



CHURCH AT WORSHIP c2

FEBRUARY 27, 2016

Second Service

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Warmest greetings in the precious name of our wonderful Lord and savior Jesus Christ. Who is your best friend and confidant and what was the criteria used to select that person? One of the fascinating things that I love about the bible is that it answers every important question that we need an answer too. The bible says in Proverbs 18:24 "A man of many companions may come to ruin, but there is a friend who sticks closer than a brother." The Lord Jesus Christ gave us the definition of a true friend: "Greater love has no one than this that he lay down his life for his friends. You are my friends if you do what I command. I no longer call you servants, because a servant does not know his master's business. Instead, I have called you friends, for everything that I learned from my Father I have made known to you" (John 15:13-15). Jesus is the pure example of a true friend, for He laid down His life for His "friends." What is more, anyone may become His friend by trusting in Him as his personal savior, being born again and receiving new life in Him. There is an example of true friendship between David and Saul's son Jonathan, who, in spite of his father Saul's pursuit of David and attempts to kill him, stood by his friend. You will find that story in 1 Samuel chapter 18 through chapter 20. Some pertinent passages are 1 Samuel 18:1-4; 19: 4-7; 20:11-17, 41-4. Proverbs is another good source of wisdom regarding friends. "A friend loves at all times, and a brother is born for adversity" (Proverbs 17:17). The issue here is that in order have a friend, one must be a friend. "Wounds from a friend can be trusted, but an enemy multiplies kisses" (Proverbs 27:6). "As iron sharpens iron, so one man sharpens another" (Proverbs 27:17). The principle of friendship is also found in Amos. "Can two walk together, except they be agreed?" (Amos 3:3 KJV). Friends are of like mind. The truth that comes from all of this is a friendship is a relationship that is entered into by individuals, and it is only as good or as close as those individuals choose to make it. Someone has said that if you can count your true friends on the fingers of one hand, you are blessed. A friend is one whom you can be yourself with and never fear that he or she will judge you. A friend is someone that you can confide in with complete trust. A friend is someone you respect and that respects you, not based upon worthiness but based upon a likeness of mind. Finally, the real definition of a true friend comes from the Apostle Paul: "For scarcely for a righteous man will one die; yet perhaps for a good man someone would even dare to die. But God demonstrates His own love toward us, in that while we were still sinners, Christ died for us".(Romans 5:7-8). Jesus was known as a "friend of sinners" (Luke 7:34), and He has promised, "Never will I leave you; never will I forsake you" (Hebrews 13:5).

Your brother in faith, F1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Introit....."We Have Come Into This House".....Praise Team
 Call to Worship.....Elder James Obegi
 Doxology....."Praise God from Whom".....Congregation
 Invocation..... Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Welcome.....Elder James Obegi
 AnnouncementsChurch Clerk
 Pastoral Announcements.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Hymn of Adoration.....#86.....Congregation
 Scripture Reading..... Judges 11:29-40.....
 Intercessory Prayer.....Elder Donna Wilson
 "I Must Tell Jesus"
 Special Music..... Praise Team
 Children's Story.....Bro. Godwin Carmonatty
 Offertory..... Elder James Obegi
 "We Give Thee but Thine Own"
 Praise and Worship.....Praise Team
 Hymn of Meditation.....# 495..... Congregation
 Sermon....."Making a deal with God".....Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Hymn of Consecration.....#590..... Congregation
 Benediction..... Elder James Obegi

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL USHERED OUT

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Why send your Children to Pocono Adventist Christian School 20016-2017?

We believe that God places a high value on children and that to be blessed with them is a sacred and solemn responsibility. Pocono Adventist Christian School values the privilege to love, protect, nurture, train, and educate the precious children God leads to our School. Our faculty members treat our students as unique individuals, created in the image of God, each with special abilities and needs. Pocono Adventist Christian School strives to help our students realize their potential spiritually, intellectually, socially, physically, and creatively. We offer a curriculum that produces well-rounded students through our commitment to the arts, physical education, biblical values; and science and math projects in the younger classes. We seek out activities that encourage our students' creativity and enrich their lives.

Pocono Adventist Christian School is committed to, appropriate class sizes at all grade levels to ensure that each student has abundant opportunities to participate and lead, and so that our teachers can get to know their students well, can adequately monitor their progress, and can mentor them as they grow in stature and in understanding.

At Pocono Adventist Christian School we seek to develop young scholars who are responsible, self-motivated, and intellectually curious—students who love learning and will become lifetime learners and good stewards of their gifts. We are committed to providing core knowledge and basic skills that all students need in order to be well prepared for high school at the all of our Christian high schools in Pennsylvania and beyond. Please help us recruit students for the new School year from your homes and neighborhoods.

CHURCH AT WORSHIP ^{c4}

FEBRUARY 27, 2016

First Service

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

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

Invocation..... Pastor Livingstone Aaron

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

ADORATION & PRAISE

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

Intercessory Prayer..... Elder Donna Wilson
(Those Able, Please kneel)

STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE

Offertory.....

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Judges 11:29-40.....

Sermon..... Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Hymn of Consecration.....#590.....Congregation

Benediction..... Elder James Obegi

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

February 27, 2016

9:15 AM — 10:45 AM

- Welcome.....
- Opening Prayer.....
- Opening Song.....Congregation
- Scripture Reading
- World Mission Emphasis.....
- Lesson Study: First Quarter, 2016..... Lesson #9**
- Secretary Report Sabbath School Secretary
- Welcome Visitors.....
- Special Music..... Revive Us Again Congregation
- Closing Remarks.....

HEALTH NUGGET

Dietary Factors that Help Reduce/Reverse Risk of Heart Disease-

1. Eat Fruits and Vegetables
2. Choose healthy fats: olive, canola, flax, walnut, peanut, and sesame oils. These oils help fight internal inflammation, improve cholesterol levels, boost the immune system, & keep your brain and central nervous system healthy. The American Heart Association suggests keeping your fat intake to between 25-35 % of your total calories each day. Keep saturated fats to less than 7% & consumption of trans fats should be limited to less than 1% of your calories every day.
3. Eat Plenty of Fiber
4. Go Nuts for Nuts
5. Beans Are Good for Your Heart
6. Avoid Eating Foods with Cholesterol

All meat products contain cholesterol, & animal fat is known to be a big cause of elevated cholesterol levels. --NEWSTART.com

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PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Business Meeting today after AY.

The Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist church will conduct its first Business meeting for the year 2016 this evening at 6:30 pm. The purpose of this business meeting is to receive the church financial report from 2015, to present the church Budget for 2016 and to give the church an overview of the major programs and Projects for the New Year. All baptized members of this congregation are expected and welcome to attend and contribute to the discussions and planning that will take place.

The church is the authority, not individual members or others outside of the church. The Lord gave His CHURCH the authority to act on the commission, and nothing else.

Agenda

- a. Call to order by the Chairman
- b. Devotion and prayer
- c. Reading of the minutes of the previous meeting by Clerk
- d. Giving of the Treasurer's Report by the Treasurer.
- e. Reading of any correspondence with the church by Clerk
- f. Reports and projections from the various Departments of the Church each department has 5 minutes to give their report and after all the reports are given then we will entertain questions from the membership. Please write down your questions so that you don't forget
- g. Old Business
- h. Church Budget for 2016
- i. Adjournment
- j. Closing prayer

Personal witnessing class

Our personal witnessing training class continues this afternoon from 3:30 to 4:30 pm. Please come prepared to have an exciting time discussing The principles of Personal evangelism. Are you satisfied with your knowledge of the Word of God and His truth for this time? Do you really desire to know more about the Bible, the Spirit of Prophecy, and the distinctive truths of the Seventh-day Adventist Church? So if you are a newly baptized church member or one who is thinking about surrendering your all to the Lord Jesus and be baptized one of these days, you are invited to attend. If you are a church member who is desirous of knowing more about the Word of God you may also attend. Bring some paper, a pen, and your Bible.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up-Coming Events

Adventist Youth Society (AY) Today at 4:30 PM.

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

Prayer Line: Sunday Mar. 6th @ 8PM. Phone number 712-432-0175 Access Code 853923#.

Couples club meeting continues on March 12, 2016 at the Community Center @ 6:30 PM.

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

Thank You

The teachers and staff of PACS would like to thank the students, parents, and church members for celebrating Black History with us. We say Praise God for the success! Reading Lock-In was a huge success. Special thanks to the members that came and told stories, supported us in fundraising, and helping to make the entire day a great success.

If you have taken pictures of school events, can you please forward them to the following email address. pacsyearbook2015@gmail.com

It is our plan to have a school yearbook, so we will need all of the pictures we can get please send them to the above email by March 31. Any future pictures can also be sent to the same email address. Thanks

The Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist church hereby invites all baptized members to attend its business meeting on Sabbath evening at 6: 30 pm.

All departments' heads will be expected to give your report to the church, answer their questions and concerns .Department directors can place your report on power point and give it to the audio visual team. All members are expected to come with written suggestions and ideas of various ways we can improve in our worship and service to God and the community. During the first part of our meeting we will have a very important guest who will address the church on issues in education in Stroudsburg and its environs and the impact that those issues for the future of education in our community. Please make sure that you come on time for the 5 minutes presentation.

Church Board meeting

Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church monthly Board will convene On Sabbath evening March 05 at 6:30 PM. In order for an item to be considered by the church board, it must first be discussed with the pastor and the First Elder. All items require funding from the church must be first be discussed with the Church treasurer before presenting it to the board. Failure to do so will prevent your item from being tabled at the board meeting. The agenda item must reach the Church clerk at least one week before the date of the meeting.

Theme Song: Revive Us Again c6

We praise Thee, O God!
For the Son of Thy love,
For Jesus Who died,
And is now gone above.

Refrain:

Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Hallelujah! Amen.
Hallelujah! Thine the glory.
Revive us again.

We praise Thee, O God!
For Thy Spirit of light,
Who hath shown us our Savior,
And scattered our night.

All glory and praise
To the Lamb that was slain,
Who hath borne all our sins,
And hath cleansed every stain.

All glory and praise
To the God of all grace,
Who hast brought us, and sought us,
And guided our ways.

Revive us again;
Fill each heart with Thy love;
May each soul be rekindled
With fire from above.

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..... Bro. Gerald Ombasa & Sis. Laverne Ventiere

This Bulletin is also available on-line @ <http://www.stroudsburgsda.org>

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Please send all Requests for Church Related Information to.....
stroudchurchclerk@gmail.com

Help Wanted

- **The Sanctuary Choir** is looking for Sopranos, Altos, Tenors, Basses and Baritones. Please contact Michael Dumpereh or Karen Cato.
- **The Communication team** is looking for individuals to work on Church Social Media Strategy, Web Site design and the Official Church Photographer, contact Mark Morris

SICK & SHUT-IN

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 Nemesia Rance 267 King St, Stroudsburg, 570-619-5338
 Norma Leap 570-992-4970

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

Financial Report as of 02/06/2016

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Amount needed**:	\$10,500	\$126,000
Amount collected:	\$ 4,893	\$ 15,832
Amount under:	\$ 5,507	\$110,168

** Based on last year’s budget, subject to change

Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 5:48 PM

Next Friday: 5:55 PM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

What’s the difference between Giving and Tithing?

Answer

Tithing is first a voluntary act of worship, it teaches us to put God first. Is a practical guideline for systematic giving, provides spiritual release and blessing. Tithing performs a role entirely different from that of mere giving, which suggests that we own all that we possess. Through tithing we acknowledge that God created our increase. As stewards of what God entrusted to us, we set aside a proportion to use for the cause of Christ. We never consider any part of our possessions to be our exclusive property but prayerfully tithe on the entire amount.

"The purpose of tithing," we have learned, "is to teach us always to put God first in our lives" (Deuteronomy 14:23, TLB). God does not honor a gift that comes from leftovers. He requires the first and the best of our increase (Exodus 22:29, 30 29 you must not hold anything back when you give me offerings from your crops and your wine. You must give me your firstborn sons; Proverbs 3:9, 10 9 Honor the Lord with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. 10 Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.). Tithing ensures this.Ten percent, an Old Testament measure for giving is a good beginning point for a faithful and dedicated steward. And though we are not under the Law but under grace, as Dr. J. B. Gabrell declared, "It is unthinkable from the standpoint of the cross that anyone would give less under grace than the Jews gave under law."

Measuring their giving by the grace of the cross and not by the legalism of the Law, the early Christians did not limit themselves to the tithe. They gave much more. And they gave in the Spirit of Christ, as a demonstration of His pre-eminence in their lives, to help fulfill the Great Commission.

Life Application.

What is your understanding about tithing? Describe your view with someone in your Sabbath school class. What is the difference between giving and tithing? Which one describes your practice, and why? Ask yourself, "Is my heart attitude one of joy and gratitude as I give?" How do you express your attitude? List some Christian groups or churches that are working to fulfill the Great Commission (like Campus Crusade for Christ) in which you would like to invest financially.

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

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

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