

# 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)

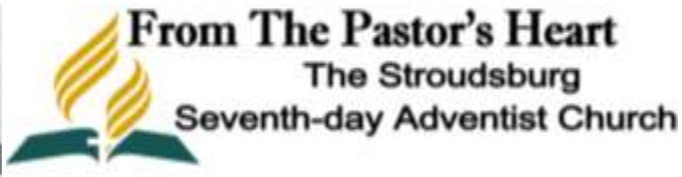
Through the Holy Spirit, makes our body His temple. (I Cor. 3:16, 17)

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><b>Prayer Meeting</b> - Wed. 7:00 pm <b>First Service</b> - Sat. 8:30 am <b>Sabbath School</b> - Sat. 9:45 am <b>Second Service</b> - Sat. 11:00 am <b>Adventist Youth Society</b> Sat. 1 hour before sunset</p>	<p><b>Pastor:</b> Livingstone Aaron 570-355-5762 416 Tranquility Ct. Long Pond, PA 18334 Email: laaron@paconference.org <b>Church Clerk:</b> Stacey Charles 570-534-5311 <b>Head Elder:</b> James Obegi 201-423-3227 <b>Community Services: 570-476-0039 or</b> <b>Sis. Jamala Asiyó</b> - 570-644-3149 <b>Pocono Adventist Christian School</b>— 570-421-5577</p>



# CHURCH AT WORSHIP <sup>c2</sup>

December 3, 2016

Divine Service (11:00 AM)

## Dear Brothers and Sisters:

What is faith? Can you pray for faith? How can we increase our faith? Are we saved by faith?

Faith is a gift of God but during times of doubt we often feel that it is difficult to have faith. When things seem to be collapsing around us and maybe unpaid bills begin stacking up, and it looks to be impossible to just keep our heads above water, we ask "Where is God in our difficulty?" How can you increase your faith when you see no evidence for it?

In Mark 9:24, we are introduced to a very fascinating story; a father brought his demon possessed boy to Jesus he believed that Jesus could heal him by saying "I do believe" (Mark 9:24). So why did the father say in this same verse, "Help my unbelief?" He asked Jesus for help in his unbelief. He believed Jesus could heal him yet he still had some doubt and asked Jesus to help in his lack of belief.

The man who brought his demon possessed boy to Jesus had faith in Christ but he lacked complete assurance and trust. This lack was due to his own disbelief, not to a lack of believing in Jesus. So even though it seems paradoxical to say "Lord I do believe" and then "Help my unbelief" it appears that he was praying for Jesus to strengthen his faith.

I am not going to be too hard on this man because he had his doubts- in fact I would say, "Welcome to the human race!" When we pray for something that is God's will, He will surely answer that prayer, but as James 1:6 says, "But when he asks, he must believe and not doubt, because he who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind." It is so hard to pray for something and believe with 100% certainty that God will answer that prayer because we rely on our five senses. We only believe what we see and so it is hard to believe in something that has not yet been seen. Nevertheless, God will hear and answer our prayer but the answer might not be what we had hoped for. God rarely gives us what we want as much as He gives us what we need. Praying to God for Him to increase your faith is one that I truly believe that He will answer. If we pray with doubt in our prayers, it is like doubting God's ability. Here is the Biblical definition of faith from Hebrews 11:1, "Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see." Faith is defined in the Bible much like the dictionary describes it. It is a confident, assurance in believing God.

Faith is not the power of positive thinking or positive reinforcement. It is not found within the will of the human mind. It is not pulling oneself up by their own bootstraps. It is not by any human effort at all except by the intake of the Word of God. Faith is a gift from God and He will give you or increase your faith by the daily reading of the Bible and we know that what we lack, we can ask for (James 1:5). We can increase our faith by reading and hearing the Word of God (Romans 10:17) but also by trusting in Jesus even though we cannot see Him today.

I pray this article helps you trust God more each day resting securely on his divine promises.

Yours in faithful witness  
F1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron.

Introit....."We Have Come Into This House".....Praise Team

Call to Worship..... Eld. James Obegi

Doxology....."Praise God from Whom".....Congregation

Invocation..... Pastor Livingston Aaron

Welcome..... Eld. James Obegi

Announcements .....Church Clerk

Pastoral Announcements..... Pastor Livingston Aaron

Hymn of Adoration.....#43 .....Congregation

Scripture Reading.....I Samuel 28: 3-20.....TBD

Intercessory Prayer..... Bro. Edward Smith  
"I Must Tell Jesus"

Children's Story..... Bro. Godwin Carmenatty

Offertory..... Bro. Derick Francis  
"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

## Blue Mountain Academy Presents

## La Sonnette Ensemble

Benediction..... Eld. James Obegi

**PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL USHERED OUT**

**Have A Blessed Sabbath**

# STROUDSBURG



## SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTIST CHURCH

### *Mission Statement*

Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Stroudsburg and beyond.

### *Vision Statement*

Making disciples of Jesus Christ through the power of His word and the ministry of His love, and by faith establishing places of worship to prepare us for His second advent.



## CHURCH AT WORSHIP <sup>c4</sup>

December 3, 2016

First Service (8:30 AM)

Introit.....Sweet, Sweet Spirit  
(Please Remain Standing)

Call to Worship..... Eld. James Obegi  
(Congregation, Please Stand)

Invocation..... Eld. James Obegi

Welcome..... Eld. James Obegi  
(Congregation, Please Sit)

#### ADORATION & PRAISE

Hymn of Adoration.....#43.....Congregation  
(Please Remain Standing)

Intercessory Prayer..... Sis. Jamala Asiyu  
(Those Able, Please kneel)

#### STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE

Offertory.....Bro. Derick Francis

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading ..... TBD

Sermon..... Pastor Livingston Aaron

Hymn of Consecration.....#434..... Congregation

Benediction..... Eld. James Obegi

LET US PREPARE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

# THE CHURCH AT STUDY

December 3, 2016                  Sabbath School                  9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Song Service .....Congregation  
Opening Remarks..... Sis Stacey Charles  
Opening Hymn.....#462.....Congregation  
Scripture Reading .....Romans 5: 1-2.....TBD  
Opening Prayer..... TBD  
Praise and Thanksgiving ..... Congregation  
World Mission Emphasis..... TBD  
Lesson Study: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2016.....Lesson #10  
Welcome Visitors..... Sis Stacey Charles  
Closing Song.....Congregation  
Closing Remarks..... Sis Stacey Charles

## LET US PREPARE FOR DIVINE SERVICE

### HEALTH NUGGET

"The best protein for weight loss is low in fat and also high in fiber. This kind of protein helps your body burn, not store fat. The best high-fiber and low-fat protein foods are beans, or legumes if you want to be fancy. But the weight loss powerhouse bean with the most protein also happens to be the easiest bean to cook. If you guessed lentils, you're right! When lentils are one of your protein sources you're filling up with the power of fiber. And fiber helps you lose weight. Another weight loss advantage of lentils is their ability to keep your blood sugar stable, and stable blood sugar makes it easier to lose weight because your cravings are reduced. Though these benefits are common to most beans, lentils stand out above the rest." From [fullplateliving.org](http://fullplateliving.org).

"Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentils, and millet, and fitches, and put them in one vessel, and make thee bread thereof, according to the number of the days that thou shalt lie upon thy side, three hundred and ninety days shalt thou eat thereof." Ezekiel 4:9 KJV

# PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Welcome BMA La Sonnette Ensemble

We extend our warm and gracious welcome to Blue mountain Academy "La Sonnette Ensemble" concert, to our church today. Bells are ancient instruments which have been incorporated into religious ceremonies for centuries. Just as music has played an important role in the worship life of the faculty and staff of Blue mountain academy; so does our Children bell choir hand bells now play an active part in our music ministries here at Stroudsburg. Let the performance of the BMA La Sonnette ensemble; motivate us not only to give them a generous gift but also invest in the future of our Children Bell choir.

### Children's Bell Choir

Stroudsburg Seventh day Adventist Children bell choir will be conducting a free concert at the Stroud's mall on Sunday December 18,2016 at 2:30 PM. Please let us all go out to support our children at this very important event.



## CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

### Up-Coming Events

**Sabbath Prayer Session:** Today - Immediately after Divine Service in the Kindergarten class room, all are welcome. And Remember, every First Sabbath, Grief Support Ministry sessions are incorporated into the prayer meetings.

**Adventist Youth Society (AYS):** AYS Today @ 5PM.

**Men's Ministry:** Lunch meeting December 10th after divine worship.

**Couples Club:** December 10th at 7PM. Join us for Food, Fun, and Couples Karaoke.

**Blue Mountain Academy:** La Sonnette Ensemble in concert Today at 11:00am Stroudsburg SDA Church.

**Church Banquet,** When December 17 @ 6PM. Where; The Inn at Pocono Manor, Rt. 341/One Manor Dr. Pocono Manor PA. 18349

**Women's Ministry:** Next book club meeting will be Dec 20, 2016.

**General Conference Day of Prayer:** Sabbath, January 7, 2017.

Please help the joint effort of Stroudsburg Community Center, PACS and Helping Hands provide a gift bag to our community members who are less fortunate by donating according to your budget items from the below list

**Gift bag Items suggestions:**

- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Socks
- Underwear
- Wash cloths
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, roll-on, deodorant, bath soap, lotion, etc.)

We are planning a meal and providing the gift bag at the event. This event is scheduled in January and more information to follow.

**LOVE AROUND THE WORLD:** Marriage Retreat. February 24 - 26, 2017. Sheraton Hotel, Harrisburg/Hershey with DRs. Leslie and Prudence Pollard from Oakwood University. For more info or to register online, go to [paconference.org](http://paconference.org). Please included this also. Space is limited. They have rooms for 130 couples only. If interested couples are to start the process to secure their place now.

### **Church board meeting this Evening at 6:30 PM after AY**

All members of the Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church Board are reminded of our church board meeting immediately after AY meeting. No new agenda items will be accepted during the meeting.

## Q4 THEME SONG: c6

### *Only Trust Him*

1  
Come, every soul by sin oppressed,  
There's mercy with the Lord,  
And He will surely give you rest,  
By trusting in His word.

Refrain  
Only trust Him, only trust Him,  
Only trust Him now;  
He will save you, He will save you,  
He will save you now.

2  
For Jesus shed his precious blood  
Rich blessings to bestow;  
Plunge now into the crimson flood  
That washes white as snow.

3  
Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way,  
That leads you into rest;  
Believe in Him without delay,  
And you are fully blest.

4  
Come, then, and join this holy band,  
And on to glory go,  
To dwell in that celestial land,  
Where joys immortal flow.

## **This Week's Memory Text**

**ISAIAH 55:9** NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

<sup>9</sup> "For *as* the heavens are higher than the earth,  
So are My ways higher than your ways,  
And My thoughts than your thoughts.

# CHURCH BUSINESS

## Choir Rehearsal Schedule

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

## Board Meetings - 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath of each month

## Baby Dedications Third Sabbath of Each Month

Medical Personnel on Duty.....Sis. Herline Raphael

Pathfinders Club: meets every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday of the Month.

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## Building Committee:

To submit your ideas on the Church Building Plans or Fundraising, please email the Building Committee at [building@pacs-sda.org](mailto:building@pacs-sda.org)

## Nursing Home Schedules and hours:

- 1st Sabbath----Spring Village Home, 329 Brown Street, East Stroudsburg, PA 18301 from 3pm-4pm
- 2nd Sabbath---White Stone Care Center, 870 White Stone Corner, Stroudsburg, PA from 3pm-4pm
- 3rd Sabbath---Pleasant Valley Manor, 4227 Manor Drive, Stroudsburg, PA 18360, from 3pm -4pm
- 4th Sabbath---Brookmont Health Care, 510 Brokmont Drive, Effort, PA 18330, from 3:30pm-4:30pm

## SICK & SHUT-IN

**Bro. Richard Adams** is now at the White Stone Care Center Rm 117B

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

**Sis. Norma Leap** 570-992-4970

Please remember; **Brother Samson** in your prayers

## Financial Report as of 11/19/2016

	For The Month	For The Year
Amount Needed	\$10,998	\$131,976
Amount Collected:	\$13,035	\$131,675
Amount Difference	\$+2,037	\$- 301

## Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 4:33 PM

Next Friday: 4:32 PM

# STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

In his day, John D. Rockefeller was one of the richest men in the world. For all practical purposes, his money was virtually limitless. Once, an interviewer asked him, "How much money is enough?" Rockefeller replied, "Just a little bit more!"

As outrageous as it sounds, haven't we all been there? Whatever our income level, we think to ourselves, If only I had just a little bit more... Then, at last, our budget would have some breathing room and we will be satisfied with our finances

We need to recognize that managing money is a spiritual issue. Did you know that Jesus spoke more about money than He did about any other topic? In fact, 15% of all the recorded words of Jesus are on the subject of money—more than His teachings on heaven and hell combined. Why did money matter so much to Jesus?

To Jesus, our attitude towards money is of utmost importance, because it is a reflection of our attitude towards God. As Larry Burkett said, "You can tell more about the spiritual lives of a couple by looking at their checkbook than by anything else."

Everything we have comes from God. He owns it, and He entrusts it to us to use for His purposes. True financial success comes not from accumulating a large surplus in our bank account, but from following God's plan for our finances. As we do this, He will provide for all of our needs.

If you have financial problems, seek help before it is too late. Financial problems can be solved but it often means changes, some of which may not be that easy. A qualified financial planner can help you identify the problem areas and think through solutions that will work for your family.

Above all, listen to what God may be saying to you through your financial circumstances. Finances can be a dividing factor in marriage, but they can also bring you together in a new and deeper way, as you trust God together and follow His plan.

