

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)

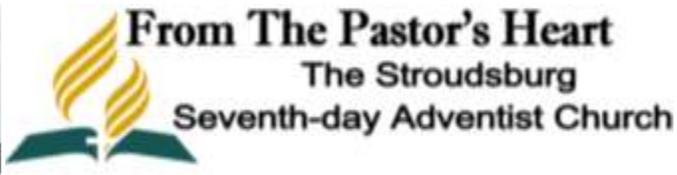
Through the Holy Spirit, makes our body His temple. (I Cor. 3:16, 17)

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>Pastor: Livingstone Aaron 570-355-5762 416 Tranquility Ct. Long Pond, PA 18334 Email: laaron@paconference.org Church Clerk: Stacey Charles 570-534-5311 Head Elder: James Obegi 201-423-3227 Community Services: 570-476-0039 or Sis. Jamala Asiyó - 570-644-3149 Pocono Adventist Christian School— 570-421-5577</p>



CHURCH AT WORSHIP ^{c2}

December 31, 2016

Divine Service (11:00 AM)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Thank God for his mercies that he has brought us safely to the end of 2016. There have been difficulties, struggles, pain and anguish. On the other hand, there has been times of joy and peace but above all the assurance that God has been with us. Reflecting upon the year 2016; I cannot help but reflect upon what the prophet Samuel wrote in ""Hitherto hath the Lord helped us."-1 Samuel 7:12"

The word "hitherto" seems like a hand pointing in the direction of the past. Twenty years or seventy, and yet, "hitherto the Lord hath helped!" Through poverty, through wealth, through sickness, through health, at home, abroad, on the land, on the sea, in honour, in dishonour, in perplexity, in joy, in trial, in triumph, in prayer, in temptation, "hitherto hath the Lord helped us!" We delight to look down a long avenue of trees. It is delightful to gaze from end to end of the long vista, a sort of verdant temple, with its branching pillars and its arches of leaves; even so look down the long aisles of your years, at the green boughs of mercy overhead, and the strong pillars of lovingkindness and faithfulness which bear up your joys. Are there no birds in yonder branches singing? Surely, there must be many, and they all sing of mercy received "hitherto."

However, the word also points forward. For when a man gets up to a certain mark and writes "hitherto," he is not yet at the end, there is still a distance to be traversed. More trials, more joys; more temptations, more triumphs; more prayers, more answers; more toils, more strength; more fights, more victories; and then come sickness, old age, disease, death. Is it over now? No! there is more yet-awakening in Jesus' likeness, thrones, harps, songs, psalms, white raiment, the face of Jesus, the society of saints, the glory of God, the fullness of eternity, the infinity of bliss. O be of good courage, believer, and with grateful confidence raise thy "Ebenezer," for- He who hath helped thee hitherto Will help thee all thy journey through. The Ebenezer stone represented a fresh beginning, a reversal of course for God's people. It also said something important about God: his mercies are everlasting; his covenant is forever.

We all need Ebenezers like that. We all need reminders of where God has brought us and the promise that He will continue to guide us. That's what baptism reminds us of. It's a powerful symbol of how God changes lives, and every time we witness a baptism, we are reminded of how far God has brought us.

We also reminded ourselves of how God delivered us from the depths of our sin when we have celebrated the Lord's Supper. The broken body and torn flesh of Jesus, represented by the bread that we ate; and the blood that was willingly poured out for us so our sins could be washed away, represented by the cup that we shared...those are powerful reminders...Ebenezers....that God uses to remind us of what He has done for us – and that He's not through with us yet.

As you reflect on where you were on January 1, 2016 and where you are today December 31, 2016: I want you to answer the following questions in the privacy of your personal space especially as you ponder the future2017.

1. What is a visionary moment in your life, where God showed up and showed His power?
2. What happens when we glimpse our lives from God's perspective? What changes in us? What changes in the world around us?
3. Why does vision need to be fought?
4. What are some memorial stones in your life? Are you still building your future based on the events, the lessons, and the values established?

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..... Bro. Stephan Francis

Welcome..... Sis. Dania Batt

AnnouncementsSis. Tyler Sanchez & Sis Kanesha Brown

Pastoral Announcements..... Pastor Livingston Aaron

AYS Presentations.....Sis. Dania Batt and AYS Team

Hymn of Adoration.....#524..Congregation

Scripture Reading”I Timothy 4:12” Bro. Rayshawn Richards

Intercessory Prayer..... Eld. Angela Clarke
“I Must Tell Jesus”

Special Music.....Anointed Remnant Voices

Children’s Story..... Sis. Jasmine Yansen

Offertory..... Bro. Joshua Wilson
“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Praise and Worship..... Music Ministries

Introduction of Speakers.....Sis. Tyler Sanchez & Bro. Wesley Francis

Sermon.....Bro. Cristian Sanchez & Bro. Stephan Francis

Hymn of Consecration.....#309.....Congregation

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.



PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us break bread together on Sabbath December 31, 2016 at 5: 00 pm.

This song is mainly used during communion services. It reminds us of our spiritual food and drink presented through the bread and wine during Holy Communion. The Lord's Supper is a reminder of what Jesus did in the past, a symbol of our present relationship with him, and a promise of what he will do in the future.

Paul said, "Whenever you eat this bread and drink this cup, you proclaim the Lord's death until he comes" ([1 Corinthians 11:26](#)). The Lord's Supper looks back to the death of Jesus Christ on the cross. Is Jesus' death a good thing, or a bad thing? There are some very sorrowful aspects to his death, but the bigger picture is that his death is wonderful news for all of us. Jesus is glad that he did it. It shows how much God loves us—so much that he sent his Son to die for us, so that our sins would be forgiven and we may live forever with him.

The Lord's Supper is rich in meaning. That is why it has been a prominent part of the Christian tradition throughout the centuries. Sometimes it has been allowed to become a lifeless ritual, done more out of habit than with meaning. When a ritual loses meaning, some people overreact by stopping the ritual entirely. The better response is to restore the meaning. That's why it is helpful for us to review the meaning of our custom.

The seven best Gifts that you can give to your Children in 2017

1. Make use of time in the car with your children to talk about your faith.
2. Pray together in the morning, before meals and at bedtime. Use written prayers as well as prayers "from the heart," giving each person a chance. Look at Luther's morning and evening prayers, the Lord's Prayer and other favorites.
3. Make your faith an integral part of resolving conflict in the family. End arguments by forgiving your children and asking them to forgive you when appropriate.
4. Encourage your children in their relationships with your pastor, their friends and families at church.
5. Write notes and letters telling your children repeatedly that God and you love them.
6. Make time for family devotions. Encourage questions. Explore subjects your children suggest. Make that all-important connection between faith and everyday life. Use In His Steps.
7. Make Sabbath school and church something your family does together. If children ask why they have to go to church, answer them by explaining, "This is what our family does on Sabbath morning and Wednesday evenings to grow in our faith."

LET US PREPARE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

December 31, 2016 Sabbath School 9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

- Song ServiceCongregation
- Opening Remarks..... Sis. Ruth Obegi
- Opening Song.....# 367.....Congregation
- Scripture ReadingJohn 20:21..... Sis. Ruth Obegi
- Opening Prayer..... Sis. Ruth Obegi
- Lesson Study: 4th Quarter, 2016..... #14
- Welcome Visitors Sis. Ruth Obegi
- I3th Sabbath Quiz..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs

I3 Sabbath Offering

- Closing Song.....Congregation
- Closing Remarks..... Sis. Ruth Obegi

LET US PREPARE FOR DIVINE SERVICE

HEALTH NUGGET

Gratitude has been linked with a higher level of psychological well-being & a lower risk of certain forms of psychopathology. Benefits of practicing gratitude include the following: higher levels of alertness, vitality, enthusiasm, determination, attentiveness, & energy; Spend more time exercising; Report more hours of nightly sleep & a better quality sleep; Experience fewer physical symptoms such as headaches, coughing, nausea, or pain; Show heightened immunity in both healthy and sick persons. <http://ccn.aacnjournals.org/content/29/6/12.full>. Have you given thanks today? "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Ps. 136:1

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Spiritual Commitment day Sabbath January 7, 2016

Looking back isn't going to help you. Moving forward is the thing you have to do.

McKayla Maroney

Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church at 2001 West main street Stroudsburg is moving forward because we are walking by faith and not by sight!

Walking by faith means that you continue to cling to the dreams God has planted in your heart, even when you've been thrown away, taken to prison for crimes you didn't commit. Just look at all Joseph endured (**Genesis 37-50**).

Walking by faith requires a strong determination to follow God's plan regardless what life throws your way. Look to Daniel to discover how to have the resolve not to sin (**Daniel 1:8**).

Be strong and courageous, my friends!

God has specifically chosen you to be a part of this remnant, those who will allow him to take their lives and mold them into what he wants. He has chosen you to have your faith tested and tried, and he promises that the fire will only purify you—not burn you. He has promised that he will be with you every single step, walking with you, carrying you, supporting you. He promises that he is still in control even when life seems to be spiraling wildly out of control.

Let no man despise thy Youth! Sabbath December 31st Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church Youth Day!

Youth are often looked down on because of attitudes and behaviors that are annoying or immature. Some of the things people often associate with youth are disrespect, rebellion, self-absorption, cliquishness, conformity to peer pressure, indifference to serious issues, and a fixation on fun as the only thing that satisfies. If these are pronounced, people can even despise youth. Paul implies that in saying, "Let no one despise your youth."

The point is: Find out what kind of words and conduct God wants and do that. He gives love and faith and purity as examples of what we should do in our words and conduct. Let all your words and actions come from faith in Christ. Let them be loving. And keep yourselves sexually pure.

We are to be an example to the believers in purity. If there is any admonition that needs to be heeded, it is this one: "Sound speech that cannot be condemned" (Titus 2:8). Pure speech, free from dirty jokes, vile language, cursing and all the things one commonly hears this day, is unusual. Pure lives, free from fornication, gambling, ungodly activities of all sorts are greatly to be desired. Perhaps as basic as any of these, is purity of motive. Although I have never heard anyone talk much about that, I think it important, for if a person will examine his motives, insofar as he can know them, he may discover some interesting things about himself and prevent many dangerous situations from arising. Probably Jesus had these in mind when he said, "Blessed are the pure in heart, for they shall see God" (Matthew 5:8)

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.

Church Banquet, Rescheduled for January 21, 2017 @ 6PM. Where; The Inn at Pocono Manor, Rt. 341/One Manor Dr. Pocono Manor PA. 18349

Women's Ministry: Special thank you for the monies collected 2 Weeks ago in support of our church family. To all women, this Sabbath is the deadline to pay for the luncheon, please see Dr. Pascal for more information.

Men's Ministry: Next Lunch meeting Jan 7, 20167

Stroudsburg SDA Day of Prayer: Sabbath, January 14, 2017. Theme – “Fighting for the Church, the Battle belongs to the Lord”.

Community Services:

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 list below.

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

We are planning a banquet style meal and providing the gifts at the event. This event is scheduled for January 11, 2017 2pm – 5pm here at the Church.

Couples club:

January 14th- 1st Couples Club of 2017! New Year- New Us! Come out and hear from Michelle Townsend, LCSW, about creating a plan for your marriage and family for the New Year. We will also be doing couples vision boards.

February 11th- Paint & Dine! You and your sweetie will explore your artistic side as you paint a picture together and dine in elegance! Cost is \$55 per couple, which includes a scrumptious dinner and all supplies for the painting. See the Smiths for further information and to make your payment.

Pathfinders:

- Winter retreat @ Laurel Lake Camp Jan 27 – 29, 2017, deadline for early payment is Dec 31, 2016
- Drum Corp today at 5:30 followed by end of year meeting.
- Homework –Read the books of Galatians and Ephesians

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.. Space is limited.

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

JAMES 5:11 NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

¹¹ Indeed we count them blessed who endure. You have heard of the perseverance of Job and seen the end *intended* by the Lord—that the Lord is very compassionate and merciful.

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 - 1st Sabbath of each month

Baby Dedications Third Sabbath of Each Month

Medical Personnel on Duty.....Dr. Sandra Pascal

Pathfinders Club: meets every 1st and 3rd 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

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 12/24/2016

	For The Month	For The Year
Amount Needed	\$10,998	\$131,976
Amount Collected:	\$ 8,297	\$142,281
Amount Difference	\$-2,701	\$+ 10,305

Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 4:42 PM

Next Friday: 4:47 PM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

What Can I Give to God?

BY GREG LAURIE

Have you ever received a gift that far exceeded what you could have expected? Something so nice that just saying “thank you” seemed inadequate?

In the same way, when you consider all that Christ did for us on the cross and what He continues to do for us today, it feels so inadequate to simply tell Him, “Thank you.” He has given us eternal life when we didn’t deserve it. And if you look back at the last year, I’m sure you’ll find countless things He has done in your life.

In fact, it’s hard not to say, “Wow, God is great! How can I thank Him for everything He has done for me? What can I possibly do to show my appreciation to Him?”

Fortunately, Scripture gives us a good blueprint for some ways that we can show our thanks to God.

1. We can give Him our praise. The psalmist says in Psalm 63:3-4, “Because your lovingkindness is better than life, my lips shall praise You. Thus will I bless You while I live; I will lift up my hands in Your name” (nkjv).
2. I should keep my promises to God. Psalm 116:18 says, “I will keep my promises to the Lord in the presence of all His people” (nlt).
3. We can honor the Lord by bringing our offerings to the Lord. 1 Chronicles 16:28 says, “O nations of the world, recognize the lord, recognize that the lord is glorious and strong. Give to the lord the glory He deserves! Bring your offering and come to worship Him. Worship the lord in all His holy splendor” (nlt).

Do not lay up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy and thieves break in and steal, but lay up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where neither moth nor rust destroys and where thieves do not break in and steal. For where your treasure is, there your heart will be also. (nkjv)

When we get to heaven, all we have on earth will have no value if we do not invest it properly. You can’t take it with you, but you can send it on ahead. How? By investing in the work of the kingdom of God.