



From The Pastor's Heart
 The Stroudsburg
 Seventh-day Adventist Church

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, We are living and we are dwelling in a grand and awful time, we are living at a time in human History when as Christian we need to be out best at all times and under all circumstances. The apostle Peter describes our times as "But the end of all things is at hand: be ye therefore sober, and watch unto prayer" (1 Peter 4:7)

We are standing within sight of the end of all things. We are standing upon a watch-tower, high above the noise and the cares of this present evil world. Things temporal are beneath our feet, things eternal are spread out before us. This is the Bible description of a believer, "We look not at the things which are seen, but at the things which are not seen" (2 Corinthians 4:18). Consider how short the whole of a lifetime is. From the cradle to the grave is but a few steps. In other words, the closer we draw to the second coming of Christ, the more urgent it is that we awake out of spiritual sleep! Indeed, we have entered the fearful end-time years that are the grand climax of human civilization. If ever there was a time to pay attention and get prepared, it is now!

The time of this world's continuance is short, "The end of all things is at hand". A little while, and the day of grace will be done. Preaching and praying will soon be over. The last Sabbath sun will soon set. Furthermore, none of us knows when he or she will die. Being spiritually prepared for the end of life should be our top priority.

We need to know where to focus our attention; we particularly need to know the Bible prophecies of the end time, especially the prophecies surrounding the second coming of Christ.

Jesus says to us in these end times "Let your waist be girded and your lamps burning; and you yourselves be like men who wait for their master, when he will return from the wedding, that when he comes and knocks they may open to him immediately. Blessed are those servants whom master, when he comes, will find watching" (Luke 12:35-36:35 Let your loins be girded about, and your lights burning; 36 And you yourselves like to men that wait for their lord, when he will return from the wedding; that when he comes and knocks, they may open to him immediately. American King James Version).

Jesus concluded His message by saying, "Therefore you also be ready, for the Son of Man is coming at an hour you do not expect" (Luke 12:40).

It is when we think not that Jesus will return. It is while we are lost in our own little worlds that we will miss the moment. Romans 13:11-14 "And that, knowing the time, that now it is high time to awake out of sleep: for now is our salvation nearer than when we believed. (12)The night is far spent, the day is at hand: let us therefore cast off the works of darkness, and let us put on the armor of light. (13) Let us walk honestly, as in the day; not in rioting and drunkenness, not in chambering and wantonness, not in strife and envying. (14) But put ye on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make not provision for the flesh, to fulfil the lusts thereof." It is high time to awake out of sleep for our salvation is nearer than when we first believed. Since we, the church, know that He will come as a thief in the night, and that we can't predict the hour, we must live in readiness. We must not be distracted by the pressures and responsibilities of our lives, for in an hour we think not, the Son of Man cometh. "There's a blessed time that's coming, coming soon What will prevent you from being ready? If you can think of anything confess and forsake it now because tomorrow was not promise to you.

Yours in faithful service

Pastor Livingstone Aaron

CHURCH AT WORSHIP

JANUARY 23, 2016

Second Service

- Introit.....“We Have Come Into This House”.....Praise Team
- Call to Worship..... Elder James Obegi
- Doxology.....“Praise God from Whom”.....Congregation
- Invocation..... Elder Michael Douglas
- Welcome..... Elder James Obegi
- AnnouncementsChurch Clerk
- Pastoral Announcements..... Elder James Obegi
- Hymn of Adoration.....# 15.....Praise Team
- Scripture Reading..... Psalms 90:1-12.....Elder Bernard Lewis
- Intercessory Prayer.....Elder Angela Clarke
- “I Must Tell Jesus”
- Special Music.....Praise Team
- Children’s Story.....Mfon Joseph
- Offertory.....
- “We Give Thee but Thine Own”
- Praise and Worship.....Praise Team
- Sermon.....“ Number Our Days” Elder Michael Douglas
- Hymn of Consecration.....#545.....Praise Team
- Benediction..... Elder James Obegi**

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL USHERED OUT

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist church will conduct its first **Business meeting** for the year 2016 On Sabbath evening **January 30th at 6:30 pm.** The purpose of this business meeting is to receive the church financial report from 2015, and present the church Budget for 2016. 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.

Anyone who has a matter that he or she desire to be discussed at the business meeting, must first discuss it with the chairman / Pastor Livingstone Aaron before bringing it up in the business meeting by Tuesday January 25, 2016.

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

CHURCH AT WORSHIP

January 23, 2016

First Service

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

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

Invocation.....Elder Michael Douglas

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

ADORATION & PRAISE

Hymn of Adoration.....#15
(Please Remain Standing)

Intercessory Prayer.....Elder Angela Clarke
(Those Able, Please kneel)

STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE

Offertory.....

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading..... Psalms 90:1-12Elder Bernard Lewis

Sermon.....' Number Our Days' Elder Michael Douglas

Hymn of Consecration.....#545

Benediction.....Elder James Obegi.

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

January 23, 2016

9:15 AM — 10:45 AM

Theme – Each Journey Begins With A Step

- Welcome..... Sis Wendy Carrington
- Opening Prayer..... Sis Wendy Carrington
- Opening Song.....Revive Us Again
- Scripture Reading 1John 3:16. Galatians 6:9—10.....
- World Mission Emphasis..... Sis Joyce Anderson
- Welcome to Visitors..... Sis Joyce Anderson
- Special Music.....
- Lesson Study: First Quarter, 2016: Lesson #4**
- Closing Remarks..... -Special Music.....Enrique Rogers
- Closing Prayer..... Elder Bernard Lewis

HEALTH NUGGET

"Sometimes knowledge is not enough, nor is sheer willpower. How often have you made New Year's resolutions that fizzle and die within weeks? David Katz, MD, MPH, of the Yale School of Medicine, states that there has to be "a reasonable way as well." In other words, if the difficulty in making any changes outweighs your motivation, you will not alter your behavior."

<http://creationhealth.com/Articles/>

"Happy is the man that findeth wisdom, and the man that getteth understanding." Proverbs 3:13 KJV

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Growing the Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist church in 2016 through Small Groups ministry

During the year 2016 our congregation will be focusing on having several small group ministries in the community which will be led by Members of our Church. Starting a small group ministry will move our church members beyond "doing church" to "being the church."

All persons who follow Jesus are called to grow spiritually through the practice of various Christian habits (or "means of grace") such as prayer, Bible study, private and corporate worship, acts of service, Christian conferencing, and so on. Jesus taught his disciples practices of spiritual growth and leadership that you will model as you guide others. As members of the congregation grow through the means of grace, they will assume their own role in ministry and help others in the same way. This is the cycle of disciple making.

Strong, healthy small-group ministries succeed because they develop strong, healthy small-group leaders. So, naturally, one of the top concerns ministry leaders have is how to develop strong group leaders. How can you be sure they'll lead well? What will slow down the turnover rate? How do you get more people to lead? Healthy leaders are empowered leaders. Empowered leaders are trained for success and entrusted with authority.

As ministry leaders, we must give our lay leaders more than just permission to lead. It's our job to provide them with three things: (1) clearly defined direction, (2) relevant training and (3) personal support. When we strategically equip them in these three areas, they will produce an environment where innovative leaders lead with passion and power, and lives change.

We are extending an invitation to all those who are willing to conduct small group ministry in your home, in the church or in the community service center. Please register with elder Bernard Lewis and Sis Marilyn Powell. After you are registered we will conduct a three week Orientation Program beginning the first week in February. In this session, we will provide training on very practical things, such as how to get started, where to find curriculum, how to get people in your group and so on. Our initial training also defines the vision for our small groups, explains how leaders are trained and supported, and lets them know what resources are available for them.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Up-Coming Events

Prayer Line: Beginning Sunday, January 10, 2016 @ 8PM. Phone number 712-432-0175 Access Code 853923#.

Family Life: The PA Conference Marriage Retreat will be held February 26-28, 2016. The theme this year is A Night at the Carnival. Registration is still open!!

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

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

Couples club meeting continues on February 13, 2016 at the Community Center 6:30 pm.

Men's Ministry Prayer Breakfast: Bring the desires of your heart and your stomach, Sunday Feb 7, 2016; Time & Location TBD.

Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church monthly Board will convene On Sabbath evening February 06 at 6:30 PM. All items that a department want to be considered by the church board, 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 be tabled at the board meeting. The agenda item must reach the Church clerk at least one week before the date of the meeting.

We will be collecting the BMA worthy student fund On Sabbath January 30th 2016. So please set aside a special financial contribution to assist the students make the trip to China. We are depending on you and the students need our help and I know that we will not disappoint them.

Bible workers Certification Program –Time Change

Our Bible workers Certification training Program 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. Come

Theme Song: Revive Us Again

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

Medical Personnel on Duty. Sis. Herline Raphael & Sis. Grace Ombasa

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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 and Web Site design and an Official 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

Financial Report as of 01/16/2016

	This Month	For The Year
Amount needed**:	\$10,500	\$126,000
Amount collected:	\$ 6,461	\$ 6,461
Amount under:	\$ 4,039	\$119,539

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

Sunsets

Today: 5:05 PM

Next Friday: 5:12 PM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

How to trust God even in tough financial times?

Changing economic conditions exemplify the instability of finances throughout the world. Instead of placing their trust in the Lord who promised to meet all of their needs, most Christians trust in their investments, savings and retirement plans to ensure security and happiness -- only to find their hopes dashed when reverses deplete their assets. Many are wasting their lives trying to achieve financial security in a volatile world.

One emotion that can undermine your faith and throw you back into financial bondage is fear. When anxiety over the future grips you, you lose the ability to trust God for your needs. By obeying God's will for your life, however, you establish your faith firmly and open your life to His abundant blessings.

The apostle Paul records, "God has not given us a spirit of fear..." I encourage you to surrender your fear and place your future into His capable hands. Then put into action the principles of God's Word for financial freedom.

There are only four things you can do with money: make it, give it, save it, or spend it. The Bible has a lot to say about each one, either specifically.

C. If you don't resist these issues with worldly wealth, two things will happen:

1. You'll be choked and become frustrated emotionally and spiritually.
2. You'll miss out on opportunities For God to manifest His Divine in preserving, prospering and blessing you because of your obedience.

In Genesis 26:1 and following, God's Word records that there was a famine in the land. Abraham may have told his son, Isaac, about the famine he had experienced years before as recorded in Genesis 12:10, and how he had gone down to Egypt. Now Isaac was experiencing for himself a severe famine, and may have considered taking the same action. But God told Isaac, "Do not go down to Egypt; live in the land of which I will tell you. I will be with you and will favor you with blessings."

Isaac obeyed the Lord and stayed where he was, trusting God. Verses 12 through 14 state that "Then Isaac sowed seed in that land and received in the same year a hundred times as much as he had planted, and the Lord favored him with blessings. And the man became great and gained more and more until he became very wealthy and distinguished; He owned flocks, herds, and a great supply of servants, and the Philistines envied him." Isaac could have panicked and reacted out of fear. Instead, he trusted and believed God, and defied the negative circumstances surrounding him.

Today's hard times necessitate trusting God. It may be disastrous not to. Whatever happens, refuse to fear, don't panic, but first seek God's counsel. If it is unclear at the time, seek the counsel of proven Christian people. God can speak through them, too. No matter what is going on, remember what Jesus said. "The things which are impossible with men are possible with God." (Luke 18:27).

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: Jamala Asiyó - 570-369-5213 Pocono Adventist Christian School— 570-421-5577</p>