



Dear Brothers and Sisters;

Today we are celebrating the Lord's Supper, It's a wonderful privilege to be alive and present in the house of god fellowshiping and participating in one of the most important sacrament in the life of Christians. For many participating in the communion it becomes a time when most people take an introspective look as to ones fitness to partake in the Holy Communion. It is instructive to note that our fitness is not dependent upon our abilities and our own sense of Righteousness, but totally on the merits of our Lords and Savior Jesus Christ. The Bible clearly declares in Ephesians 2:8-10 that "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God: not of works, lest any man should boast. For we are his workmanship, created in Christ Jesus unto good works, which God hath before ordained that we should walk in them" The graciousness of God saves us, the mercies of God saves us. We were like autumn leaves, falling and perishing and the Lord, in compassion, lifted us and loved us and saved us. God is not like an infinite, timeless ocean, but God is like a living stream, pouring into humanity and into this world, a fountain of love and mercy. Because God is gracious, sinful man is welcomed. Because God is abounding love, sinful man is forgiven. Because His mercy endures forever, sinful man is not destroyed. Because God's compassion fails never, men are saved and converted and forgiven. It is the grace of God, it is the mercy of God, it is the love of God, it is the pardon of God, it's the compassion of God, it's the sacrifice of God, it's the atonement of God, it's the expiration of God, it's the outpouring of God that saves the human heart, delivers the soul from sin, and the wrath that is to come. God saves His children. And our part is one of humble acceptance. Our part is one of humility and confession. Our part is one of bowing and adoring. Our part is one of gratitude and love. Our part is one of humble thanksgiving and devotion. God gives and the man receives. God offers and the man takes; no goodness have I, no merit in me, no worth; nothing Lord, empty-handed. Those old hymns are our truest modern theologies. "In my hand, no price I bring, simply to Thy cross I cling." ["Rock of Ages"; Augustus M. Toplady, 1740-1778] "

As sinners, all of us are undeserving. All of us whether good people or bad, need help. As sinners, we deserve to die, but God, in his grace, sent his Son Jesus to die for us instead. His grace said, "These people don't deserve it, but I am going to send Jesus to die for them anyway."

But while God has provided for our salvation by his grace, it's not automatically applied to each person. We need each individually to be "saved."

Our faith is not in ourselves and what we have done (Titus 3:5), but rather it is in His mercy and what He has promised (Col. 2:12). The baptized believer is not trusting in himself so that he can boast and demand a reward as a matter of debt.

Similarly, Peter affirmed that baptism saves us "by the resurrection of Jesus Christ who is gone into heaven and is on the right hand of God" (1 Pet. 3:21-22). Clearly the saving power is not ourselves but the Resurrected Redeemer Who has all power in Heaven and in earth.

Therefore everyone present today can participate in the Holy Communion not because of who we are but rather because of whose we are. We are justified by grace through faith when we believe and obey the Gospel. Therefore rejoice because the mercies of the Lord are from everlasting to everlasting.

Your Brother in Christ
 † Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Introit....."We Have Come Into This House".....Praise Team
 Call to Worship.....Eld. Donna Wilson
 Doxology....."Praise God from Whom".....Congregation
 Invocation..... Eld. James Obegi
 Welcome..... Eld. Donna Wilson
 AnnouncementsChurch Clerk
 Pastoral Announcements.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Hymn of Adoration.....#590.....Congregation
 Scripture Reading.....James 4: 7 - 17..... Sis. Marilyn Powell
 Intercessory Prayer..... Eld. Angela Clarke
 Offertory..... Bro. Godwin Carmenatty
 Praise and Worship.....Praise Team
 Sermon..... "Who has your devotion" Eld. James Obegi
 Hymn of Separation #412.....Congregation

Separation for Foot Washing

Children's Story.....Bro. Enrique Rogers

Communion Service

Hymn..... #409 "Jesus invites his Saints "Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Scripture and blessing of the bread Elder Donna Wilson
 Hymn.....#334"Come thou Fount"..... Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Scripture and blessing of the wineElder Henry Francis
 Hymns of thanksgiving# 302; #336..... Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 TestimoniesElder Paul Richards
 Prayer in groups of 3
 Hymn Of thanksgiving and collection of offerings.....#341 ."To God be the Glory"
 Benediction..... Elder B Lewis

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL USHERED OUT

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting Tonight

Building Gods House

Exodus 25:1-9

25:1 *The Lord spoke to Moses: 25:2 “Tell the Israelites to take an offering for me; from every person whose heart makes him willing you are to receive my offering. 25:3 This is the offering you are to receive from them: gold, silver, bronze, 25:4 blue, purple, scarlet, fine linen, goat’s hair, 25:5 ram skins dyed red, fine leather, acacia wood, 25:6 oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for fragrant incense, 25:7 onyx stones, and other gems to be set in the ephod and in the breastpiece. 25:8 Let them make for me a sanctuary, that I may live among them. 25:9 According to all that I am showing you—the pattern of the tabernacle and the pattern of all its furnishings—you must make it exactly so.*

Exodus 35: 4 – 36:7

35:4 *And Moses spoke to all the community of the Israelites, “This is the word that the Lord has commanded: 35:5 ‘Take from you an offering for the Lord. Let everyone who has a willing heart bring an offering to the Lord, gold, silver, bronze, 35:6 blue, purple, and scarlet yarn, fine linen, goat’s hair, 35:7 ram’s skins dyed red, fine leather, acacia wood, 35:8 olive oil for the light, spices for the anointing oil and for the fragrant incense, 35:9 onyx stones, and other gems for mounting on the ephod and the breastpiece. 35:10 And every skilled person among you is to come and make all that the Lord has commanded: 35:11 the tabernacle with its tent, its covering, its clasps, its frames, its crossbars, its posts, and its bases; 35:12 the ark, with its poles, the propitiatory lid, and the veil that conceals; 35:13 the table with its poles and all its vessels, and the bread of the Presence; 35:14 the lampstand for the light and its accessories, its lamps, and oil for the light; 35:15 and the altar of incense with its poles, and the anointing oil, and the fragrant incense, and the hanging for the door at the entrance of the tabernacle; 35:16 the altar for the burnt offering with its bronze grating that is on it, its poles, and all its utensils; the laver and its pedestal; 35:17 the hangings of the courtyard, its posts and its bases, and the curtain for the gateway to the courtyard; 35:18 tent pegs for the tabernacle and tent pegs for the courtyard and their ropes; 35:19 the woven garments for serving in the holy place, the holy garments for Aaron the priest, and the garments for his sons to minister as priests.”*

35:20 *So all the community of the Israelites went out from the presence of Moses. 35:21 And they came forward—every one whose heart stirred him up, and every one whose spirit was willing; they brought the offering for the Lord for the work of the tent of meeting, and for all its service, and for the holy garments. 35:22 And they came forward, men and women alike, all who had willing hearts; they brought brooches, earrings, rings and ornaments, all kinds of gold jewelry, and everyone who waved a wave offering of gold to the Lord.*

35:23 *And everyone who had blue or purple or scarlet yarn, or fine linen, or goats’ hair, or rams’ skin dyed red, or fine leather, brought them. 35:24 Everyone making an offering of silver or bronze brought it as an offering to the Lord, and everyone who had acacia wood for any work of the service brought it. 35:25 And every woman who was skilled spun with her hands, and brought what she had spun, blue, or purple, or scarlet yarn, or fine linen. 35:26 And all the women whose heart stirred them up and who were skilled, spun goats’ hair.*

35:27 *And the leaders brought onyx stones, and other gems for mounting for the ephod and the breastpiece; 35:28 and spices, and olive oil for the light and for the anointing oil, and for the fragrant incense.*

35:29 *The Israelites brought a freewill offering to the Lord, every man and woman whose heart was willing to bring for all the work which the Lord had commanded them to do through Moses.*

HEALTH NUGGET

"Did you know that humming and singing could actually prove physiologically therapeutic? Healthy sinuses contain high concentrations of nitric oxide, which is known to be broadly antifungal, antiviral, and antibacterial. Nasal nitric oxide has been shown to be increased 15-to 20-fold by humming, compared with quietly exhaling. One case study found that humming 60 to 120 times a day and for an hour before bedtime can be especially beneficial for individuals with an inflammation or infection of those nose and sinuses.

Studies show that singing also increases IgA in saliva. IgA is a class of antibodies that guard the mucus membranes in the body, including the respiratory mucosa. Of course, you might not want to sing around others if you have an upper respiratory tract infection since it could spread your germs. But otherwise, singing will improve your breathing capacity, reduce stress, and probably lift your spirits! A merry heart, indeed, does well like a medicine!" <http://newstartclub.com/resources/detail/natural-remedies-for-seasonal-allergies>.

“O sing unto the Lord a new song: sing unto the Lord, all the earth.” Psalms 96:1

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

April 23, 2016

9:15 AM — 10:45 AM

Welcome..... Bro Justin Palmer

Opening Prayer.....Bro. Jarret Palmer

Opening Song..... “Learn To Lean” Congregation

Scripture ReadingJustin & Jarret Palmer

World Mission Emphasis..... Sis. Kayla Cato

Lesson Study: Second Quarter, 2016.....Lesson #3

Secretary Report Sabbath School Secretary

Welcome Visitors..... Sis. Joyce Anderson

Special Music.....Sis. Tamar Cato

Closing Remarks..... Sis. Joyce Anderson

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Giving our best to our Master

Question: "What is the value of a prayer meeting?"

"Answer: From the very beginning of the church, Christians have gathered to pray (Acts 4:24; 12:5; 21:5). Prayer meetings are valuable for the church as a whole and for the individuals who participate.

Prayer is only for those who believe that God is personal and who want a personal relationship with Him. Christians know prayer works because they have encountered a God who declares, “Talk to me and I will listen.” The apostle John confirms this: “This is the confidence we have in approaching God: that if we ask anything according to His will, He hears us. And if we know that He hears us—whatever we ask—we know that we have what we asked of Him” (1 John 5:14-15).

Through our prayers, especially with one another, we are demonstrating and validating the faith we have in Jesus. Andrew Murray, the great Christian minister and prolific writer, said, “Prayer depends chiefly, almost entirely, on who we think we are praying to.” It is through the discipline of prayer with one another that we develop a growing intimacy with God, and create a spiritual bond with one another. This is one of the most valuable aspects of praying with one another.

More than anything else, prayer meetings bring about change. Praying with one another, believers can witness God produce miracles and change hearts.

A prayer meeting is a time of real value as believers seek a deep intimacy and quiet communion with God at His throne. It is a time of unity with fellow believers in the presence of the Lord. It is a time to care for those around us as we share their burdens. It is a time when God manifests His never-ending love and desire to communicate with those who love Him.

We are inviting all of our brothers and sisters to please join us in spending an hour in study and prayer every Wednesday night. Come and let God do something wonderful in your life.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up-Coming Events

Communion Service Today – Only one combined service

Adventist Youth Society (AYS): Today, see you at 4:30 PM.

Sabbath Prayer Session: Today - Immediately after Divine Service in the Kindergarten class room, all are welcome.

Women's book club. Next meeting will be held on May 22nd from 11am- 1pm sharp. Come prepared to discuss chapters 3,4 from the book I FORGIVE BUT and bring a friend.

Prayer Line: Sunday May1st @ 8PM. Phone number 712-432-0175 Access Code 853923#.

Retreat Announcement; Singles

The Chesapeake Chapter of Adventist Single Adult Ministries invites all singles to our Spring Retreat. The event takes place on the weekend of April 15-17, 2016 at Hagerstown MD. The speaker will be Jose Hernandez. His topic will be "Walking the Walk." He will discuss how God is with us during the tough times in our lives. Mr. Hernandez is a hospice Chaplain and lay pastor and small group leader with a Masters Degree in Pastoral Counseling.

Come and enjoy spiritual enrichment, fellowship and good food.

For more information, contact: Fred Thomas (410) 992-9731, or e-mail

fmthomas1950@gmail.com.

Q2 THEME SONG: LEARNING TO LEAN^{CG}

The joy I can't explain fills my soul
The day I made Jesus my king
His Blessed Holy Spirit is leading my way
He's teaching and I'm learning to lean

(Chorus) Learning to lean
Learning to lean,
I'm learning to lean on Jesus
Finding more power than I've ever dreamed
I'm learning to lean on Jesus.

Sad broken hearted, at an alter I knelt
I found peace that was so serene
And all that He asks is a childlike trust
And a heart that is learning to lean

There's a glorious victory, each day now for me
I've found peace so serene
He helps me with each task, If I'll only ask
Everyday now I'm learning to lean

CHURCH BUSINESS

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- Sanctuary Choir – Sabbath after AY
- Youth Choir (12 years and up) – Sabbath at 2:30 PM
- Children’s Choir (2 years thru 11 years) - Sabbath at 3PM

Baby Dedications Third Sabbath of Each Month

Medical Personnel on Duty.....Sis. Laverne Ventiere & Dr. Sandra Pascal

Pathfinders Club: meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month.

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All heads of departments are asked to check their mailboxes weekly.

Help Wanted

- Let’s Get prepared for Spring cleanup. Watch this space for the next scheduled Church cleanup, we need as many participants as we can get.

SICK & SHUT-IN

Bro. Richard Adams 1361 Resica Falls Rd, East Stroudsburg 570-223-7727

Bro. Drakes at Brookmont Health Care Center Effort, PA 610-681-4070

Sis. Nemesia Rance 267 King St, Stroudsburg, 570-619-5338

Bro. Norma Leap 570-992-4970

Please remember **Sister Pitts**, **Brother Colegangle** and **Brother Samson** in your prayers.

Financial Report as of 04/16/2016

	This Month	For The Year
Amount needed	\$10,998	\$ 131,976
Amount collected:	\$ 8,740	\$ 42,049
Amount Difference	\$ -2,528	\$ -89,927

Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 7:54 PM

Next Friday: 8:00 PM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Consider Your Priorities.

Do you give God tith after you have paid everyone else and bought everything you want, or do you set aside a portion off of the top?

Malachi 1:11-13 For from the rising of the sun even unto the going down of the same my name shall be great among the Gentiles; and in every place incense shall be offered unto my name, and a pure offering: for my name shall be great among the heathen, saith the LORD of hosts. But ye have profaned it, in that ye say, The table of the LORD is polluted; and the fruit thereof, even his meat, is contemptible. Ye said also, Behold, what a weariness is it! and ye have snuffed at it, saith the LORD of hosts; and ye brought that which was torn, and the lame, and the sick; thus ye brought an offering: should I accept this of your hand? saith the LORD.

By giving God our “leftovers”, we are implying that we put ourselves on a higher rank than God. That God deserves whatever we can’t use for anybody, or anything else? It is hard to say, but some people treat God like the Community services is to many people. After we can’t sell or give away our used merchandise then we truck it to the Community services. God really shouldn’t be the afterthought, but rather we should give Him our best time, money and talents. What can we give to offer respect and thanks to God?

If you want your work to be blessed by God, you need to exceed what is expected of you. No matter what you do, whether you’re a truck driver, an attorney, a cook, or teachers, do more than the minimum. Don’t just get by.

God wants you to go beyond the normal and surpass what is required of you. Our verse today tells us to exceed the expectations of your boss, to exceed the expectations of your customers. That is the kind of work God blesses.

We live in a culture of mediocrity. How many times do we complain about shoddy workmanship or poor service or inferior quality? Americans used to take pride in their craft, but today it has become about just getting by. So many people just put in their time, do the minimum that’s required of them, and cut corners, getting by on as little effort as possible.

We can’t fool God. He knows what we are capable of, and where our loyalties lie. He is all knowing. No matter how much we try to forget this detail. Sometimes we feel so tricky; we look so spiritual to everyone, and we still aren’t giving God our all. But God knows.

That’s the bad news. The good news is that this makes it very easy to stand out at work. Any time you take pride in your work and decide to do more than expected, you’ll rise to the top.

Another reason we should exceed in our work is because we represent Jesus Christ. And Jesus said, “If someone demands that you go one mile, go with him two miles” (Matthew 5:41). Exceed what’s expected of you, and watch God bless it. *If you ever get a glimpse of the greatness of God, and what Jesus has done for you, you’ll never return tithes and offerings from your net, you will give from your gross and you’ll give God your best for the rest of your life*

WHO ARE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS?

WHAT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS BELIEVE

We believe that Jesus Christ;

Is found throughout the entire Word of God. (John. 5:39; II Tim. 3:16, 17)

Is the divine Son of God and our personal Savior. (John. 1:1-3; Heb. 7:25)

Offers His righteousness to all who accept Him by faith. (Rom. 4:3-5)

Soon coming will be visible to all, and at that time He will raise the dead.
(I Thess. 4:16, 17; I Cor.15:52)

Is the source of a new birth experience. (John. 3:3-5)

Is the Creator of the world, and established the 7th day Sabbath for His people to remember His creative power. (Heb. 1:1, 2; Ex. 20:8-11)

Is our example that the Ten Commandment Law is a reflection of God's perfect character, and that it is our pattern for successful living. (John. 15:10, James. 2:8-12)

In the Old and New Testaments, outlined the free giving of tithes and offerings to support the work of the church. (Mal. 3:10; Matt. 23:23)

Through His baptism, gave an example of His death and resurrection, and new life through our baptism. (Mark. 1:9; Rom. 6:3-5)

Through the Holy Spirit, makes our body His temple. (I Cor. 3:16, 17)

Gives the gifts of the Spirit for the unity of the faith and the perfection of the saints.
(Eph. 4:8-11; I Cor. 12)

Expects modesty and deportment in His children. (I Tim 2:9, 10)

Is now our heavenly Priest, and gives His last message for all mankind that,
"the hour of God's judgment is come." (Rev. 14:6-12; Heb. 8:1-6)

COME AND WORSHIP WITH US	OUR PEOPLE
<p>Prayer Meeting - Wed. 7:00 pm First Service - Sat. 8:30 am Sabbath School - Sat. 9:45 am Second Service - Sat. 11:00 am Adventist Youth Society Sat. 1 hour before sunset</p> <p>c1</p>	<p>Pastor: Livingstone Aaron 570-355-5762 416 Tranquility Ct. Long Pond, PA 18334 Email: laaron@paconference.org</p> <p>Church Clerk: Stacey Charles 570-534-5311 Head Elder: James Obegi 201-423-3227 Community Services: Jamala Asiyu - 570-369-5213 Pocono Adventist Christian School- 570-421-5577</p>