

# 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><b>Prayer Meeting</b> - Wed. 7:00 pm <b>First Service</b> - Sat. 8:30 am <b>Sabbath School</b> - Sat. 9:45 am <b>Second Service</b> - Sat. 11:00 am <b>Adventist Youth Society</b> Sat. 1 hour before sunset</p>	<p><b>Pastor:</b> Livingstone Aaron 570-355-5762 416 Tranquility Ct. Long Pond, PA 18334 Email: laaron@paconference.org <b>Church Clerk:</b> Stacey Charles 570-534-5311 <b>Head Elder:</b> James Obegi 201-423-3227 <b>Community Services: 570-476-0039 or</b> <b>Sis. Jamala Asiyó - 570-644-0349</b> <b>Pocono Adventist Christian School-</b> 570-421-5577</p>



Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus. We are living we are dwelling in a grand and awful time. We are living in a period of excesses. There is no doubt in anyone's mind that these are difficult times. In fact, 83% of people in a recent poll said things are going badly in the country. There is a resounding feeling of anxiety in our world, nation and seminary (you can feel it around here). There is a lot that is uncertain and unknown. Everything seems up in the air. We are anxious about the future. We don't know what's going to happen, and for many of us, there is no worse feeling than uncertainty. And individually, many of us are facing discouraging personal issues in our jobs, families, and relationships - all of which leave us feeling fearful, anxious and overwhelmed. At some point we might wonder, *"What's the world coming to?"*

So how do we cope when we're faced with so many discouraging issues both in the world and in our own lives? And where do we find hope amidst so much uncertainty when our tendency is to only focus on our current circumstances and hardships?

The Disciple John, inspired by the Holy Spirit, wrote the book of Revelation to a specific people who, like us, were living in very difficult times. Many were in danger of losing hope and struggling with faith. For John, it was also the most discouraging time in his life. He was old, all alone, exiled to the island of Patmos, all his friends had been killed, and the Roman Emperor Domitian was heavily persecuting the Christian church.

Struggling and ready to give up, John badly needed some hope and reassurance. Many of us have probably felt like John, who was so confused and alone he probably felt like God had left him. So Jesus offered a much-needed message of hope to John and to the church (that's you and me). Jesus' message can be summed up in Revelation as this: **Don't be discouraged. I am in control.**

We need to realize that when life gets hard, the only place we should place our hope and trust is in **God** and **never** in people, things and circumstances. When we put our hope in someone or something that we think is going to be the key to our satisfaction and happiness, we put ourselves in a no-win situation. Jesus is our *eternal* hope!

Are you willing to listen to the God's voice instead of looking at your present circumstances for reassurance? God knows exactly how it's all going to end because He's in control! This should not only give us hope, but also assurance and peace.

We can face the future with confidence when we trust that God knows all about our problems today and is in control of our tomorrows. We are not at the mercy of our culture. We serve a sovereign God who is never surprised by circumstances

There may be more shaking of the foundations in the days to come. We would all be wise to build our lives on Jesus Christ. He is the one true firm foundation that can stand the test of time. Build your life on Jesus and when the ground shakes beneath your feet and the things of the earth crumble to the ground, your life will be secure because you have built on the foundation that can never be moved.

Yours in faithful witness F1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Introit....."We Have Come Into This House".....Praise Team

Call to Worship..... Eld. Woodley Brown

Doxology....."Praise God from Whom".....Congregation

Invocation..... Eld. Michael Douglas

Welcome..... Bro. Godwin Carmenatty

Announcements .....Church Clerk

Pastoral Announcements..... Eld. Michael Douglas

Hymn of Adoration.....#537.....Congregation

Scripture Reading.....Jonah 4:7-11.....Bro. Joseph Hussey

Intercessory Prayer..... Eld. Angela Clarke

"I Must Tell Jesus"

Special Music.....TBD

Children's Story.....Sis. Gloria Koroma

Offertory..... Bro. Enrique Rogers

"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Praise and Worship.....Praise Team

Sermon..... "He Cares" ..... Eld. Michael Douglas

Hymn of Consecration .....#567.....Congregation

Benediction..... Bro. Everton Williams

**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.



## CHURCH AT WORSHIP <sup>c4</sup>

October 15, 2016

First Service (8:30 AM)

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

Call to Worship..... Eld. Woodley Brown  
(Congregation, Please Stand)

Invocation..... Eld. Michael Douglas

Welcome..... Eld. Woodley Brown  
(Congregation, Please Sit)

#### ADORATION & PRAISE

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

Intercessory Prayer..... Eld. Woodley Brown  
(Those Able, Please kneel)

#### STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE

Offertory..... Eld. Woodley Brown

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading ..... Bro. Joseph Hussey

Sermon..... Eld. Michael Douglas

Hymn of Consecration..... Congregation

Benediction..... Eld. Woodley Brown

LET US PREPARE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

# THE CHURCH AT STUDY

October 15, 2016                      Sabbath School                      9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

Song Service & Opening Remarks..... Sis. Ruth Obegi

Opening Hymn.....#590.....Congregation

Scripture Reading ..... I Corinthians 10:13.....Sis. Wendy Carrington

Opening Prayer..... Sis. Wendy Carrington

Special Music .....Sis. Anatolia Steele

World Mission Emphasis..... Sis. Jamala Asiyi

Lesson Study: 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter, 2016.....Lesson #3

Welcome Visitors..... Sis. Ruth Obegi

Theme Song.....Only Trust Him.....#279

## LET US PREPARE FOR DIVINE SERVICE

### HEALTH NUGGET

The average person takes 21,600 breaths per day, using about 88 pounds of oxygen. Our brain uses 25% of all the oxygen we take in. Deep breathing can help relieve headaches, backaches, stomachaches and sleeplessness. It allows blood pressure to return to normal and releases natural mood enhancers (endorphins) into the bloodstream. Use deep breathing. It's one of the best techniques for stress relief! "Let everything that hath breath praise the Lord. Praise ye the Lord." Ps. 150:6

# PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Let's share our faith with others every day.

**Let me suggest five simple ways you can begin to share your faith this week:**

- 1. Begin by living your life consistently with what God has said in His Word.**  
Many people get tripped up in sharing their faith because they know their lifestyle is not what it needs to be. The solution to this is very simple: turn your entire life over to God completely. Do it now.
- 2. Begin to publicly identify yourself with Christ through social media.**  
Social media can provide a subtle approach to sharing your faith. Change your "religious views" on your profile to "Christian." Once or twice a week consider posting a Bible verse on your timeline. Link to your church's website or to other Christian websites on your timeline. Let friends know you are praying for them when they express a need.
- 3. Volunteer to serve in a ministry at your church on Sunday mornings.**  
God's strategic plan for evangelizing this generation is through His Church. When you serve in any of the weekend church ministries, you are becoming a part of the evangelistic machine that changes lives forever. Don't underestimate the value of changing diapers in the nursery at your church. By serving you are opening up opportunities for people to hear the Word and surrender to Christ. That is a big deal!
- 4. Keep something on your desk or counter at work that identifies you as a Christian.**

I had a dear friend (who has now gone on to be with the Lord in Heaven) who kept his Bible on his desk even though he never read it during business hours. And he told me often of how that symbol brought many people to his office asking questions about his faith and asking for prayer for needs in their lives. I would suggest you do something like this to identify yourself in your office as a follower of Christ. This could mean putting a Bible on your desk or something as simple as setting a coffee mug with your church's logo in some visible part of your office. Better yet, put candy in the mug for coworkers to swipe when they stop in to talk to you!

**5. Invite someone to church this Sabbath.**

Research indicates that the majority of unchurched people would attend a church if they were simply invited. Don't be bashful. Send a few text messages out to some friends right now to invite them to church! Then you can allow the entire church body to be a part of bringing them to Christ! I would suggest that you invite them to church and lunch right afterward. This will turn it into more of a relational event, and you can have a chance to see how they felt about the church service.

Some of Jesus's last words are found in Matthew 28:19-20. In this passage, we are commanded to go out and make disciples. And in Acts 1:8, Jesus promises us the dynamic power of the Holy Spirit to help us in that mission.

So then, in the power of the Holy Spirit, let's tell the world of the joy we have in knowing Christ!

## 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.

#### **Personal Ministry Dept.**

In keeping with our Mission Statement "Spreading the Gospel of Jesus Christ in Stroudsburg and beyond." The Church will be leaving the Building and going into our neighborhood to pray and share literature immediately after Sabbath School. Please meet us in the Foyer immediately after Sabbath School since we plan to return in time for the Divine Hour.

Come participate in some "**ME TIME**". Health ministry fundraiser - Pamper Me Spa Style, Today, at 7:30 pm at 175 Jacoby Run Rd, Mt. Bethel, PA. Mark your calendar. It will be an unforgettable evening in a relaxing atmosphere. Make it a date!

\*The cost is \$25. A discount of \$5 for every person you bring and if you bring 5 people, then it is a free spa treatment for you.

**Final Yard Sale** for this year will be on October 16th, 2016. \$15.00 per table.

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



## Q4 THEME SONG: c6

### *Trust and Obey*

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 Weeks Memory Text**

**JOB 2:10** NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

<sup>10</sup> But he said to her, "You speak as one of the foolish women speaks. Shall we indeed accept good from God, and shall we not accept adversity?" In all this Job did not sin with his lips.

# 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 Brookmont 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

**Bro. Drakes** at Brookmont Health Care Center Effort, PA 610-681-4070

**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 10/08/2016

	For The Month	For The Year
Amount Needed	\$10,998	\$ 131,976
Amount Collected:	\$ 5,048	\$ 110,290
Amount Difference	\$- 5,950	\$ - 21,686

## Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 6:21 PM

Next Friday: 6:12 PM

# STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

## Tithing

Tithing is the practical and consistent way that we put God first in our lives and develop healthy spiritual habits. If I say, “Jesus You are my Lord and God; You are first in my life,” and then put Him last in my budget, that’s a contradiction that cannot be justified in light of scripture.

Tithing is the tangible way that we put God first in our lives and clearly establish our priorities and who we are serving.

Tithing is the spiritual practice of giving back to God the first 10% of all that we earn. The word “tithe” comes from the number "ten" in Hebrew, and means a tenth. So simply put, for every \$10 I earn or receive, the first dollar belongs to the Lord. Here is the most famous verse used to teach and support the principle of tithing, and can be heard in most churches on a regular basis.

The book of Proverbs is the book of wisdom. It is not law and it clearly applies to every believer for all generations. The clearest verse in the Bible regarding this practice of bringing the first and best can be found in this book of timeless wisdom.

Honor the LORD with your wealth and with the best part of everything you produce. Then he will fill your barns with grain, and your vats will overflow with good wine.

Proverbs 3:9-10

A couple observations from these verses:

“Honoring God with your wealth” was easily and commonly understood as tithing. There was no guess work as to what or how much was being required as the first and best.

The bringing of the tithe or “first and best” is inseparable from the promise of God’s blessing on those who do. As it says in Malachi 3:10, “He will open the windows of heaven”. If these were the only verses in the Bible about honoring God with our wealth, it would still be enough to trust God as a giver!

The very nature of God requires that He deserves and will only accept our first, not our leftovers! This is true of our time, our passion, our love, and our finances. Therefore we teach that tithing is the first, not the leftovers. It belongs to Him and giving to Him first is our reasonable act of worship!