

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)

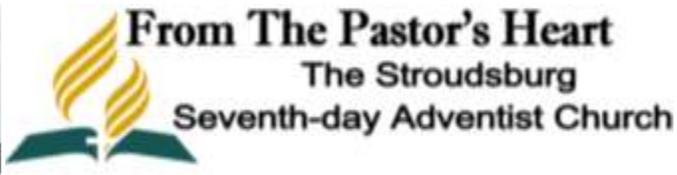
Through the Holy Spirit, makes our body His temple. (I Cor. 3:16, 17)

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>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: 570-476-0039 or Sis. Jamala Asiyó - 570-644-3149 Pocono Adventist Christian School— 570-421-5577</p>



CHURCH AT WORSHIP c2

December 17, 2016

Divine Service (11:00 AM)

Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Its Christmas time again and lots of people are buying gifts and identifying others to be recipient of their gifts. Many in church today will give and receive gifts. Giving gifts regardless how simple is a token of appreciation for what someone has done on your behalf. My question to you in this festive season is what can we give to God for all his benefits and blessings towards us?

In psalm 116 verses 12- 14 The psalmist wrote "12 What shall I render unto the LORD for all his benefits toward me? 13 I will take the cup of salvation, and call upon the name of the LORD. 14 I will pay my vows unto the LORD now in the presence of all his people."

It is very difficult to buy gifts for some people. Either their tastes are particular of they have most everything in the price range you want to spend.

Could it be the Psalmist had this problem when he asked the question, "What shall I render to the Lord for all His benefits toward me?" What can you give to God who owns all the gold and silver and the cattle on a thousand hills? There is one gift you and I can give the Lord that He doesn't have until we give it to Him. We can give ourselves!

This gift of self can be evidenced through a recognition that time, talent and possessions belong to Him. We use them best and have them longer when we give them to Him and He blesses our use of them. Follow in your Bible as we notice how the Psalmist answers the question of verse 12.

The Psalmist says, 17 To Thee I shall offer a sacrifice of thanksgiving, and call upon the name of the LORD. 18 I shall pay my vows to the LORD, Oh {may it be} in the presence of all His people, 19 In the courts of the LORD'S house, in the midst of you, O Jerusalem. Praise the LORD! (NAS)

If we had a great financial benefactor whom we wished to honor because of some great thing he had done for us, how would we go about it? Our first job would be to find out what would make him happy, what expression of thanks would best show our feelings of gratitude. We would first realize that we could never repay him adequately because we are not financially capable of it. And, if we were, then most likely would not have needed the help in the first place.

How can we repay such wonderful gifts? Our first duty is to search the scriptures to see what would make our Father happy? Proverbs 23:26 provides the answer for us: "My son, give me thine heart, and let thine eyes observe my ways." Romans 12:1 and 2 elaborates on this: "I beseech you therefore, brethren, by the mercies of God, that ye present your bodies a living sacrifice, holy, acceptable unto God, which is your reasonable service. And be not conformed to this world: but be ye transformed by the renewing of your mind, that ye may prove what is that good, and acceptable, and perfect, will of God.

God does not ask for us to repay Him. As we've noted already, we cannot do so to even consider the discussion. What God does want you to give unto Him is yourself (Matthew 16:24-26 and John 12:25-26). He wants us to live according to His will (I John 2:3-6). That is not debt repayment, but it is love for the one who has done so much for us!

Yours in faithful witness
F1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron.

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

Call to Worship..... Bro. Luke Adindu

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

Invocation..... Eld. Michael Douglas

Welcome..... Sis. Audrey Yansen

AnnouncementsChurch Clerk

Pastoral Announcements..... Pastor Livingston Aaron

Hymn of Adoration.....Congregation

Scripture Reading "John 1:9-14".....Nicholas Ingram

Intercessory Prayer..... Eld. James Yansen
"I Must Tell Jesus"

Special Music.....TBD

Children's Story..... TBD

Offertory..... Bro. Derick Francis
"We Give Thee but Thine Own"

PACS Presents Light Of The World A Holliday Musical

Benediction..... Pastor Livingston Aaron

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.



Let's celebrate the Holy Communion

Sabbath December 31, 2016 at 5: PM

Right here at Stroudsburg Seventh-day Adventist Church.

The Lord's Supper is for people who have faith in Jesus Christ as Lord and Savior, even if they have not been baptized yet. The bread and wine are for those who have faith in Christ. People must make their own decision as to whether to partake. We do not believe it is appropriate to refuse to let people partake if they want to do so. God knows those who are his.

The Lord's Supper is for people who have faith in Jesus Christ as their Savior and Lord. However, we can't, nor do we wish to, police everybody's heart as to whether their faith is real. Some people may actually become convicted and come to faith during the course of the Lord's Supper service, and it would be right for them to partake.

May people observe without participating? Yes. Anyone is welcome to observe the service.



LET US PREPARE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

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

Song ServiceCongregation
Opening Remarks..... Bro. Harold Bell
Opening Song.....Congregation
Scripture Reading Bro. Harold Bell
Opening Prayer..... Bro. Harold Bell
Special Music Sis. Ioni Alexander
Singspiration (Christmas Carols).....Congregation
World Mission Emphasis..... Bro. Harold Bell
Lesson Study: 4th Quarter, 2016..... #12
Welcome Visitors..... Sis. Bell
Closing Song.....Congregation
Closing Remarks.....Sis. Bell

LET US PREPARE FOR DIVINE SERVICE

HEALTH NUGGET

Gratitude has been linked with a higher level of psychological well-being & a lower risk of certain forms of psychopathology. Benefits of practicing gratitude include the following: higher levels of alertness, vitality, enthusiasm, determination, attentiveness, & energy; Spend more time exercising; Report more hours of nightly sleep & a better quality sleep; Experience fewer physical symptoms such as headaches, coughing, nausea, or pain; Show heightened immunity in both healthy and sick persons. <http://ccn.aacnjournals.org/content/29/6/12.full>. Have you given thanks today? "O give thanks unto the Lord; for he is good: for his mercy endureth for ever." Ps. 136:1

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

What's your philosophy of Christian Education?

Parents have primary responsibility for educating their children (Deut. 4:9; 6:7-9; 11-19), therefore, a Christian school must be actively involved with and have the cooperation of parents.

Teachers in a Christian school are responsible for being skilled in their profession, to integrate Biblical truth into their curriculum, and to have a relationship with Christ that exemplifies Christ-like character. (Luke 6: 40)

All of us are made in the image of God (Gen. 1:27), but differ in how we are "fearfully and wonderfully made" (Ps. 139:14). Therefore, instruction must be differentiated to bring out the talents, gifts, and callings in each child. (Prov. 22:6)

The primary goal of Christian education is to bring a child to the knowledge of God, leading to saving faith and helping them grow in their trust in Christ. Character and moral development is an important part of a Christian education, but it is not the means by which one is made righteous. With full trust that the righteousness of Jesus is sufficient to save and transform us, we seek to provide an environment of grace and acceptance that allows for imperfection and struggles. (Rom. 3: 21-26; Gal. 3:24; Col 2:20)

True education is teaching about God's creation and His providence. God has given man an ability to gain knowledge and a general revelation of Him. When brought into the light of God's special revelation, the Bible, we see that all truth points to the Lord Jesus Christ. To be fully and truly educated, a person must come into a relationship with Jesus Christ, who is ultimate truth. (Rom. 1: 19,20; Col. 2: 3)

A Christian education teaches a worldview that includes God in everything with no divide between secular and spiritual. Christ is all in all. (Jn. 1: 3; Eph. 1: 22,23; Col. 1: 15-18)



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.

Church Banquet. Rescheduled for January 21, 2017 @ 6PM. Where; The Inn at Pocono Manor, Rt. 341/One Manor Dr. Pocono Manor PA. 18349

Women's Ministry: Special thank you for the monies collected last Sabbath for the kids, thank you for your kindness.
To all women, this Sabbath is the deadline to pay for the luncheon, please see Dr. Pascal for more information.

General Conference Day of Prayer: Sabbath, January 7, 2017.

Community Services:

Please help the joint effort of Stroudsburg Community Center, PACS and Helping Hands provide a gift bag to our community members who are less fortunate by donating according to your budget items from the list below.

- Hats
- Scarves
- Gloves
- Socks
- Underwear
- Wash cloths
- Toiletries (toothpaste, toothbrush, floss, roll-on, deodorant, bath soap, lotion, etc.)

We are planning a banquet style meal and providing the gifts at the event. This event is scheduled for January 11, 2017 2pm – 5pm here at the Church.

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. Space is limited.

Sabbath January 7, 2016
Spiritual Commitment day.

Looking back isn't going to help you. Moving forward is the thing you have to do. *McKayla Maroney*

Philippians 3:13-14 King James Version (KJV)

¹³Brethren, I count not myself to have apprehended: but this one thing I do, forgetting those things which are behind, and reaching forth unto those things which are before

¹⁴I press toward the mark for the prize of the high calling of God in Christ Jesus.

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

ISAIAH 53:4 NEW KING JAMES VERSION (NKJV)

⁴Surely He has borne our griefs
And carried our sorrows;
Yet we esteemed Him stricken,
Smitten by God, and afflicted.

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 - 1st Sabbath of each month

Baby Dedications Third Sabbath of Each Month

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

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

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 12/10/2016

	For The Month	For The Year
Amount Needed	\$10,998	\$131,976
Amount Collected:	\$ 5,062	\$139,046
Amount Difference	\$-5,936	\$+ 7,070

Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 4:34 PM

Next Friday: 4:37 PM

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Think about the most generous person that you know? What makes them such an inspiring giver? In what ways do they embody biblical teaching on generosity?

In Matthew 5:24 Jesus says, “Leave your gift there before the altar, and go. First be reconciled to your brother, and then come and offer your gift.” Our broken relationships affect our generosity. If we want to be truly generous, we must first seek reconciliation in our relationships. What does that mean? It means we must forgive, serve, and care for people as Christ’s hands and feet.

As followers of Christ, we are all called to be agents of reconciliation bringing healing where there is hurt, peace where there is conflict, and righting the wrongs of this broken world. This sort of generosity is individual and corporate.

The person who writes large checks, yet is harsh with their spouse or deals with employees unjustly or quarrels with neighbors is not a generous person. Jesus put such an emphasis on reconciliation that he advises us to hold off on giving financially until relationships are made right. Rally your church around this truth and unleash a reimagined form of giving!

One of the lessons that we learn from the story of the widow's offering (Mark 12:40-44, Luke 21:1-4) is that generosity cannot be quantified. A large monetary donation may appear to others to be the most generous gift, and a much smaller contribution overlooked but God sees the significance of a gift even when others don't.

The widow, a woman herself in great need, was also a great giver. Her act is one which isn't just an example to us of what it means to give your all to others but how to give your all to God. She didn't hesitate from giving all that she had to live on because she had faith in God's promise to provide.

