

# 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)

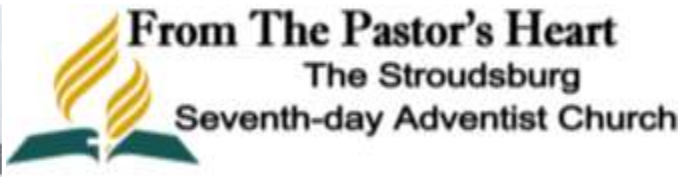
Through the Holy Spirit, makes our body His temple. (I Cor. 3:16, 17)

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



**CHURCH AT WORSHIP** c2

**November 12, 2016**

**Divine Service (11:00 AM)**

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in the name of Jesus during the week, millions of people all over America choose the next president of the United States. There are many who came out of this election happy with the winning Candidate and those who are angry and disillusioned that their candidate did not win the presidency of the United States. That what elections are all about, we all made choices with the hope of success but the results are the results. We make choices but we cannot often predetermine the outcome of the Choices that we make.

I am reminded of a passage of scripture found in Joshua 24:14-15 "14 now therefore fear the LORD, and serve him in sincerity and in truth: and put away the gods which your fathers served on the other side of the flood, and in Egypt; and serve ye the LORD.

15 And if it seems evil unto you to serve the LORD, choose you this day whom ye will serve; whether the gods which your fathers served that were on the other side of the flood, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land ye dwell: but as for me and my house, we will serve the LORD."

In Deut 30:19. Joshua challenge the people saying; "I call heaven and earth to record this day against you, that I have set before your life and death, blessing and cursing: therefore choose life, that both thou and thy seed may live."

These are the days of decisions, decisions that will affect the destiny of all of us are being made daily. The decision that God is calling for this morning is of more importance than any other decision you will ever make. This decision is whether or not you will come to Christ and serve Him.

As a matter of fact, this issue of man making the right choices and choosing to serve God or not is as old as the earth. Adam and Eve could have eaten of any tree in the Garden... including the tree of life, but they chose rather to eat of the forbidden fruit. It was a choice of life or death, blessing or cursing, God or Satan, truth or lies. The same choice is set before each one of us today!

Everyone present here today, possesses the right to choose. Joshua said, "Choose you". The choice is up to you. God will not coerce you into serving him. It is up to you. You can accept or reject him. Satan would have men serve him of coercion, but our Lord has given you the choice! With the right to choose comes the responsibility to choose. "Choose you this day." If you make the wrong decision, it is not the responsibility of mom or dad, the preacher or the church, the neighbor or friend. It is your responsibility to choose. Don't you think that it's time to make up your mind? If the Lord be God then serve Him. If He isn't, then go ahead and serve whatever has your heart. Whatever you do, stop trying to have the best of both worlds! A Christian that refuses to live for the Lord is a poor advertisement for the Lord Jesus Christ! While a life lived in His power and victory is a powerful advertisement indeed! Which are you?

Perhaps you aren't even saved. You know that if you were, your life would be vastly different than it is. Today would be a great day to come to Jesus. Others may want to come before the Lord and just let Him do a spiritual checkup on your heart. Let's get it right so that the church can grow and go for the glory of the Lord!

Yours in faithful witness

F1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron.

Introit.....“We Have Come Into This House”.....Praise Team

Call to Worship..... Sis. Dotley Peters

Doxology.....“Praise God from Whom”.....Congregation

Invocation..... Bro. Mark Morris

Welcome..... Sis. Stephaine Honore

Announcements .....Church Clerk

Pastoral Announcements..... Pastor Livingston Aaron

Hymn of Adoration.....#306 Draw Me Nearer.....Congregation

Scripture Reading.....Philippians 2:5-11.....Sis. Jean-Marie Williams

Intercessory Prayer.....Bro. Raul Venegas  
“I Must Tell Jesus”

Special Music.....Sis. Madeline Morris & Company

Children’s Story.....Bro. Geddes Gibbs

Offertory..... Bro. Joe Hussey  
“We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Praise and Worship.....Praise Team

Sermon.....“Father Lord Wants You” .....Bro. Mark Morris

Hymn of Consecration .....#590 Trust & Obey.....Congregation

Benediction..... Eld. Gladsworth Richards

**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.



## Duties of Deacons and Deaconesses c4

**Duties of Deacons**—The work of the deacons involves a wide range of practical services for the church, including:

1. Assistance at Services and Meetings—At church services, the deacons are usually responsible for welcoming members and visitors as they enter the church, and for assisting them, where necessary, to find seats. They also stand ready to cooperate with pastor and elders for the smooth functioning of the meetings conducted in the church.

2. Visitation of Members—An important duty belonging to deacons is that of visiting church members in their homes. (See p. 59.) In many churches this is arranged by a distribution of membership by districts, assigning a deacon to each district, with the expectation that he will visit each home at least once a quarter.

3. Preparation for Baptismal Services—The deacons should do their part in making the necessary preparations for this service; there should be no confusion or delay. (See p. 35.) (See Notes, #5, p. 71.)

4. Assistance at the Communion Service—At the celebration of the ordinance of foot-washing, the deacons or deaconesses provide everything that is needed for the service, such as: towels, basins, water (at a comfortable temperature as the occasion may require), buckets, et cetera. After the service they should see that the vessels and linen used are washed and returned to their proper place.

Following the Lord's Supper, great care should be exercised in disposing of any bread or wine left over after all have partaken of these emblems. Any remaining wine that was blessed is to be respectfully poured out. Any remaining bread that was blessed should be buried, burned, or respectfully disposed of in another appropriate manner but in no event returned to common usage.

5. Care of the Sick and the Poor—Another important responsibility of deacons is the care of the sick, relieving the poor, and aiding the unfortunate. Money should be provided for this work from the church fund for the needy. The treasurer, on recommendation from the church board, will pass over to the deacons or deaconesses whatever may be needed for use in needy cases. This work is the particular charge of the deacons and the deaconesses, but the church is to be kept fully acquainted with the needs, in order to enlist the membership's support.

6. Care and Maintenance of Church Property—In some churches, where the responsibility for the care and maintenance of the church property is not assigned to a building committee, the deacons have this responsibility. (See Notes, #6, p. 71.)

**Duties of Deaconesses**—Deaconesses serve the church in a wide variety of important activities, including:

1. Assistance at Baptisms—Deaconesses assist at the baptismal services, ensuring that female candidates are cared for both before and after the ceremony. They also give such counsel and help as may be necessary regarding suitable garments for baptism. Robes of suitable material should be provided. Where robes are used, the deaconesses should see that they are laundered and carefully set aside for future use. (See p. 35.)

2. Arrangements for the Communion Service—The deaconesses assist in the ordinance of foot-washing, giving special aid to women visitors or those who have newly joined the church. It is the duty of the deaconesses to arrange everything needed for this service, such as seeing that the table linen, towels, et cetera, used in the celebration of ordinances are laundered and carefully stored. (See p. 84.)

The deaconesses make arrangements for the communion table, including: preparing the bread and wine, arranging the ordinance table, pouring the wine, placing the plates of unleavened bread, and covering the table with the linen provided for that purpose. All these matters should be cared for before the service begins.

3. The Care of the Sick and the Poor—Deaconesses are to do their part in caring for the sick, the needy, and the unfortunate, cooperating with the deacons in this work. (See p. 57.)

# THE CHURCH AT STUDY

November 12, 2016      Sabbath School      9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

## Theme: Accepting The Call

Song Service & Opening Remarks..... Sis. Lavern Venteire  
Opening Hymn.....Congregation  
Scripture Reading .....Sis. Alonda Brown  
Opening Prayer.....Bro. Gailly Honore  
Special Music .....Sis. Fern Batson  
World Mission Emphasis..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs  
Lesson Study: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2016.....Lesson #7  
Welcome Visitors..... Bro. Arlel Honore  
Theme Song.....Only Trust Him.....#279  
Closing Remarks..... Sis. Lavern Venteire

### 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.

"Take thou also unto thee wheat, and barley, and beans, and lentiles, 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

## What does the bible say about Homosexuality?

The Bible consistently tells us that homosexual activity is a sin (Genesis 19:1-13; Leviticus 18:22; 20:13; Romans 1:26-27; 1 Corinthians 6:9). Romans 1:26-27 teaches specifically that homosexuality is a result of denying and disobeying God. When people continue in sin and unbelief, God "gives them over" to even more wicked and depraved sin in order to show them the futility and hopelessness of life apart from God. 1 Corinthians 6:9 proclaims that homosexual "offenders" will not inherit the kingdom of God.

God does not create a person with homosexual desires. The Bible tells us that people become homosexuals because of sin (Romans 1:24-27) and ultimately because of their own choice. A person may be born with a greater susceptibility to homosexuality, just as some people are born with a tendency to violence and other sins. That does not excuse the person's choosing to sin by giving in to sinful desires. If a person is born with a greater susceptibility to anger/rage, does that make it right for him to give into those desires? Of course not! The same is true with homosexuality.

**Leviticus 18:22** - Thou shalt not lie with mankind, as with womankind: it [is] abomination.

**1 Corinthians 6:9-11** - Know ye not that the unrighteous shall not inherit the kingdom of God? Be not deceived: neither fornicators, nor idolaters, nor adulterers, nor effeminate, nor abusers of themselves with mankind, (***Read More...***)

**Romans 1:26-28** - For this cause God gave them up unto vile affections: for even their women did change the natural use into that which is against nature: (***Read More...***)

**Leviticus 20:13** - If a man also lie with mankind, as he lieth with a woman, both of them have committed an abomination: they shall surely be put to death; their blood [shall be] upon them.

**1 Timothy 1:10** - For whoremongers, for them that defile themselves with mankind, for menstealers, for liars, for perjured persons, and if there be any other thing that is contrary to sound doctrine;

**1 Corinthians 7:2** - Nevertheless, [to avoid] fornication, let every man have his own wife, and let every woman have her own husband.

**Mark 10:6-9** - But from the beginning of the creation God made them male and female.

## 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.

**Couples Club:** There will be no meeting in November but plan to join us for our end of year event on December 10th at 7PM. Food, Fun, and Couples Karaoke- you don't want to miss it!!!!

**Save the date.** December 17<sup>th</sup> for the Church Banquet, more information to follow.

#### **New Church Officer Appointments:**

Sabbath School Superintendent: Bro. Geddes Gibbs

Deacons: Bro. Raul Venegas and Bro. Geddes Gibbs

#### Church officers planning meeting!

All Church elders, departmental leaders and church officers are especially invited to attend a Church officers planning meeting November 27, 2016 from 10:Am to 1:PM. During the meetings we will be discussing and planning the activities of the Church for 2017. Every department leader needs to meet with their respective committees and come with your ideas as to where and how we are going to minister to God's people here at the Stroudsburg Church during 2017.

As you plan your meetings in your departments, please remember these important planning tips.

1. Set Goals/Objectives for Year
2. Schedule Team Organization Meetings for Year (Monthly/Quarterly)
3. Get Contact Information, Cell Phones, s, ETC.
4. Have regular Meetings for Communication and Delegation and Visioning and Prayer Personally Invite team members to the meetings.
5. Share a Clear Inspiring Vision about your ministry and set some goals. Recruit and train Future Leadership, for your department.

**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 include 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.

## 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**

**JOB 11:7** NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

7 "Can you search out the deep things of God?

Can you find out the limits of the Almighty?

# 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.....Dr. Sandra Pascal

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 11/05/2016

|                   | For The Month | For The Year |
|-------------------|---------------|--------------|
| Amount Needed     | \$10,998      | \$ 131,976   |
| Amount Collected: | \$ 8,462      | \$ 127,102   |
| Amount Difference | \$- 2,536     | \$ - 4,874   |

## Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 5:52 PM

Next Friday: 4:46 PM

# STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

## TITHING AND STILL BROKE

I often hear many Seventh day Adventist complain;” I am faithfully returning my tithes and freewill offerings and I am still broke. I think people are tithing and still broke because they lack the financial discipline to say “no” to their idols. Second, i think people are tithing and still broke because they put themselves under the requirement of a law that had been fulfilled. I think people are tithing and still broke simply because they can’t afford to tithe.

Tithing is seen as a spiritual discipline and an act of faith. "So that, believing that God will fulfil his promises is important." Faithfully returning Gods tithes and our freewill offerings is an act of worship and obedience to God. The decision to tithe, he said, should not depend on the outcome as all the earth's resources belong to God.

"Tithing, therefore, is an acknowledgement of His lordship overall and a response to His goodness and generosity - tithing is supposed to break the burden of debt in your life. Whatever you venture in, the promise is made that He will rebuke the devourer for your sake."

If you are a tither and you aren’t receiving results, here are three reasons why you may be struggling financially.

### **Reason #1. You worry constantly about money.**

Worry can block your financial blessings. It's like telling God, "*I don't think you're really capable of providing my needs.*"

**Instead of worrying, say to the Lord: "*I am going to Trust you, Lord, no matter what happens. I believe you will supply all my needs.*"**

### **2. Reason #2. You haven't sowed a seed of faith.**

When most people hear about people sowing a seed of faith, the first thing that comes to mind is to mail a check to a televangelist. This is not the kind of sowing I’m talking about.

I’m talking about sowing into the lives of others who are truly in need. That means giving directly to the poor, even if it is just a dollar. This is how God will test your faith. He will lead you on how much to give.

### **In Luke 6:38, it reads:**

*"Give, and it shall be given unto you; good measure, pressed down, and shaken together, and running over, shall men give into your bosom. For with the same measure that ye mete withal it shall be measured to you again."*

### **3. Reason #3. You’re not a good steward of your money.**

Let’s be honest. If you’re not saving for a rainy day, when the rainy day comes, you won’t have any money saved. It’s important that you begin to save for emergencies. That way, when a bill comes in the mail or an unexpected expense occurs, you will have money.

After you give back God's portion, make sure you give to yourself (savings, necessities, etc.) and everything left over goes towards bills and other obligations.

When you show God that you are doing your best to be a good steward of your money, he will help increase your finances.