



CHURCH AT WORSHIP ^{c2}

April 22, 2017

Divine Service (11:00 AM)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

We are living in an age where to some life is difficult and unfair and to others life is wonderful and exciting in spite of the challenges that we face each day. Life is never without the daily battles of life that we all encounter. For it is the daily encounters that shape our faith and build our character. It's not moments of loss, grief, failure and discouragement that should define us but what we have learnt in the process. In second Corinthians 4:8 the bible says, "We are troubled on every side, yet not distressed; we are perplexed, but not in despair;"

These four statements describe the true condition of believers in the world. They are always true, even though our experience of them varies. We are not always pressured, but we often are. We're not always perplexed, but it happens more than we think. We do not always face opposition, but sometimes we do. And not every day are we struck down by the circumstances of life, but it does happen to all of us eventually. No one is exempt from these things.

Sometimes we just don't know which way to go. *Life has a way of throwing us a curve ball now and then.* Sometimes we face circumstances that are so confusing that we honestly don't know what we need or what we want or what would be best. There have been times when I have said, "Lord Jesus, if you were here, standing in front of me, and you said, 'Ray, what do you want me to do for you?' I wouldn't know what to say." Paul himself said in Romans 8:26 that sometimes we don't know how to pray. There are moments when the pressure is so great and we are so tired and worn out and life has become so confusing that we honestly don't know what to say to the Lord. *Fatigue wears us all down eventually.*

I have found in those moments that if all I can do is cry out, "O God, O Jesus. Have mercy, Lord, have mercy," then that is enough. The Lord who knows all things can fill in the details. People sometimes ask for more information so they can "pray more intelligently." I'm all for that, but it's not like the Lord needs more information from us or that better information will somehow make our prayers "better" with the Lord.

When we are confused, Jesus is not confused. Sometimes we are puzzled and perplexed by life. Sometimes we are bewildered and unsure. That's okay.

We are not driven to despair because life doesn't depend on our knowledge of the big picture. When we are at our wit's end, God is just getting started. Often he does his best work when we have given up completely.

Perhaps the Lord is using the hardships of life to draw you to him at this very moment. If so, then my advice is simple. Run to the cross!

Run to the cross and lay hold of Jesus Christ who loved you and gave himself for you. Trust him completely as your Lord and Savior. Have you trusted Him today? In the eyes of the world you may be broken, however; in the eyes of Jesus you are not beyond repair.

Yours in the blessed Hope
E1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron.

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

Call to Worship..... Sis. Kisha Richards

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

Invocation Bro. Josiah Young

Welcome..... Sis. Emily Ojeda

AnnouncementsChurch Clerk

Principals Report.....Sis. Machel Williams

Pastoral Announcements.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Hymn of Adoration#539..... Congregation

Scripture Reading... 1 Samuel 3: 1-5 & 2 Kings 22: 1-2 Joeraan Williams & Nicholas Ingram

Intercessory Prayer.....Eld. Donna Wilson
"I Must Tell Jesus"

Special MusicPACS School Choir

Children's Story.....Anaiah Richards & Rachel Ingram

Offertory..... Bro. Kevin Batt
"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

Praise and Worship..... Praise Team

Song Of MeditationCongregation

Sermon.Lea Ukpere, Jordan Evans, Luke Adindu, Josiah Young

Hymn of Consecration.....#330.....Ahmari Gibbs

Benediction..... Eld. Donna Wilson

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 c4

April 22, 2017

First Service (8:30 AM)

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

Call to Worship..... Eld. Donna Wilson
(Congregation, Please Stand)

Invocation.....Eld. James Obegi

Welcome..... Eld. Donna Wilson
(Congregation, Please Sit)

ADORATION & PRAISE

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

Intercessory Prayer..... Sis. Jamala Asiyu
(Those Able, Please kneel)

STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE

Offertory.....Bro. Kevin Batt

PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading Bro. Aseto Asiyu

Hymn of Meditation.....Congregation

SermonEld. James Obegi

Hymn of Consecration..... Congregation

Benediction..... Eld. Donna Wilson

LET US PREPARE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

April 22, 2017 Sabbath School 9:30 AM - 10:45 AM

Song ServiceCongregation

Opening Remarks Bro. Geddes Gibbs

Opening Hymn#517..... Congregation

Opening Prayer.....Bro. Geddes Gibbs

Scripture Reading2 Peter 2: 20-25..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs

Congregational Song#8..... Congregation

Lesson Study: 2nd Quarter, 2017..... #4

World Mission Emphasis..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs

Closing Remarks.....Bro. Geddes Gibbs

Welcome Sis. Ruth Obegi

LET US PREPARE FOR DIVINE SERVICE

HEALTH NUGGETS:

Note: Please consult with your physician before utilizing with these natural remedies, especially if you have severe symptoms/special condition, ie: diabetes, heart disease, cancer, allergies, etc. Did you know that pears help lower blood pressure by their diuretic effect. They have no sodium & are rich in potassium. They promote the elimination of uric acid which causes gout. They have an alkalizing effect on the blood which helps to neutralize excess acid residues produced by a high-meat diet. It has a mild astringent action & helps with flatulence & dyspepsia. "He sent his word, and healed them, and delivered them from their destructions." Psalms 107:20



PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

5 Small & Simple Habits for a Happy Marriage

By Margarita Tartakovsky, M.S

1. Greet your partner lovingly in the morning.

When you first see your spouse, instead of having a negative or even neutral interaction, greet them with a positive statement, Bush said. It could be anything from “I’m glad to wake up beside you” to “I’m so happy to be married to you,” she said. The key is to be positive and loving.

2. Send a sweet text.

“Use modern-day technology to stay connected” throughout the day by sending your spouse a playful, flirtatious or sweet text, Bush said. Write anything from “I miss you” to “I can’t wait to see you tonight,” she said.

3. Reunite with a hug.

“Often people will reunite and it’s unconsciously thoughtless,” Bush said. For instance, partners might focus more on checking the mail or criticizing, such as “Why didn’t you cook dinner?” or “Why didn’t you take out the trash?”

Instead, any time you reunite with your partner, “have an intentional hug that lasts 20 seconds.” This is actually longer than the average hug, and it’s “long enough for oxytocin, the bonding hormone, to be released.”

4. Touch your partner at mealtime.

When you’re eating dinner together, make it a point to touch your partner. You might touch their hand or arm, or your legs might touch, she said.

5. Compliment your partner at the end of the day.

Many marriages, Bush said, suffer from chronic under-appreciation. Partners don’t feel appreciated, and they, too, don’t show their appreciation, she said. The relationship becomes clouded by a “sense of lack and taking each other for granted.”

She suggested couples end the day by thanking each other for one small act they did that day. It could be anything from “Thanks for picking up the dry cleaning” to “Thanks for making dinner” to “Thanks for hanging out with my family.”

Not only does your partner feel appreciated after your compliment, but “you start to train yourself to look for the good. You focus your attention on the things they do, not just what they don’t do.”

Also, when you go on dates, complement each other’s appearance, she added. Some days you probably won’t feel like showing appreciation or being affectionate. You might be in a miserable mood or downright exhausted. But try it anyway.

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 included in the prayer meetings.

Baptismal class: May 6 at 3:30 PM

Adventist Youth Society (AYS): AYS Today @ 5:00 PM

Parents who have students graduating this 2016-2017 school year please see Kaila Blake, Jean Marie Williams or Dania Batt, we are in the beginning stages of planning the graduation celebration and we need a list of all the graduates. Students who are graduating from Pre-K to Kindergarten, High School to College, and College graduates. Note: *College students who will graduate in December, 2017 are also included.*

Women's Ministry: Next meeting scheduled for April 23th. Continue reading "The Safety Pin" by Francine Hernandez. Please read chapter two.

Music Ministries: Today @ 5 pm, The Urbane Choir from Pocono Mountain School District will be in concert here at Stroudsburg church under direction of Sis. Nadeen Edwards.

Pathfinders:

- Assembly tonight April 22, at 7:00pm
- Sunday April 23: Drum corps at 9:30am followed by Pathfinders starting at 11:00am.
- Homework for the week: Daniel chapter 7.
- Pathfinders' parents meeting on Sabbath April 22, right after Divine service, need full attendance.
- Pathfinders Fair on May 7th.

Children's Ministries: Next scheduled children's church is on April, 29, 2017.

Couples' Club:

- Next Club meeting May 13th, the men will be taught a special skill that will thrill their wives!
- June 10- Couples' Club Escape Room in Lehigh, PA. \$20 per person- includes finger foods. Limited to the first 20 couples that sign up!

Health Ministry: presents habit-based nutrition coach and personal trainer Nicholas Vidal. Healthy solutions to a path of holistic living - vegetarian, exercise & general nutrition. Come listen and ask questions May 20, 2017 at 7:30 pm in church gym.

Pocono Adventist Christian School

Has the following openings for the 2017/18 school year:

Part-time Teacher's Assistant who will assist in teaching grades 1—8.

Volunteer Paraprofessional—responsible for specialized or concentrated assistance for students for grades K—8.

This evening you are invited to experience PACS' first Math Bee, at 8:30 pm. Students will demonstrate what they have learned in Math class.

Q2 THEME SONG: c6

Theme: Learning to Know and Obey His Voice

Savior Like a Shepherd Lead Us.

**Savior, like a shepherd lead us, much we need Thy tender care;
In Thy pleasant pastures feed us, for our use Thy folds prepare.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Thou hast bought us, Thine we are.**

**We are Thine, Thou dost befriend us, be the guardian of our way;
Keep Thy flock, from sin defend us, seek us when we go astray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! Hear, O hear us when we pray.**

**Thou hast promised to receive us, poor and sinful though we be;
Thou hast mercy to relieve us, grace to cleanse and power to free.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.
Blessèd Jesus, blessèd Jesus! We will early turn to Thee.**

This Week's Memory Text

1 PETER 4:8 NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

⁸ And above all things have fervent love for one another, for "love will cover a multitude of sins."

CHURCH BUSINESS

Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- *Children's Choir (2 years thru 11 years) - Sabbath at 3PM*

Board Meetings - 1st Sabbath of each month

Baby Dedications: - 3rd Sabbath of each month

Medical Personnel on Duty.....Sis. Denise Olivier Walls

Pathfinders Club: meets every 1st and 3rd 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

Prison Ministries: – Men Visit every 1st and 3rd Sabbath of the month.

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.

Sis. Christine Adams is now at the back at home.

Sis. Norma Leap 570-992-4970

Financial Report as of 04/15/2017

	For The Month	For The Year
Amount Needed	\$14,166	\$ 169,992
Amount Collected:	\$10,944	\$ 46,075
Amount Difference	\$- 3,222	\$-123,917

Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 7:47 PM

Next Friday: 7:54 PM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Stewardship moments

Are You Giving God Your Best?

In our scripture reading, which comes near the beginning of this short book of Malachi, God complains about two things. One is, they are not giving God their best. When it comes time to offer a sacrifice, they look for a lamb that is weak or sick or crippled. “This one is no good to me anyway,” they reasoned, “so I will offer it.” They still felt an obligation to offer sacrifices. And, odd as it may sound to us, they actually expected. God to bless them because of these sacrifices. But they did not give God their best

So that was their problem. Not heresy or rank idolatry. They just made God a low priority. They only gave him the scraps, and because they did not honor him in their hearts as God, their worship was a boring exercise in going through the motions. God deserved better, and he said so. Some return, tithes and offerings out of duty, others do so because they want God to do something for them that they cannot do themselves.

The best reason to give, though, is love. You love God, and you want to show that. There are lots of ways to do that: through service, through how you treat other people, trying to live a holy life, through worship, and on and on. One of the ways is giving. Mary, when she poured out her perfume, showed more than gratitude. She showed love. Perhaps you can grow in your love for God by giving. Certainly, if you love God, you will give. God deserves your love, and he deserves your very best. Do you love him enough to give your best To Him?

Welcome to Baptismal class.

Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Baptismal class are held twice per month, check bulletin for dates. We are urging all parents with children who are not yet baptized to make sure that you study with them regularly and bring them to baptismal class. All children ten years and older, and unbaptized adults are expected to attend regularly and study the baptismal manual 'In His Steps'.

Our baptismal class aims to teach in a group environment the basic doctrines of the Bible as understood by the Seventh-day Adventist Church.

Ellen White notes: “There are many who want to know what they must do to be saved. They want a plain and clear explanation of the steps requisite in conversion” (*Evangelism*, p. 188). She adds this advice: “Often it would be more profitable if the Sabbath meetings were of the nature of a Bible class study. Bible truth should be presented in such a simple, interesting manner that all can easily understand and grasp the principles of salvation” (*Evangelism*, p. 348).

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>C1</p>	<p>Pastor: Livingstone Aaron 570-355-5762 416 Tranquility Ct. Long Pond, PA 18334 Email: laaron@paconference.org</p> <p>Church Clerk: Stacey Charles 570-534-5311 Head Elder: James Obegi 201-423-3227 Community Services: 570-476-0039 or Sis. Jamala Asiyu - 570-644-3491 Pocono Adventist Christian School— 570-421-5577</p>