, and we are proud to have the opportunity to recognize the legacy of Pastor Clayton with this honor that has been bestowed on him and the other 2013 community leaders.



Our History Maker –
Rev. Kenneth Clayton



2013 Commemorative Stamp honorees seated: Rev. Kenneth Clayton; Rev. Mildred Farrar; Councilman Anthony Davis; Edward Cotton; Councilwoman Ruby Cotton; Dr. Jessie Dixon. National, state & local officials pictured on the back row.



My Dear Loved Ones,

As this edition of *The Chronicle* is being published, we are at the end of the first quarter of 2013. In these months, we have been blessed to experience a renewed sense of purpose and God's power in our church and her ministries. God continues to remind us that we are His and that He yet has an unfolding purpose and plan for our individual lives and for the life of this 86 year old St. Luke Church. We must be vigilant about listening to and following the direction of the Lord so that we may continue to move in accordance with His plans.

We started off this year preaching from the general theme of **Congregational Unity!** It is imperative for each of us as believers to be committed to being united. We must never let our differences divide us and hinder us from being the people that God wants. Jesus challenged us to remember that "by this shall men know that you are my disciples, that you love one another." Love for God which must be evidenced in our love for our sisters and brothers in Christ must be glaringly apparent in the life of our church as we seek to give evidence of being disciples of the Lord Jesus Christ.

The coming months are yet exciting! Before us are many wonderful opportunities to grow, learn, and share our witness in creative and responsible ways with our local community and beyond. There are also many opportunities for us to deepen our relationships as sisters and brothers in Christ. We must embrace the ABC's with sincere commitment and devotion. I encourage each of you who is a disciple at St. Luke to be ever committed to moving forward in your faith and thusly enabling St. Luke to be a stronger more powerful Christian witness!

I look forward to sharing with you the many blessings that await our congregation. May we approach each blessing with humility, thanksgiving, and with a commitment to **BE A BLESSING!** May this edition of *The Chronicle* make you glad and proud to be a member of this great and growing congregation!

Loving **YOU** and the **LORD** always,

Pastor Clayton

Upcoming Calendar of Events

April

Sunday 7

86th Church Anniversary Celebration at 7:30am and 10:50am worship services. Our Guest Preacher is the Rev. Dr. Michael P. Williams, Senior Pastor of The Genesis Church of Houston, TX

Sunday 14

10:00am - United Worship Service - Youth/Young Adult Sunday. Our Guest Preacher is the Min. TaNikka M. Sheppard of the New Salem Missionary Baptist Church of Columbus, OH.

At 4:00pm - The Deacons, Deaconess and Trustees will celebrate their Annual Day in worship as a part of our Communion celebration. Our special guests will be the Rev. Dwight Gill and the New Hope Baptist Church of East Orange, NJ.

Monday 15 - Tuesday 16

7:00pm - Youth/Young Adult Revival

Saturday 27

At 4:00pm the Women's Ministry hosts a "Sister to Sister Fellowship"

Sunday 28

At 7:00pm the Installation of officers for the United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. will be held here at St. Luke. The Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, Senior Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, NY.

May

Sunday 5

Discipleship Sunday

Tuesday 7 - Thursday 9

At 7:00pm each night we will worship in our Spring Revival

Sunday 12

Mother's Day! Communion will be observed at the 7:30am and 10:50am worship services.

Sunday 19

In the 10:50am Worship Service we will celebrate Spring Celebration of Ministries.

Sunday 26

9:00am - United Worship Service

Tuesday 28

7:00pm - All Male Worship Service

Wednesday 29 - Friday 31

7:00pm - Women's Revival with Rev. Dr. Cynthia L. Hale

June

Sunday 2

Women's Day will be celebrated in the 7:30am and 10:50am worship services

Sunday 9

At 4:00pm Communion will be observed. Our guests will be the Rev. Dr. Johnnie M. Green and the Mt. Neboh Baptist Church of NY, NY.

Sunday 16 - Father's Day

Saturday 22 - Thursday 27

Lott Carey Youth Seminar

Sunday 30

Graduates Recognition Sunday will be observed at the 10:50am worship service followed by he Graduates Reception.

Welcome New Disciples

Brenda Arrick	Michelle McCutchen
Charmece Baker	Melinda McGriff
Chervice Belton	Flelecia McMillan
Saatrina Bishop	Debora Miller
Ina Boone	Dorothy Moore
Stephon Bouldin	Davonte' Scudder
Michelle DeLoach-Purvis	Barbara Williams
Yvette Hill	Standley R. Williams
Al'Kadeem Leverett	Kahlil Williamson

“MYSELF”

I have to live with myself, and so,
I want to be fit for myself to know;
I want to be able as days go by,
Always to look myself straight in the eye;
I don't want to stand with the setting sun
And hate myself for the things I've done.
I don't want to keep on a closet shelf
A lot of secrets about myself,
And fool myself as I come and go
Into thinking that nobody else will know
The kind of man that I really am;
I don't want to dress myself up in a sham.
I want to deserve all men's respect;
But here in this struggle for fame and pelf,
I want to be able to like myself.
I don't want to think as I come and go
That I'm for bluster and bluff and empty show.
I never can hide myself from me,
I see what others may never see,
I know what others may never know,
I can fool myself---and so,
Whatever happens, I want to be
Self-respecting and conscience-free.

-By Edgar Guest

From the Mail...

“Thank you for a wonderful service.” - K. Contento

“I was truly blessed by this service.” - Z. Sterling

“Will be back again. I enjoy the service.” - J. Gowins

“I am in search of a church where I can feel comfortable and welcome.” - D. Taylor

“I know I’ll be back!” - K. Henriques



We honor and remember SLBC Disciples who have transitioned from labor to reward since our last edition

Dorothy Austin



Ezekiel DeLoach



Cleveland Neal



Mary Pierce



Deacon Calvin Snead, Sr.



“Blessed are the dead who die in the Lord from now on.” “Yes,” says the Spirit, “they will rest from their labor, for their deeds will follow them.”

Revelation 14:13

SLBC Oratorical Club News

On Sunday, February 17th, five young St. Luke Orators took to the podium. The five students were our latest results of our Oratorical Club members here at St. Luke Baptist Church. Pastor Clayton commissioned this ministry a few years ago and it has taken various shapes and forms. In the beginning we worked in conjunction with the black history month essay contest, and we have now branched out to work with all of our young people in the church. Pastor Clayton recognized the need for our children and teenagers to be able to speak in an excellent manner, and as a result commissioned the Oratorical Club to provide experienced leadership for our young people. Public speaking is a life skill that can be used for the rest of one's life.

I had been working with these five students for the last couple of months and on February 17th it was their day to present to the larger congregation their oratory skills – and present they did! Each self-selected his/her topic and was charged over the last few weeks to research and develop it. I served as the head coach along with others who served as coaches as well. There were some nights during practice that I felt as if I were Donnie McClurkin and Coach Tiffany was Yolanda Adams or CeCe Winans on BET's Sunday Best. We coached our five students to hone their skills and they took our advice like a “duck to water.” On that Sunday morning all of their hard work paid off. I stood as a “proud papa” and watched them deliver their speeches. I thank Stacy, Malachi, Da'Wan, Zhania and Jahlil for letting us all know that our young people can and will produce positively if we continue to work with them, guide them, teach them and believe in them. I also thank Pastor Clayton for recognizing the need for such a ministry and our leaders who have served in the past such as Mrs. Mae Benson who still works with us, and our newest leaders Ms. Tiffany Mallory and Min. Wallace Gaffney. Be on the lookout for more articulate presentations from our young orators of St. Luke.

Deacon Marc Medley



Oratorical Club Members:

Jahlil Bennett, Malachi Stinson, Stacy Arrcik, Jr., Da'Wan Wade, and Zhania Syntrell

Women's Ministry Kick Off Event Leaves a Buzz in St. Luke

On January 26, 2013 laughter, music, and applause could be heard coming from Founders Hall. The Women's Ministry kicked off the New Year with fellowship for all women that are a part of the congregation. With nearly 200 women in attendance there was not a silent moment in the room throughout the two hour event. The kick off's Mistress of Ceremonies Min. Sonya McMillian led the women present through prayer, announcements, and reminders of why it is so important to fellowship together.

Some of the games that the women engaged in were Get to Know You Bingo, Scavenger Hunt, as well as the ever famous Pocket Book Game. One thing for sure all of the women were truly competitive as many women racked up in prizes. Various women shared valuable information about the Women's Bible Study, fellowship opportunities, WOW Service, one day retreat, and mentoring through the Jewels program.

An additional highlight of the event was the sign up for a Secret Sister. Over 80 women signed up to be a secret pen pal to another woman from St. Luke. Many of the women vary in age and profession which will ensure an awesome time as the letters, cards, and messages begin to fly over the next few months.

As the women departed Founders Hall there was definitely a buzz of excitement as people reconnected with old friends and exchanged numbers with new acquaintances. The event was a huge success as many women lingered behind to inquire about the next one. It is our hope that if you were not able to attend the Kick Off you will join us for future fellowship during Saturday Bible study, March Women's Sunday Bible Study, Women's Revival, or attend the upcoming fellowship in April!

Shavon Chambers



Working On the Buildings!

When Pastor Clayton assumed the leadership of St. Luke in 1997 one of the things that he has continually reminded us of is that “our church building and all properties are our tools for ministry.” Because they are tools, they must be properly maintained in order for St. Luke to continue to engage in effective ministry that honors the Lord and responsibly seeks to serve the disciples of our congregation and the greater Paterson community as well. Pastor Clayton with the full support of the SLBC Family has led us into ensuring that our church properties are well maintained and able to sustain and support our efforts in ministry.

The first task presented to our (then) new Pastor was the rebuilding of the church steeple. The bricks in the steeple area, and the roof over that particular area had been eroding for many years and was becoming a safety hazard. When we began this work, we also decided to do other necessary improvements to the building at the same time.

Our sound system was totally upgraded, the sanctuary was re carpeted and repainted, we installed pew cushions, and renovated rooms two separate sections of rooms and offices to provide additional space for our growing ministry (the Tuskegee Room and the Minister of Music’s Office, the Bryant-Eaton Prayer Room, A.M. Tyler Conference Room, Waiting Room, and the second level over the A.M. Tyler Conference Room where there are offices for our Pastoral Staff, the St. Luke CDC, the Deacons Room, and the Newsletter Office). Many of these rooms were either unused or used for other purposes prior to 1997. In addition we made significant upgrades to our electrical system, security system (including the installation of security cameras), the renovation and expansion of all of our restrooms, offices and Founders Hall which is now carpeted and has a warmer feeling and more suitable for various events that are hosted there. In 2006 we added the large screen in the sanctuary and have additional screens in the overflow, chapel, and Founders Hall to use as needed.

While this work has been done to our church building, there has also been work done to adjacent properties that are used for ministry purposes (namely “305” where classes are held and “128” which houses the After School Program, Classrooms, and additional meeting space).



With all that we have done, Pastor Clayton reminds us that “there is always something that needs to be done.” The church building was built in 1904 and anything 109 years old needs to be taken care of. Last year we realized the need to replace the entire roof on our church building. At first we thought that shingles were missing and needed to be replaced but later realized that the entire roof had to be replaced and needed to be completed before the coming of winter. This very costly work was completed in early November at a cost of over \$100,000. With the roof now completed, we must now have the sanctuary ceiling scraped and repainted before the end of the year.

In conjunction with this work, we also embarked upon the work of renovating the first floor of 265 Fair Street, the building we refer to as The Christhouse Building. Since 1998 this building has housed our Food and Clothing Center and from it we have been blessed to help persons in need. Over a year ago Christhouse closed in order to give us time to reassess our use of this building and the operation of Christhouse. At the end of the year the decision was made to renovate the first floor of the building. That work has been completed in mid-March.

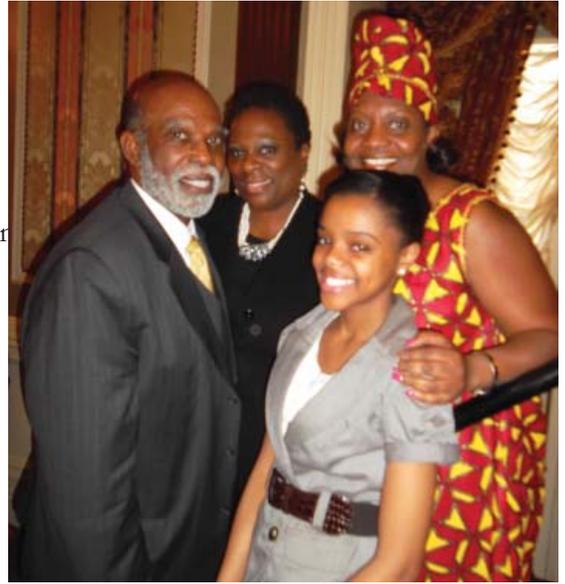
Two separate areas of the main level of the building have been created. One area will exclusively be for the Food Center and the other area will be exclusively for the Clothing Center. Office space has been provided and restroom accommodations have also been upgraded. Additional storage space is now also available that will enable the Christhouse Staff to be able to work more efficiently.



Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Honors SLBC Members

On Saturday, February 23rd at their African Heritage Awards Brunch, the Delta Sigma Theta Sorority Paterson Alumnae Chapter honored four (4) St. Luke disciples for their outstanding community work and professional achievements.

Among the honorees, **Soror Jean Medley** was named the Delta Woman of the Year. A disciple of the Deltas since 2007, Jean serves as the Financial Secretary, serves on the Scholarship and Education, Program and Planning Development and Membership Committees respectively. She is a life long member of St. Luke and is an active member of the Voices of St. Luke and SLEAT (St. Luke Education Assistant Team) Ministry. Jean is currently employed by the West Orange Board of Education.



Mrs. Carolyn Anderson was recognized for Excellence in the Promotion of Health and Wellness. Mrs. Anderson is the CEO and Director of the Anderson Health Institute located at 305 Broadway in Paterson. Several years ago God placed on Carolyn's heart to venture out and begin her own business and in June, 2011 she founded the Anderson Health Institute (AHI) with only one student, and since that time has trained, graduated and assisted with job placement for numerous students. Director Anderson has been practicing nursing for over two decades, and often utilizes her nursing skills not only in the work place, but also in St. Luke's Health & Wholeness Ministry as well as in the community where she participates in various health-related events to promote health and well-being. AHI is the first African American female owned and operated Private Vocational School in the City of Paterson. Carolyn serves as a Deacon and is active in several SLBC ministries.

The Deltas presented **Mr. John Harris** with the Outstanding Community Service Individual Award for his years of service to the Paterson community. Mr. Harris has more than 40 years of leadership experience at Financial Services, Inc. a leading provider of quality back-end processing services to the financial institutions. Mr. Harris has served in many capacities as a member of the Paterson Branch NAACP which includes Membership Committee Chairperson; Life Membership Committee Chairman; Past Branch President; E. Maceo Hurst In-Service Award recipient; Youth Council Advisor and delegate to local, state and national conferences. John is an active member of St. Luke Baptist Church where he continues to serve and use his planning talents with the SLBC Brothers Boot Camp that is in its fourth year of men mentoring young men, ages 8-17 years.

Miss Tyler Sumter was presented with the Outstanding Youth Award for her involvement in her school, community and in her church. Tyler is a freshman at DePaul Catholic High School where her extra curricula activities include cheerleading, drama club member where she demonstrates her artistic gifts of dance and song. She is a member of the Delta Gems program and the Dr. Betty Shabazz Academy. She is an active member of St. Luke's Young Adult Ushers and the Youth Ministry. She also likes to volunteer her time and talent with adult seniors throughout the City of Paterson. Tyler is also very articulate and conscientious about her community and church.

“Transforming Lives, Impacting Communities”

Our Ministry Schedule

Sunday

7:00am Early Morning Prayer
7:30am Early Morning Worship Service
9:45am Sunday Bible Study
Men's Bible Study Classes
New Discipleship Classes (Adult)
New Discipleship Classes (Children 1st and 2nd Sunday)
4:00pm Baptism and Communion (2nd Sunday)

Monday

6:00pm New Discipleship Class (Adult)

Wednesday

6:00am Early Morning Prayer
11:30am Midday Prayer
12:00 Noon Noonday Bible Study
6:45pm Evening Prayer
7:30pm Evening Bible Study

Friday

6:00pm Young Adult Bible Study
7:00pm "J.A.M. City" – Children's Ministry (for children ages 5-12)
7:00pm The "C.L.A.S.S." – Teen Ministry (for teens ages 13-19)

Saturday

9:00am – Women's Bible Study (twice per month)

****(For a complete listing of weekly events please read the weekly bulletin)****

How Do I????

As our church by God's grace continue 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 sessions. 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.

APPOINTMENT: 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.

INFANT DEDICATION: 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. A parent who desires to have a child dedicated MUST be a disciple of SLBC. To inquire about a specific date, please call the Church Office.

Church Office Telephone (973) 345-4309
Fax (973) 345-9495
Prayer Line (973) 225-0268

Governor Christie Comes to St. Luke

On Tuesday, March 12, 2013 St. Luke was the host to a Town Hall Meeting featuring the Governor of our state, Governor Chris Christie. This was the 102 such meeting that the governor has convened in his three and a half years in office and the first that he has held in Paterson. St. Luke was selected by the Governor's Staff as the site that was preferred to host the meeting. When contacted by the Governor's staff as to our willingness to host the meeting, Pastor Clayton quickly consented noting, "despite the very obvious political differences that we have with the Governor, we respect the person and the position and welcomed the opportunity to host him here at St. Luke and in the 4th Ward." Once consent was given, our church staff went into the very busy work of working with city, county, and state officials to prepare for this event. Although it may not seem like a big deal, there were very intricate details associated with this visit that had to be carried out by a cadre of volunteers and staff people from St. Luke. A GREAT THANKS is extended to all of those who served on this day. A special thanks is extended to the Sight and Sound Ministry, the Security Ministry, and our Facilities Staff.



The town hall meeting was scheduled to begin at 11:00am and by 8:30am people were lining up to gain entry into our building. By the time the Governor arrived the sanctuary was filled to capacity with others being directed to the Overflow, Chapel, and Founders Hall in addition to people being outside.

Governor Christie talked to the crowd in a very informal and conversational manner, recognizing that in his first election he did not have any significant support from the City of Paterson. After a lengthy discourse, Governor Christie allowed for a number of persons in the audience to ask questions of him, to which he quickly answered.

The meeting went off without any major disruption except for one individual who continually challenged Governor Christie to "Fix the Public Schools" in response to the governor's support of Charter Schools in our state. This outburst and the Governor's response gained national media attention as Governor Christie is a very popular political figure who some have touted as a possible GOP Presidential candidate in 2016.

Also gaining national and international media attention has been Pastor Clayton's response to Governor Christie's references to Democratic Assembly Speaker Sheila Oliver. Pastor Clayton's statement (see attached) was challenged by some and supported by others who like Pastor viewed Governor Christie's words as disrespect and disregard for Speaker Oliver. Pastor's statement was made available on media outlets literally all over the world. When asked how he felt about the attention given him as a result he said, "As a man who has profound respect for women, I felt compelled to speak out against what I and others saw as disrespect. In no way did I expect the furor over the statement, but I stand by what I said initially."

A Missed Moment

When I was first contacted about Governor Christie's desire to have a town hall meeting in Paterson, and at St. Luke Church I was excited. As Pastor of the St. Luke Church and President of the Paterson Branch of the NAACP my relationship with the Governor and his policies has not always been endearing. I was happy that after having been seemingly ignored or dismissed by this Governor, that the Governor now found the time to come and talk to Patersonians and give ear to the concerns of Patersonians. As a result I welcomed the opportunity to host him in the church where I serve as Pastor and in the 4th Ward of our great city.

I had hoped that the Governor would articulate to our community his vision and plan for helping Paterson and other urban cities in our state become safer, economically solvent, and educationally stable and independent. I am keenly aware that our Governor is a passionate speaker but was hopeful that we would not be deluged with political rhetoric alone.

Unfortunately my hopes and expectations were not realized. Governor Christie is without question a forceful and dynamic speaker and leader. I appreciate his courage as it relates to his willingness to confront and tackle issues and people who disagree with policies and style.

I was and am yet saddened by the Governor's blatant attack of Speaker Sheila Oliver. Governor Christie insinuated that Speaker Oliver was preventing his School's Choice Bill from going to the floor of the Assembly. He made it clear that he has established and maintained a great rapport and relationship with Oliver's Democratic counterpart in the Senate, but such a relationship does not exist with Speaker Oliver. The words that the Governors chose to use in speaking of Oliver (while not even respecting her enough to call her by name) defies his earlier assertion that political leaders (himself included) need to learn to respect all views and work together for the good of the State of New Jersey.

I believe that the Governor not only owes Speaker Oliver an apology but the Paterson community as well, for his misuse of a great opportunity to unite us toward the betterment of the great Garden State.

Kenneth D.R. Clayton
President, Paterson Branch NAACP

President, United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc.

Pastor, St. Luke Baptist Church, Paterson

VOTE ✓

Paterson School Board Election April 16, 2013

Attention Paterson Residents. Please don't let this most important upcoming local election catch us "sleeping on the job." We must be diligent in making sure that the best qualified candidates are elected to our local school boards, and we must hold those current commissioners accountable to our children, their parents and the community as a whole.

We are coming to a crossroads in Paterson. Will we have strong public schools for everyone, public-governed and publicly-funded with transparency? Or will Paterson devolve into a two-tier system with special needs students and English Language Learners in the public schools and other students in charter schools?

Unless the State of New Jersey Department of Education changes the rules on the way the charter schools recruit students, Paterson Public Schools will shoulder an increasing percentage of special needs and English Language Learners who are much more expensive to educate.

Aside from this, there are many other critical issues that we face in the mis-education of our children. Another one being regaining local control of the Paterson Public School System, which has been on the agenda for over twenty years. It's time for a change as we go FORWARD!

How does Paterson share the task of educating all of its students equitably? We must wrestle with this dilemma presented by our current charter policy and we must vote for candidates who will lead a way FORWARD for all Paterson children. The Paterson School Board's most important role is to hold the school system accountable for educating all of Paterson's children. If the commissioners are not upholding their responsibilities and duties that they were elected to perform, we must be cognizant of such, as we go to the polls on April 16th.

**Please vote on Tuesday, April 16th as if our children's futures depend on it...
because it does!**

Pastor Clayton Elected President of New Baptist Convention in New Jersey

On Friday, January 11, 2013 the Rev. Dr. Perry Simmons, Jr. convened a meeting at the Abyssinian Baptist Church of Newark, NJ, where he has served as Pastor for thirty years. The purpose of this meeting was to officially organize the United Missionary Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. a new Baptist Convention in our state. At this meeting over fifty churches were represented and the convention was organized with our Pastor unanimously elected as its first president.

The United Convention (UMBC of NJ, Inc.) was birthed as a result of discontent and disagreement with the leadership of the General Baptist Convention of NJ, Inc. St. Luke had been an active member of GBC for all of its existence. Our former pastor, the Rev. Dr. A.M. Tyler served the convention as Financial Secretary and was a District Vice President during his tenure as Moderator of the Shiloh Baptist Association. Pastor Clayton had served GBC as Director of Logistics and Planning, General Secretary, Second Vice-President, and First Vice-President. He was in place to become President of GBC in October of last year until illegal and unethical changes were made to the convention constitution to prevent such from happening.

Pastor Clayton said that although he had looked forward to leading GBC, when that opportunity was taken from him, he was in no way bitter. "I was clear that I would no longer be connected in any way with that entity but would not allow for the decision of some in that organization to hamper or hinder my work or ministry relationships beyond St. Luke."

The desire to organize a new convention was not the desire of Pastor Clayton. "I hate the fact that we have to multiply by dividing, but there were many pastors who were very upset with the outcome of the electoral process and came together committed to creating something new" Pastor Clayton said. Two district associations (Shiloh Association of which St. Luke is a part and the Christian Fellowship Association) both voted to withdraw from GBC and did so before the end of 2012. Both associations and their constituent churches voted to become a part of this new Baptist work. Other churches from other associations and unaffiliated Baptist churches also expressed interest in becoming a part as well.

In addition to Pastor Clayton being elected President, officers for all of the other departments were also elected in the organizational meeting. Pastor Clayton noted that the convention made history in electing the Rev. Marilyn M. Harris to serve as a convention Vice-President clearly demonstrating a commitment to be more and do more of what has always been.

The convention is planning its first conference The Institute on Church Growth on April 5 -6. The Institute will be held at the Mount Olive Baptist Church of Hackensack, NJ and is open to all. The Inaugural Installation Service will be held here at St. Luke on Sunday, April 28, 2013 at 7:00pm. The Guest Preacher will be the Rev. Dr. W. Franklyn Richardson, the Senior Pastor of the Grace Baptist Church of Mount Vernon, NY and a former General Secretary of the National Baptist Convention USA, Inc.

Pastor Clayton said that he is "excited about United" and about the wonderful opportunity that he and this new entity has to honor God and help local churches be more effective in achieving and embarking upon ministry that will bring glory to God and renewal to our various communities. We are encouraged to be in prayer for Pastor Clayton as he embarks upon this new venture in service and be supportive in all ways possible.

Being a part of Baptist history in NJ is nothing new for St. Luke. In 1958, St. Luke was an organizing member of the Shiloh Baptist Association of NJ. Pastor Tyler served as the first Moderator of the Association and Pastor Clayton served as the youngest Moderator of the Association (1999-2003).

They are lovely. . .They are precious. . . They are Jewels!

In today's society, young women face numerous challenges. Peer pressure; concerns about body image; determining who is and is not a true friend; and of course, developing relationships with young men.

Most definitely, it is not easy, and for many young ladies, the pre-teen and teen years can be a mixture of triumphs and tears; highs and lows; good times, bad times; and a little bit of everything in between.

But one thing is certain. Regardless of who they are, their family history or what they have done, the Lord loves and values them — *tremendously*.

Since being established in 2010, The Jewels mentoring ministry has been helping young girls (pre-teens and teens ages 9-17) develop key life skills while establishing relationships that build healthy confidence and self-esteem.

The Jewels meet 2-3 times per month and participate in meetings, programs and outings designed to help them grow closer to Jesus and increase their physical, educational, emotional, mental, cultural and social well-being.

The Jewels held their kick-off session for 2013 on January 12th. Since then, they have completed sessions on getting to know one another better, participated in a photo shoot, and had an open, honest discussion about body image. One of the key scriptures for these meetings was:

Psalm 139:14

**I praise you because I am fearfully and wonderfully made;
your works are wonderful,
I know that full well.**

In other words, Jewels are reminded that they are already wonderful, because God has already made them that way.

Over the next several months, the Jewels will go on a skating outing and complete sessions on fashion, banking and finance, praise and worship, and human sexuality. They also will be grouped by their ages and assigned a mentor who will nurture them individually. The Jewels' mentors lead by example and are committed to helping mentees advance into Christian womanhood.

The Jewels continue to be enthusiastic about discovering the precious jewel within that God has already designed them to be!

Tiffany Smith



Members of the Jewels participate in a photo shoot on February 23, 2013.

(Not pictured: Synia Adams, Kamira Allen, Shamari Crawford, Joesha Davis, Kiaira Hall, Sky Hubert, Maia Pipkin and Simone Pipkin.)

SLBC Brothers Boot Camp



The Brothers Boot Camp for the year of 2013 is off to a wonderful start. The purpose and mission of the St. Luke Brothers Boot Camp is “Building Relationships and Providing Direction”. This mission has been carried out with a strong group of male mentors who understand the seriousness of the work that lies before them. Each mentor has committed his time and talents to the training of our young brothers for the demands and responsibilities of manhood.

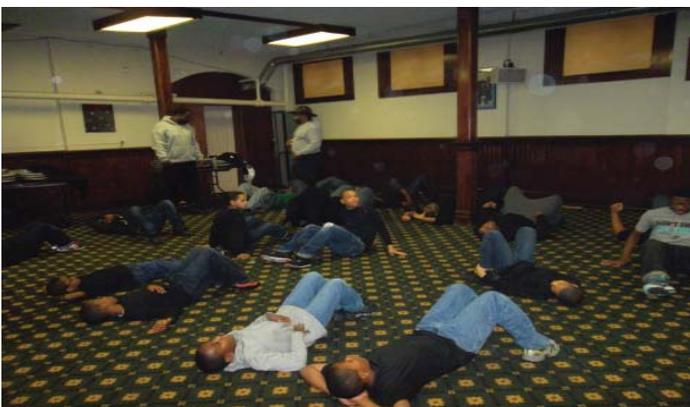
This year we have chosen the book, *Playbook for Christian Manhood: 12 Key Plays for Black Teen Boys*. This book has provided some real and relevant challenges for our young brothers. We have been working through this book for the first 6 sessions of Boot Camp. Our boys are engaging the material in a mentor led age groups. This book has proven to be a positive influence and helpful tool.

The St. Luke Brothers Boot Camp is divided into three companies based on age group. These groups help our boys develop relationships with each other, and also provide assistance to brothers who are struggling. The design and focus of the groups are based around contemporary age appropriate topics. Each group is led by a team of mentors who work on providing a positive influence for each of our boys. These groups have proven to be effective for the development of manhood.

The Boot Camp has hosted a number of guest speakers and sponsored field trips that will expand the horizons of our young boys. These experiences are designed to bring them into contact with living examples of who they should be. It is our belief that when Godly manhood is modeled, it provides a lasting impression on each of our little brothers.

Boot Camp is a welcomed experience and a necessary undertaking. Our society is full of damaged images of manhood, and it is imperative that we provide a positive and healthy environment so that each of our boys has the unique opportunity to embrace Godly manhood. It is our mission to serve and save our boys from the dangers of contemporary society. Boot Camp is that alternative environment that challenges our young men to be great men.

Min. Wallace



The Reorganization of St. Luke CDC

The St. Luke CDC was originally organized in 1997 by St. Luke Baptist Church to help be a catalyst for revitalization in our neighborhood, (Paterson's neglected 4th Ward) and the greater Paterson community. The CDC was created to serve as a community resource for social services, housing, education programs and other needed services. We work collaboratively with established community based agencies, financial institutions and government entities. Our primary function is to provide a variety of social and educational services as well as meeting the human necessities of those in need. The CDC will also serve as a referral and resource agency within the community.

A few of our programs are in full swing and are regularly providing much needed services. Presently, our active programs fall under three categories which are educational programs, human services and community services. Included in educational programs is the After School Assistance Program (ASAP) that offers a safe place for young people to gather and to get help with homework, the Reading Enrichment Accelerates Learning (REAL) Program provides assistance to those individuals needing help with reading and other literacy issues, and Freedom Schools is our summer learning program that provides young people in grades K-12 the opportunity to improve their academic skills while enjoying a fun, safe summer. Our human services category includes Christhouse, House of Mercy and Project Reconnect. Each of these programs provides much needed assistance for those who have need of support as they do what is necessary to redirect and transform their lives. The community service category includes Summer Youth Employment and Kamp Kreative Kids which provide enhancements to daily living to impact the lives of young people in a very tangible way.

The St. Luke CDC is a full-fledged, active service organization where a holistic approach to service has been adopted. We seek to provide assistance to members of the community in all areas of life, and to provide help to those in need. Our goal is to provide wrap around services to people in need so that with our helping hand they will be afforded the opportunity to be able to stand strong within the community. All of our programs are opened to the community including our St. Luke Family and we operate each of them with discretion, and compassion.

We are determined to take care of people by helping those most in need while treating them with respect and dignity. If your heart so moves you, we can always use your talents to help us accomplish the work that is laid out before us. If your schedule does not permit you to offer a helping hand, please remember the many people who are working diligently to provide service as well as the people we serve in your prayers and of course, your financial support and donations are always greatly appreciated.

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Freedom Schools...More Than Just a Summer Program

“I’ve been to hundreds and hundreds of schools around the country and my visits to Freedom schools have been among my most inspiring and most memorable. When I see their success, I want more students to have these remarkable opportunities.”

-Arne Duncan United States Secretary of Education

The St. Luke CDC CDF Freedom School Program has been filled with excitement, reading, and long lasting friendships and we are eager to resume our program.

The Freedom School curriculum aims to “help children fall in love with reading, increase self-esteem, and generate positive attitudes toward learning.” Freedom School is not your typical summer school program.

The St. Luke CDC CDF Freedom School is six-week summer program, which is part of a national program headed by the Children’s Defense Fund (CDF) in Washington, DC, and inspired by the 1964 “Freedom Summer.” The program is designed to bridge the achievement gap with a quality summer program. Our scholars read from a specific selection of books with images that provide positive self-reflection and help to strengthen self-esteem.

This summer we are extremely enthusiastic to serve 50 scholars in grades K-12. The hours of operation are Monday through Friday, 8:30am – 3:30pm. Our day begins with a good breakfast and a high energy motivational session. Next, we go to the learning center where the real fun begins. The scholars participate in reading and writing activities that are designed to capture their interest as well as practically reinforce the materials they read. After lunch, our afternoons are action packed with recreational activities and weekly field trips.

The CDF Freedom Schools model embraces an educational vision for African-American children and encourages parental and community involvement in the year-round academic achievement of their children. The work we do in Freedom School follows a model that necessitates active intergenerational involvement. We believe a child can be more successful when parents participate in the educational process and parental involvement is a key component of our program. We require the parents of our scholars, or any adult family representative, to be actively involved in our program by attending weekly Parent Empowerment workshops and participating in our activities.

The Freedom School model also includes training local college students to serve as teachers or “Servant Leaders Interns”. They serve as inspiration to our scholars and examples of young people from our community who can and do succeed. Our servant leader interns receive comprehensive, rigorous training along with other Freedom School interns from across the country. The national training promotes the principles of leadership, community service and fortifies the understanding of the link between effective public policy and programs.

St. Luke CDC CDF Freedom School is responsible for paying the price of this innovative, life-changing program. We encourage the people in the community to support us through various opportunities to be involved. Our system is interdependent which means that we need the support of everyone in the village in order to achieve optimum success. We are soliciting your support in our upcoming fundraising events. On April 4, we will be hosting a skating event at Branch Brook Park and on May 4, we will be hosting a luncheon commemorating the 52nd anniversary of the Freedom Rides. You may also make a financial contribution by including “Freedom School” on your offering envelope.

The return on investment of the Freedom School experience is tremendous! We can proudly boast that after spending the summer in St. Luke CDC CDF Freedom Schools, our scholars begin the academic year excited about learning. We have documented testimonials from several parents who have witnessed great improvements in their child’s classroom participation and social behavior, which also translates to better grades and increased learning. Even our servant leader interns share reflections of the life affirming, long lasting, positive influences from their involvement with Freedom School.

If you desire additional information on our program, wish to enroll a scholar, or you would like to become a Servant Leader Intern, please contact, Ms. Antoinette Brevard at (973) 345-4309 ext 27 or abrevard@stlukebaptist.org, or Ms. Sheniqua Kitchings at stlukecdcfreedomschools@yahoo.com.

PS... Please, don’t forget us in your prayers & make sure to like our Facebook page **St. Luke CDC CDF Freedom Schools!**

Sheniqua Hairston-Kitchings
St. Luke CDC CDF Freedom Schools Program
Project Director

March Women's Sunday Bible Study Series

“Obscure To People . . . Obvious To God”

Many of us in the Sunday Women's Bible Study could not recall Zipporah, Moses wife's name and that she was the daughter of a priest. Many of us never realized the impact that a young, un-named maiden had on Naaman's life and an entire nation. Many of us did not know much about the infirmed woman who pushed past her pain to get to Jesus, but our Guest Teacher for March Women Bible Study, Rev. Thursell Watts taught us so much about such obscure women in the Bible. Her messages were so enlightening, inspiring and thought-provoking. Her messages were also timely because March is Women's History Month and Rev. Watts truly gave us lessons about obscure biblical women, and even some un-named biblical women, but we certainly learned “up-close & personal” that these women are obvious to God.

She told us that Queen Elizabeth rarely wears a crown, but the entire world knows she is the Royal Highness-Queen of England by the way she carries herself with grace, dignity and respect. Rev. Watts blessed us in a mighty way, as she challenged us to “save our girls” from the ills of society as she inspired us to be Queens for our young girls and to stop acting like girls ourselves, because we have lost an entire generation of girls and we must reclaim them for God's glory.

Rev. Watts is the Youth Minister at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church in Englewood, NJ. We are grateful for having Rev. Watts come for the second year and providing the women of St. Luke with the opportunity to receive The Word. We look forward to hearing from her again soon.



Min. Sonya McMillan and Rev. Thursell Watts

In Celebration of Women

Today we celebrate God who called and continues to call women to tend the flame.

We celebrate the courage of women who heard their call.

We celebrate the lives of women who, even in their mountaintop experiences never forgot their valleys.

We celebrate the work of women who recognized the risen Lord in the breaking of bread and in the opening of scripture.

We celebrate women who paved the road for others and encourage us to keep working for those who will follow.

For the cloud of witnesses who passed on the baton and cheer us on as we run this race, we thank God.

We celebrate these women who have heard your call, believed and testified.

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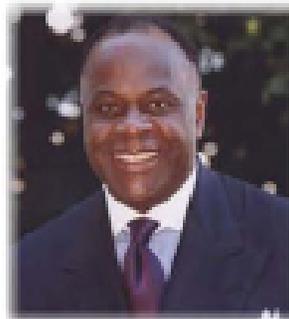


Invites You to Share in the
Inaugural Installation Service of Officers

Sunday, April 28, 2013

7:00pm

Guest Preacher:



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Get Ready For...

86th Church Anniversary

“Celebrating Our Journey of Faith and Service”

Sunday, April 7, 2013

7:30am and 10:50am Worship Services

Guest Preacher:



Rev. Dr. Michael P. Williams
The Genesis Church
Houston, TX

AND...

2013 Youth/Young Adult Revival

“Getting to God”

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Sunday, April 14, 2013

10:00am Worship Service

Monday, April 15 - Tuesday, April 16, 2013

7:00pm Each Night

Guest Preacher:



Min. TaNikka M. Sheppard
New Salem Missionary Baptist Church
Columbus, OH

SLBC 2013 Challenge

ABC's

Abiding In Christ, Building Godly Relationships, Changing Our Community

The 2013 challenge for the St. Luke Family is to embrace the ABC's and to continue to allow the Word of God to create in St. Luke a genuine Christian Community that seeks to reflect the Biblical design of what the Church should look like (Acts 2:42-47).

As we endeavor to be "A Church Determined to Know Christ and Make Him Known" we will be challenged in this year to

- A – Abide in Christ!** Jesus said in John 15 (verse 1-12) that abiding in Him would ensure: that He would abide in us, we would become fruitful (productive) in the Kingdom work, and that we would have access to God in prayer. We will be challenged individually and as a congregation to abide in Christ through prayer and study!

- B – Build Healthy, Godly Relationships!** Because we are the Body of Christ, all believers must remember that we are interdependent NOT independent, and we must learn to work lovingly and cooperatively together. We must learn to overcome differences so that we can be united, soliciting the power of God to enable our church to do greater things for the Lord.

- C – Change Our Community!** The church has been placed in the world to be an agent of change and in partnership we will be intentional as we are being charged about bringing significant and substantive change in the 4th Ward, the City of Paterson and beyond!

Meet Your SLBC Family



Lori Gray

- 1. How did you hear about St. Luke?**
My Mom
- 2. What made you visit?**
I was looking for a church home
- 3. What do you like most about St. Luke?**
That St Luke does a lot with the children
- 4. How long have you been a member?**
About 4 years
- 5. What were your perceptions of St. Luke before you joined?**
My perceptions were that St Luke was a church I wanted me and my family to be a part of to grow and learn about God.
- 6. How have your perceptions changed?**
No not at all
- 7. What are some of the benefits of being a member of St. Luke?**
The different ministries that everyone can participate in
- 8. What would you like fellow SLBC disciples to know about you?**
That I am a quiet, friendly person
- 9. What ministries do you participate in or would like to join?**
Sunday Bible Study



David Rice

- 1. How did you hear about St. Luke?**
My mother in law Grace Gray
- 2. What made you visit?**
For a long period of time my mother in law has been coming home saying how much she enjoyed church services today, so I had to find out for myself.
- 3. What do you like most about St. Luke?**
St. Luke welcomes you into its family with open arms.
- 4. How long have you been a member?**
I have been a member for about 4 years.
- 5. What were your perceptions of St. Luke before you joined?**
How would I fit in a church this big.
- 6. How have your perceptions changed?**
I started coming to church each Sunday and said to myself this isn't bad at all then joined the security ministry.
- 7. What are some of the benefits of being a member of St. Luke?**
You can walk around and tell everyone that your part of the best church around Da' Luke!
- 8. What would you like fellow SLBC disciples to know about you?**
I may look mean but once you get to know me I'm a lot of fun and I'm married to the finest woman on earth Michelle.
- 9. What ministries do you participate in or would like to join?**
I am currently leader of the security Ministry.



Michelle Rice

- 1. How did you hear about St. Luke?**
I heard about St. Luke from my loving, caring, mom, Grace Gray.
- 2. What made you visit?**
My mom invited myself and family to come and fellowship with her.
- 3. What do you like most about St. Luke?**
There are so many things that I like about St. Luke but a few things are the teaching of the word, how the church invest in the children of the church, and how the church helps with the community.
- 4. How long have you been a member?**
I have been a member since March 26, 2007.
- 5. What were your perceptions of St. Luke before you joined?**
My perception of St. Luke before I joined was this was a place where I can grow through the teachings of the pastor.
- 6. How have your perceptions changed?**
My perceptions have not changed just my faith and understanding has grown.
- 7. What are some of the benefits of being a member of St. Luke?**
Some of the benefits of being a member are having an additional new family that cares; if by chance you stray, someone from St. Luke will make sure everything is fine so you can come back to fellowship; you can get different services, such as wedding counseling which I utilized and it helped me. My personal benefit was reconnecting with Sister Lisa Clayton which has been an inspiration to me.
- 8. What would you like fellow SLBC disciples to know about you?**
I would like for them to know I am a happy mother of three loving children and three spoiled grandchildren. I have been married for nine months to David Rice which is supportive and loving. I have one sister, Loria that attends St. Luke along with one of her daughters, Genia. Lastly, but most importantly I love my mother, Grace that attends St. Luke.
- 9. What ministries do you participate in or would like to join?**
I haven't joined any ministry at this time.

The Ministries of St. Luke Baptist Church

Biblical References: 1st Corinthians 12

Romans 12

At St. Luke we believe that ministry is using whatever gifts, talents, skills, and abilities God has given us to serve Him and the needs of others. The ministries of St. Luke seek to continue the ministry of Jesus Christ within our context. Our ministries exist to holistically serve the varying needs of each generation including children, youth, young adults, mature adults, and senior adults.

MINISTRY OF CONGREGATIONAL CARE

- *The Pastoral Staff
- *Deacons Ministry
- *Deaconess

MINISTRY OF WORSHIP, MUSIC, AND ARTS

- *Music Ministry Staff
- Youth and Teen Choir
- Men's Choir
- The Voices of St. Luke
- Young Adult Choir
- The Drama Ministry
- Praise Dancers (Youth and Adults)
- Mime Ministry
- The Acolytes

MINISTRY OF HELPS AND SERVICES

- Missionaries
- Patricia Tyler Guild
- Floral Ministry
- Nurses Unit
- Church Newsletter – The Chronicle
- Sight and Sound Ministry
- The Follow-Up Ministry
- The Health and Wholeness Ministry
- The Security Ministry
- The Children's Nursery
- Social/Political Action Committee
- Transportation Ministry
- Deaf Ministry
- SLEAT (St. Luke Educational Assistance Team)
- Legal Assistance Ministry
- SOZO HIV/AIDS Ministry
- The SLBC Bookstore
- The College Connection
- The Technology Ministry
- The Oratorical Club
- SLLAM (St. Luke Literary Arts Ministry)

MINISTRY OF CHRISTIAN EDUCATION AND DISCIPLESHIP

- Sunday Morning Bible Study
- Wednesday Bible Study (12:00 Noon and 7:30pm)
- Young Adult Bible Study
- Christian Education Institutes (Spring and Fall)
- New Discipleship Class
- Marriage Enrichment Ministry
- Women's Ministry
- Men's Ministry
- Help For Hagar (Single Mothers Ministry)
- Parenting Initiative
- Children's Ministry – Operation LYNX
- Youth Ministry – “The Secret Place”
- Council of Ministries

MINISTRY OF BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION AND FINANCE

- *Trustees
- *The Church Office Staff
- *Discipleship Services

MINISTRY OF HOSPITALITY AND FELLOWSHIP

- Adult Ushers
- Male Ushers
- Youth/Young Adult Ushers
- New Disciples Fellowship
- Birthday Ministry
- Hospitality Ministry
- Senior VIP's

MINISTRY OF EVANGELISM, OUTREACH, AND MISSIONS

- Helping Hand Ministry
- Education/Scholarship Committee
- Public School #6 Partnership – Reading Assistance Program
- *The Benevolence Ministry
- St. Luke Community Development Center
- SLBC – ASAP (After School Assistance Program)
- “CHRISTHOUSE” Food and Clothing Ministry
- “Reaching for Freedom” Substance Support Group
- Adult Literacy Program
- Kamp Kreative Kidz (Summer Camp)
- SLBC Freedom School
- Incarceration Ministry

* Denotes a ministry that you cannot join. Participation in one of these ministries requires a process other than just interest and are not open to the general membership.

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- With Your Debit Card- Use your Debit/Check Card to give your tithes/offerings in the SLBC Bookstore.
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