



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

Dear Brothers and Sisters,

We can certainly thank God that we are still in the land of the living and there is no better way to begin the year than with prayer. There can be no revival or reformation individually or collectively without heartfelt prayer. In our churches today, God's people are being challenged, young and old, male and female; every member and every attendee, to join together in a time of fasting and praying for forgiveness of sins on behalf of ourselves, the church, and our communities, and to a time of seeking God with all of our heart.

When the Lord appeared to Solomon at night, He gave him the formula for revival, saying: **"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven and will forgive their sin and will heal their land."** 1) This promise was made to Israel, God's people. However, today in a very real way, God's people are the Church. Those called by His name are called Christians. This promise is as much for us today as it was for Israel years ago. 2) **"IF"** is looming at the beginning of the promise. a) IF we eat in moderation and exercise our bodies well, we will lose weight. BUT IF we fail to eat well and exercise regularly, our bodies will grow fat and soft. b) IF we plant our crops on time and IF it rains, we will have a great harvest. BUT IF we do not plant our seed at the right time and the rains do not come, we will not have a good harvest. c) The same is true here. IF we do our part, God will do His part, BUT IF we do not do our part, God will not do His part.

"If my people, who are called by my name, will humble themselves and pray and seek my face and turn from their wicked ways, then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin and will heal their land. God's Part - THE PROMISE OF REVIVAL.

1) He will hear our prayers. 2) He will forgive our sin. 3) He will heal our land (community, country, Church). 4) This is the promise of God - He will restore our lives and the Church, if we meet the conditions that He has set. 5) We are waiting for revival, but revival is waiting for us. Revival will come when we meet the conditions the Lord has given us.

Many wonder if this promise applies to New Testament believers. This promise is not only for Jews but also Gentile believers who are part of God's people. God's promises reveal the way He has promised to work with His people. Through Jesus Christ, we now know on what basis God can forgive His people their sins.

We assert this promise is for all of God's children on two grounds. 1) We find the 'my people' to be applied to New Testament believers, and 2) the approach God takes with New Testament believers is similar as here. One can, for example, study the way Jesus confronted and promised help to the New Testament churches in Revelation chapters 2-3. The church is God's people.

So as we celebrate 10 days of prayer From January 06 to 16, it's my hope that the promise of God will be fulfilled in your life and mine.

Yours for a Finished work

Pastor Livingstone Aaron

CHURCH AT WORSHIP

JANUARY 9, 2016

Second Service

Introit.....“We Have Come Into This House”.....Praise Team
 Call to Worship.....Elder Michael Douglas
 Doxology.....“Praise God from Whom”.....Congregation
 Invocation.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Welcome.....Elder James Obegi
 AnnouncementsChurch Clerk
 Pastoral Announcements.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Hymn of Adoration.....# 440.....Praise Team
 Scripture Reading.....2 Chronicles: 16: 7-9.....Elder Paul Richards
 Intercessory Prayer.....Elder Bernard Lewis
 Special Music.....Praise Team
 Children’s Story.....Sister Samara Smith
 Offertory.....Elder Michael Douglas
 Praise and Worship.....Praise Team
 Sermon..... “The Eyes of the Lord”.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron
 Hymn of Consecration.....Praise Team
Instillation Litany.....Pastor, Elders and Officers
Prayer of Consecration.....Elder Dr. Henri Francis
 Hymn of Dedication Theme Song..... “Revive Us Again”
 Benediction.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron

PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL USHERED OUT

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

TEN DAYS OF PRAYER - JANUARY 6-16 2016!!

Ten Days of Prayer at Stroudsburg Seventh day Adventist church?

We are inviting all our visitors, friends and church members to join us here at Stroudsburg for 10 Days of Prayer, a program in which hundreds of thousands of people worldwide have participated. Our goal in this program is to have a broader focus to provide support for both a personal and an interactive prayer community that unleashes God's power for His will in the world through united prayer. As we develop this website, participants will be able to share and receive testimonies, prayer requests, inspirational messages, and practical prayer resources. Our goal is to create a community of prayer where we are "praying every day with God's people and seeing God work."

God poured out His Spirit in Pentecost power after His church spent ten days together, pleading for His promised blessing. He is ready to do it again today! All around the world, Adventist churches are experiencing the renewal of the Holy Spirit by following the disciples' example and participating in Ten Days of Prayer.

A Large number of Church elders, pastors, and lay leaders have led prayer groups of all sizes in homes, schools, churches, online forums, and teleconferences. Groups unable to meet during the designated days have chosen an alternate ten days and been just as blessed. Will you lead your church to join us in Ten Days of Prayer 2016? The dates voted for 2016 are January 6-16 (Wednesday evening through Sabbath morning).

CHURCH AT WORSHIP

January 9, 2016

First Service

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

Call to Worship.....Elder Michael Douglas
(Congregation, Please Stand)

Invocation.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron

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

ADORATION & PRAISE

Hymn of Adoration.....#440
(Please Remain Standing)

Intercessory Prayer..... Elder Bernard Lewis
(Those Able, Please kneel)

STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE

Offertory.....Elder Michael Douglas

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading.....Matthew 16: 13-18..... Elder Paul Richards

Sermon....."The Eye Of the Lord"Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Hymn of Consecration.....

Benediction.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

January 9, 2016

9:15 AM — 10:45 AM

Welcome..... Elder Donna Wilson
Opening Prayer.....Brother Enrique Rogers
Opening Song.....Revive Us Again
Scripture Reading (John 17:23)Sister Alonda Brown
World Mission Emphasis.....Sister Jean Marie Williams
Welcome to Visitors..... Elder Donna Wilson
Special Music.....Sister Ranelli Williams
Lesson Study: First Quarter, 2016: “Crisis In Eden”
Closing Remarks..... Elder Donna Wilson
Closing Prayer..... Brother Enrique Rogers

HEALTH NUGGET

NEWSTART for the New Year! TRUST in GOD'S PLAN!

It is only when trusting God that we receive the power to be transformed by His love and grace. A trusting relationship with the Creator empowers every aspect of our lives and enables us to achieve the fullness of health. Trust in God speaks to the important relationship between spirituality and healing. Our faith, beliefs and hopes affect our health. Research shows the vital role that belief and expectation have on the final outcome.

Trust in the LORD with all thine heart; and lean not unto thine own understanding. In all thy ways acknowledge him, and he shall direct thy paths. Prov. 3:5-6.

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Bible workers Certification Program

We are extending an **Open Invitation to Attend Bible Study every Sabbath Afternoon from 4:00 to 5:30PM**. You don't have to be a member of this church or any other church to attend. All you need is a hunger and desire to know more about God and to understand more fully his will for your life. You are warmly invited to a Bible study and Bible workers training program, where we are exploring the Bible, the living word of God. When you come, please bring a friend or relative with you to share in the blessing of studying, the scripture together. Come and experience God for yourself.

The program follows a lecture/discussion format with weekly Biblical themes of Spiritual leadership themes for personal study. There are many beneficial reasons why God gave us His Word. You might also want to use it to encourage someone else to read God's Word.

The Funeral services for the late Maria Williams mother of Sister Claudia James, mother in law of elder frank James and their children will take place on Sunday January 10 2016. Viewing will be from 12 noon to 2pm funeral service from 2pm to 5 pm The Brooklyn Temple Seventh-day Adventist church. 3Lewis Avenue, Brooklyn, New York 11206. The Repast will take place 5:30 to 9: PM, at UGC Auditorium 441 Willoughby Avenue, Brooklyn NY. Final Viewing and prayer of comfort at Brooklyn Temple at 12 noon then to the pine lawn Cemetery

The promises that come from God's holy word are what we have to hold us up on any day and especially when we are experiencing grief. Are you grieving today at the loss of a loved one? Please use these Bible verses about bereavement as a comfort for you today.

Hope In Eternal Life

John 11:25-26 Jesus said to her, "I am the resurrection and the life. Whoever believes in me, though he may die, yet shall he live, and everyone who lives and believes in me shall never die. Do you believe this?"

John 14:1-3 "Let not your hearts be troubled. Believe in God; believe also in me. In my Father's house are many rooms. If it were not so, would I have told you that I go to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come again and will take you to myself, that where I am you may be also.

John 6:35-40 Jesus said to them, "I am the bread of life; whoever comes to me shall not hunger, and whoever believes in me shall never thirst. But I said to you that you have seen me and yet do not believe. All that the Father gives me will come to me, and whoever comes to me I will never cast out. For I have come down from heaven, not to do my own will but the will of him who sent me. And this is the will of him who sent me that I should lose nothing of all that he has given me, but raise it up on the last day. For this is the will of my Father that everyone who looks on the Son and believes in him shall have eternal life, and I will raise him up at the last day."

ANNOUNCEMENTS

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

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

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 on February 26-28, 2016. The theme this year is A Night at the Carnival. Registration is now open!!

Thank you: *for all that you have done as you served Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church during 2014-2015.*

*Thank you for demonstrating grace, love and patience when people question your motives and competency. *Thank you for putting in countless hours. *Thank you for being a continual learner. *Thank you for being men and women of admirable character and integrity. *Thank you for expanding and helping to shape our worldview in Stroudsburg SDA Church. *Thank you for challenging and then helping us live a life of meaning and purpose. *Thank you for seeing what we could be through the power of Jesus Christ and not just what we currently are. *Thank you to your spouses and children for their willingness to share you with us.

To all our leaders and officers who served the Stroudsburg Church faithfully during the years 2014-2015, I want to express my sincere gratitude it's not the positions that defines us it's the possession of the Holy Spirit in our lives that will continue to unite us to reach out and lead men and women boys and girls to the savior.

Let us be gentle with one another in the journey. Sometimes we get so focused on the work piling up all around us that we forget to connect with one another as colleagues, friends, and neighbors, offering and receiving support, asking questions, and sharing insights. Let us remember that we are part of the larger body of Christ, and when one of us hurts or rejoices, so do we all.

Let us continue to pray for one another, in love and kindness, strengthened in the knowledge that others are praying for us, giving glory to God, who by the power at work within us and among us is able to accomplish abundantly far more than all we can ask or imagine.

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.

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

Sanctuary Choir – Sabbaths at 4PM

Youth Choir (12 years and up) – Sabbaths at 2:30 PM

Children’s Choir (2 years thru 11 years) - Sabbaths at 3PM

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Financial Report as of 01/02/2016

	This Month	For The Year
Amount needed:	\$10,500	\$126,000
Amount collected:	\$ 2,410	\$ 2,410
Amount under:	\$ 8,090	\$123,590

“Do all church members realize that all they have is given them to be used and improved to God’s glory? God keeps a faithful account with every human being in our world.” Counsels on Stewardship pg. 111

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Faith Challenge

Stewardship is much more than an annual campaign to raise funds for next year’s budget. It encompasses all of life:

- It’s a year-round practice, not just something we “do” in the fall (or whenever we conduct an annual stewardship campaign).
- *Every* season is stewardship season: someone once said, “Stewardship is what we do after we say ‘yes’ to God.”
- It’s an everyday spiritual practice that forms us as generous *disciples of Jesus*.
- Financial wellness (a healthy balance in our approach to money) is one way to practice responsible stewardship; our relationship with money, for better or worse, affects our spiritual well-being.
- Justice is an important expression of the good stewardship of God’s gifts for all of God’s children.
- We exercise good stewardship not only of money but of our relationships, our time, our health, God’s creation, and more.
- A scarcity mindset leads to fear, anxiety, and even greed, rather than generosity.
- Stewardship requires, reinforces, and springs from ***a theology of abundance***.
- A good and abundant creation: we are responsible for its well-being.

God says in Malachi 3:10 that people can "Test Him" in the matter of tithing (giving the first 10% of our income to God's work), Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church is willing to partner with people who want to step over a spiritual line and really begin to honor God and trust Him with their finances. During the NEXT THREE MONTHS anyone who regrets the decision they made to give 10% plus a liberal offering to God or if they feel they did not experience any divine help in their finances You can contact the church pastor, the first elder. Stewardship directors and treasury staff and please let us Know. I know that God will honor your Obedience to His word and you will be blessed beyond measure.

Let’s put God to the test and see Him perform miracles in our finances and lives!

Here are four different ideas to choose from. 1) Whenever you get any money, set aside 10% or more of this money in a special place to give as the Lord directs. 2) Whenever you put a deposit in your checkbook, write out the first check(s) to God's work for 10% or more. 3) If you track your finances through a bookkeeping system or computer program, set up a category for your church giving and another one for other Christian causes -- then begin to faithfully set aside 10% or more of your income into these accounts. 4) Call the church treasurer and sign-up for the electronic funds transfer program that will allow you to have a set amount sent from your checkbook to the church's bank account every month or every pay period.

WHO ARE SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS?

WHAT SEVENTH-DAY ADVENTISTS BELIEVE

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 Asiyo - 570-369-5213 Pocono Adventist Christian School— 570-421-5577</p>