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
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	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 Asiyo - 570-644-0349 Pocono Adventist Christian School— 570-421-5577





Dear Brothers and Sisters:

Greetings in the name of Jesus,, who is gracious and long suffering and plenteous in mercy and love. The one, who never gives up, on us even when we have given up on ourselves.

One of my favorite Scriptures is Isaiah 40:31: "They that wait upon the Lord shall renew their strength; they shall mount up with wings as eagles; they shall run, and not be weary; and they shall walk, and not faint" (KJV).

The command to wait on the Lord is found extensively throughout the Old and New Testaments. In the Old Testament, it is more about waiting for the Lord's providential care, but most New Testament references relate to Christ's second coming. In all cases, it is about waiting expectantly and with hope. Fundamental to being able to wait is trusting God's character and goodness.

Waiting on the Lord is something the godly do. It's about holding on tight, hoping with expectation and trust, knowing that our Lord is not making us wait just to see how long we can "take it." There are times when God will delay His answer, and we will at times wonder why He seems so reluctant to intervene in our affairs: "I am worn out calling for help; my throat is parched. My eyes fail, looking for my God" (Psalm 69:3). But, knowing the Lord, we trust that He will come at the perfect moment, not a second too soon or too late. Waiting on the Lord necessitates two key elements: a complete dependence on God and a willingness to allow Him to decide the terms, including the timing of His plan. Trusting God with the timing of events is one of the hardest things to do. The half-joking prayer, "Lord, I need patience, and I need it RIGHT NOW," is not far removed from the truth of how we often approach matters of spiritual growth and the Lord's will. To wait on the Lord produces character in the life of the Christian in that it involves patience (see James 1:4). Waiting involves the passage of time, which is itself a gift of God.

Waiting on the Lord renews our strength (<u>Isaiah 40:31</u>). Prayer and Bible study and meditating upon God's Word are essential. To wait on the Lord we need a heart responsive to the Word of God, a focus on the things of heaven, and a patience rooted in faith.

When we place our complete trust in the Lord (Proverbs 3: 5-6) we will be guided in the way, soaring over our circumstances through faith. Once the Lord energizes us through our faith, then we are rested and surrendered, gliding effortlessly with confidence in what He has provided.

We should not despair when God tarries long in His response, but continue to patiently wait on Him to work on our behalf. The reason God sometimes waits a long time to deliver is to extend the goodness of the final outcome. "Therefore the LORD waits to be gracious to you, and therefore he exalts himself to show mercy to you. For the LORD is a God of justice; blessed are all those who wait for him" (Isaiah 30:18, ESV).

David says there are three things to do as you wait -

- Wait quietly -- "I wait quietly before God, for my hope is in him." (Psalm 62:5 NLT)
- Wait patiently -- "Be still in the presence of the Lord, and wait patiently for him to act." (Psalm 37:7 NLT)
- Wait expectantly -- "I wait expectantly, trusting God to help, for he has promised." (Psalm 105:5 LB)

And this is so important: you must expect to hear from God. Expect for him to give you a dream, an insight; this is the faith factor where you wait expectantly. Waiting on God is never a waste of time. In fact, it's some of the best time you are ever going to invest in your life.

Your brother in Christ

F1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron

CHURCH AT WORSHIP 02

October 8, 2016

Divine Service (11:00 AM)

Introit
Call to Worship Eld. Michael Douglas
Doxology
Invocation Eld. Glen Anderson
Welcome
Announcements
Pastoral Announcements Eld. Michael Douglas
Hymn of AdorationCongregation
Scripture ReadingPsalms 34: I-8Sis. Stephaine Honore
Intercessory Prayer
"I Must Tell Jesus" Special Music
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Special Music
Special Music Bro. Keith Allicock Children's Story. Sis. Natalie Gibbs Offertory. Bro. Arlel Honore
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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

October 08, 2016 First Service (8:30 AM) Introit......Sweet, Sweet Spirit (Please Remain Standing) Call to Worship...... Eld. Michael Douglas (Congregation, Please Stand) Welcome..... Eld. Michael Douglas (Congregation, Please Sit) **ADORATION & PRAISE** (Please Remain Standing) Intercessory Prayer..... Eld. Michael Douglas (Those Able, Please kneel) STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE Offertory..... Eld. Michael Douglas PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD Scripture Reading Eld. Michael Douglas Benediction...... Eld. Michael Douglas

LET US PREPARE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

THE CHURCH AT STUDY

October 8, 2016	Sabbath School	9:15 AM - 10:45 AM
Song Service & Opening	Remarks	Sis. Josephine Aaron
Opening Hymn		Congregation
Scripture Reading	Isaiah 48:18, John 14: 2	27 Sis. Cynthia Aaron
Opening Prayer		Bro. Jackson Dolly
Special Music		Hymn #153
World Mission Emphasi	s	Sis. Gloria Koroma
Lesson Study: 4 rd Quarte	er, 2016	Lesson #2
Welcome Visitors		Sis. Joyce Anderson
Closing Hymn		#466

LET US PREPARE FOR DIVINE SERVICE

HEALTH NUGGET

More than 90% of Americans are vitamin D deficient. The National Institutes of Health reports that 10-15 minutes of sunlight allow adequate time for vitamin D synthesis to occur. Vitamin D is very important for bone health. In one French study, researchers reported that calcium and vitamin D reduced the risk of hip fractures by 43%! The study focused on women aged 78-90, a high risk group for osteoporosis. Adequate vitamin D levels, along with sufficient dietary calcium, have been shown to increase bone density in people who are prone to osteoporosis. Vitamin D also helps the intestines more efficiently absorb calcium and phosphorous, elements that can lower blood pressure! "From the rising of the sun unto the Qoing down of the same the Lord's name is to be praised." Ps. 113:3

PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS Faith for the family Evangelistic crusade

If my people, which are called by my name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways; then will I hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land." II Chronicles 7:14

This scripture was directed to Israel, but it can be applied to any nation. There are several points that we need to understand. The first point is: "If my people." If you are a Christian, you are one of God's people. You need to heed what this scripture is saying. Far too often we have been arrogant and have shut God out of our lives.

We want to do everything for ourselves. We say that we don't need God's help. When we do this, we will fall on our face and fail. This scripture is asking us to do several things.

The second point is to humble ourselves. Being humble means not to be proud or self-serving. God wants us, when we come before Him, to humble ourselves leaving pride at the door. We must recognize our failures and have sincere sorrow for our sins.

The third point is to pray. No matter how often you pray, it is important to come with humility. Remember that we depend on the Lord for everything. Put your trust in Him and have faith that he will provide for your every need. Our prayers have to be sincere and continual until He answers them.

The fourth point is to "Seek His face." This means we have to seek Him with our entire being. We have to long for Him to have more of a presence in our lives. We often shut Him out and only pray when we get into trouble.

The fifth point is "Turn from our wicked ways." Do we still sin? Do we conform to the world and its ways? We are all guilty of this in some way. We will no longer be guilty of these things when we leave this world. Until that day comes, I urge you to draw closer to Him. Confess your sins and ask for mercy, forgiveness, and a spiritual cleansing.

When we do these five steps, then God will do these things. First, He said that He will hear from Heaven and forgiving our sin; without forgiveness we are lost and will face His wrath. God will correct us when we go astray in order to bring us back into the fold. Hearing from God is an important aspect of our lives. He wants to restore us with His presence, peace and most of all with His love.

The next thing that He will do is heal us. Several aspects of God's healing are to heal our land by sending rain to a drought-stricken area. He is able to heal our physical, financial, spiritual, and any other needs according to His will. We are still in this world and not all of us will receive total healing until we get to Heaven. Don't give up in your prayer life; keep your faith—He will answer your prayers.

This scripture needs to be applied now more than ever before. We are at a crossroads today. Christians are losing faith and are leaving the church. We need to hold up our brothers and sisters in Christ as many throughout the world are being murdered, driven from their homeland, and censored for talking about Jesus. We need a worldwide revival and it is going to require us to follow this scripture. When we do, God will intervene and put a stop to this evil.

If you are not a Christian I hope that you will seek God and ask for forgiveness. Seek Him while you still can. Tomorrow may be too late. He is faithful and just to forgive you of all your sins through His Son Jesus Christ.

Please remember your pastor and the people of Uniontown PA in your daily and nightly prayer.

CHURCH ANNOUNCEMENTS Up-Coming Events

<u>Sabbath Prayer Session</u>: 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.

Pathfinders will be away this weekend at camporee, please keep them in your prayers.

Come participate in some "<u>ME TIME</u>". Health ministry fundraiser - Pamper Me Spa Style, October 15, 2015, 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 17th for the Church Banquet, more information to follow.

Singles Retreat:

The Chesapeake Chapter of Adventist Single Adult Ministries invites all singles to their Fall Retreat. The event takes place this weekend October 7-9, 2016 at Hagerstown MD. The speaker will be Lorraine Edwards. Lorraine is a single person who will speak from first-hand experience about life as a single Adventist. Lorraine holds an MSW Degree and is the Area Social Services Manager for the Salvation Army in Richmond VA. Come and enjoy spiritual enrichment, fellowship and good food.

For more information, contact: Fred Thomas 410-992-9731, or e-mail fmthomas 1950@gmail.com.



Q4 THEME SONG: 66 Trust and Obey

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,

For Jesus shed his precious blood Rich blessings to bestow; Plunge now into the crimson flood That washes white as snow.

He will save you now.

Yes, Jesus is the truth, the way, That leads you into rest; Believe in Him without delay, And you are fully blest.

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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

ZECHARIAH 3:2KING JAMES VERSION (KJV)

² And the LORD said unto Satan, the LORD rebuke thee, O Satan; even the LORD that hath chosen Jerusalem rebuke thee: is not this a brand plucked out of the fire?

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.....

<u>Pathfinders Club:</u> meets every 1st and 3rd Sunday of the Month.

<u>Like Us on Facebook</u>@.Stroudsburg Seventh-Day Adventist Church

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 **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 10/01/2016

	For The Month	For	The Year
Amount Needed	\$10,998	\$	131,976
Amount Collected:	\$ 1,733	\$	106,975
Amount Difference	\$- 9,265	\$	- 25,001

Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 6:32 PM Next Friday: 6:22 PM 5

STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

Tithing and Taxes differences

- 1. Taxes are a civic obligation. Tithing is between you and God.
- 2. You won't be audited for not tithing. (At least not in this life.)
- 3. Taxes require forms and calculators. Tithing requires scripture and prayer.
- 4. The IRS makes allowances for tithers, but Jesus actually loves tax collectors.
- 5. God asks for 10 percent as a goal. The IRS thinks of 10 percent as a good starting place.
- 6. Your tithe will be used to build something better than bombs.
- 7. Death and Taxes? Christians believe there is life after both.
- 8. The Church is a place where Republicans and Democrats CAN work together.
- 9. When you tithe, you always get something back.
- 10. Taxes go to pay off a huge debt. Tithes thank Christ for paying an even bigger one.

Tithing can be scary—whether we make a meager income or a lot of money. Those with limited means worry about being able to pay the bills if they give away the first 10% of their income. But we must remember that obedience always brings God into the equation. It is infinitely better to face our financial challenges with 90% of our income plus God than to be hanging onto 100% of what we make while leaving God out of the picture.

Tithing is an opportunity to show God that we trust him. We believe that he will cover all the bases in our lives if we put him first in everything. Jesus said, "But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well" (Matthew 6:33).



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