



# FIRST SABBATH CELEBRATION<sup>c2</sup>

August 6, 2016

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in the precious name of Jesus, we are in the second week of the Family enrichment crusade and many are being blessed. All can share in the blessings of the Holy Spirit so long as we make God and his word the number one priority in our lives. It is common to hear people say, "God first, family second, work third." But what does it really mean to put God first? What does it mean to "love the Lord your God with all your heart, all your soul, and all your strength" (Deuteronomy 6:5)? If we are to actually follow this command, what would our lives look like?

Is there anything on this earth that's more important and more valuable than surrendering our lives to Jesus implicitly? So, why do many people seek the "things" first? Many people's top priorities seem to be jobs, houses, cars or other material things. To seek means "to crave, pursue, to make sacrifices to get, to go after with all of your strength and all of your heart." It is a mistake to crave and pursue possessions, believing they will give us the lasting peace, joy and contentment that only come from God's presence in our lives. Take a moment and ask yourself, "What am I seeking? What do I spend most of my time thinking or talking about? How do I invest the majority of my energy?" These are important questions you need to answer from your heart. The obvious question you need to ask yourself is this: Am I taking God's Word and an opportunity to participate in his work of reaching the world for Christ for granted, or am I taking it seriously and giving heed to it?

Many of God's people don't realize the treasure they have in God's powerful Word. They get washed in the blood of the Lamb, they know they're going to heaven, but they begin to allow dust to collect on the cover of their Bible and their jobs become more important than worship. And then they wonder why their life isn't what it should be and why their Christian walk is empty. My friend, the Bible tells you who you are in Christ, it tells you what you have in Christ, it tells you what you can do, and it tells you what God has done for you. The bible tells us that it is vital to put our priorities in the right order and then carefully cultivate each one with zeal and enthusiasm.

When God gave the 10 Commandments at Mount Sinai, He thundered these words: "I am the LORD your God, who brought you out of the land of Egypt, out of the house of bondage. You shall have no other gods before Me" (Exodus 20:2-3).

God does not want us to place anything before Him. His desire is that we worship Him and Him alone. He must come first in our lives. We have to be honest with ourselves. Are we putting our personal relationship with God first, or are we allowing other aspects of our lives to come before the worship of the true God?

Yours if faithful witness.  
F1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron

- Song Service .....Praise Team
- Prayer Session #1
- Special Music .....Congregation
- Special Presentation "What makes your family effective against evil" Bro. Gibbs
- Special Testimonies of "the benefits of serving God" Presentation..... Elder James Obegi
- Special Music. and Collection of Tithes and Offering..... Church Clerk
- Children's Story.....Sis. Berline Louis-Jacques
- Praise and Worship .....Praise Team
- Theme Song ..... Congregation
- Praise and Worship .....Praise Team
- Hymn of Meditation ..... Congregation
- Sermon ..."Discover At Last the Woman who God is in Love with"... Pastor Livingstone Aaron
- Closing Song .....Congregation

**PLEASE REMAIN SEATED UNTIL USHERED OUT**

**Have A Blessed Sabbath**

## HEALTH NUGGET

Diet drinks linked to cardiovascular events in women"Drinking two or more diet drinks was associated with a 29% increased risk of an incident cardiovascular event and a 26% increased risk of all-cause death, compared with less diet drink consumption, in an observational study of nearly 60,000 post menopausal American women."Zoler, Mitchel L. Family Practice News; 4/1/14. "For he maketh small the drops of water: they pour down rain according to the vapour thereof: Which the clouds do drop and distil upon man abundantly."Job 36:27-28



## PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

### *The Family enrichment crusade*

*Cordially invites you to attend the final week of our*

*Evangalistic Series*

*This evening at 7:15PM*

*Come and hear the fascinating subject*

*"HOW TO MAKE GOD Very HAPPY"*

*Our focus is to present the life changing gospel of Jesus Christ from the perspective of the Family.*

*We thank you for coming and for bringing and inviting your family and friends and see how God can make something beautiful of your life and that of your family and friends.*

*So come every night and discover biblical principles that will help you to cope better with the challenges of life. Witness the mighty working of the Holy Ghost in the lives of Men and women boys and girls. You will see how following Gods plan for you and your family can enhance the level of intimacy , engender better relationships among family members and restore the joy , comfort and satisfaction That so important for your happiness and Gods glory.*

*You will continue to feel happier that you are obeying Jesus in everything he says and, you will feel proud to know things from the bible that will not only change your life but will also show you how to successfully cope with the problems you encounter in life, and in the future experience the joy of Gods eternal riches and glory of being with Jesus in the eternal kingdom of God forever and ever.*

# CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS

## Up-Coming Events

**Adventist Youth Society (AYS):** No AYS Today.

**Sabbath Prayer Session:** Today - Immediately after Divine Service in the Kindergarten class room, all are welcome. And Remember, every First Sabbath, Grief Support Ministry are incorporated into the prayer meetings.

**Stroudsburg SDA Community Wellness Fair,** Sunday August 28, 2016  
11:00am -3:00pm at Stroudsburg SDA Church; More information to come.

### 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

*Praise God in songs: The Nursing Home Ministry is conducting a concert on August 20, 2016 at the Pleasant Valley Nursing Home, come and join us from 2:30pm to 4pm. See you there.*

### Family Life Sabbath: Today July 30.

**Community Center:** The community center is in the running for a Monroe County Image award; To Vote go to website [Monroecountyimageawards.com](http://Monroecountyimageawards.com) look for **finalist voting**, then find **Community service** link to and the list of 3 finalist will be on the left side bottom, **SDA Community** is in the middle, select it then click **VOTE**.

**Stroudsburg SDA Church Children's International Fair** will be tomorrow Sunday, August 7<sup>th</sup> between 10am and 12:30pm.  
There will be free pastries and finger food.  
Refreshments will be on sale and donations will be greatly appreciated.  
Come out and support the children of our church!!!



*Stroudsburg Church* get ready to enjoy an all-day Sabbath School picnic coming up soon. Get ready for Baseball, Softball, Soccer, Tennis, Basketball, Volleyball, a Fitness Trail and various nature walking trails. For our young ones, there is a Crossing Abilities All Inclusive Playground.

Sept 4, 2016...10:00 Am – 6:00 PM.....

Mountain View Park 104 Mount View Park Rd, Tannerville PA 18372

## Q3 THEME SONG: c6

### CAN THE WORLD SEE JESUS IN YOU?

1. Do we live so close to the Lord today,  
Passing to and fro on life's busy way,  
That the world in us can a likeness see  
To the Man of Calvary?

o *Refrain:*

Can the world see Jesus in me?  
Can the world see Jesus in you?  
Does your love to Him ring true,  
And your life and service, too?  
Can the world see Jesus in you?

2. Do we love, with love to His own akin,  
All His creatures lost in the mire of sin?  
Will we reach a hand, whatso'er it cost,  
To reclaim a sinner lost?

3. As an open book they our lives will read,  
To our words and acts giving daily heed;  
Will they be attracted, or turn away  
From the Man of Calvary?

### Memory Text

#### MATTHEW 4:23 NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

##### *JESUS HEALS A GREAT MULTITUDE*

<sup>23</sup> And Jesus went about all Galilee, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the gospel of the kingdom, and healing all kinds of sickness and all kinds of disease among the people.



# CHURCH BUSINESS

## Choir Rehearsal Schedule

- Sanctuary Choir – Sabbath after AY
- 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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**All heads of departments are asked to check their mailboxes weekly and also check the calendar on the church’s Web Site to make sure that your planned events are correctly represented.**

## 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)

## SICK & SHUT-IN

**Bro. Richard Adams** 1361 Resica Falls Rd, East Stroudsburg 570-223-7727

**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 07/23/2016

	For The Month	For The Year
Amount Needed	\$10,998	\$ 131,976
Amount Collected:	\$10,083	\$ 81,166
Amount Difference	\$- 915	\$ - 50,810

## Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 8:20 PM

Next Friday: 8:13 PM

# STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Everything you have is a gift from God. God wants you to partner with him in accomplishing his purposes on earth . . . God really isn’t interested in watching you fulfill your dream for your life; he wants you to fulfill his dream for your life—the reason he put you on this planet. If Christ is truly your king, then you live in a kingdom different from the kingdoms of the world. Christ’s kingdom has a different set of rules, a different set of values, and a different economy.

In Christ’s kingdom, we understand the purpose for earthly wealth is to invest it in reaching men and women boys and girls everywhere for Christ. Jesus says 19 “Do not store up for yourselves treasures on earth, where moth and rust destroy, and where thieves break in and steal. 20 But store up for yourselves treasures in heaven, where moth and rust do not destroy, and where thieves do not break in and steal.” (Matthew 6:19–20 NIV)

Two primary misconceptions about money:

First misconception: Money is intrinsically evil. “The love of money is the root of all evil . . .” (1 Timothy 6:10a KJV) If you make money your god, it’s going to plague you like the devil.

Second misconception: Money is the solution to most of our problems and having money to pay our bills and take care of our needs and wants of our family is our first priority in this life.

Those who love money will never have enough. How absurd to think that wealth brings true happiness! The more you have, the more people come to help you spend it . . . (Ecclesiastes 5:10–11a NLT) “. . . a man’s life does not consist in the abundance of his possessions.” (Luke 12:15b NIV) “What shall it profit a man, if he shall gain the whole world, and lose his own soul?” (Mark 8:36 KJV)

God's will is that we recognize that we are stewards of all that He has given us to manage for Him. He chooses to entrust us with as much or as little as He desires. We are not actually owners, nor do we ever take ownership. (Prov. 28:26) Money is the training ground for God to develop my faithfulness and trustworthiness. (Luke 16:11; I Cor. 4:2).

If we are faithful in our stewardship then and only then can God entrust us with more. God will never force us against my will. If we are not willing to be faithful then we naturally cannot and will not enter into his eternal kingdom or partake of his eternal riches

# 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 Asiyu - 570-644-3491</b> <b>Pocono Adventist Christian School-</b> 570-421-5577</p>