

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



**Dear Brothers and Sisters:**

How often do you reflect Jesus in your interaction with people that you meet each day? Jesus said, "You are the light of the world" (Matt. 5:14). We believers are to be lights that shine in the world and dispel the darkness. However, like most of the things that are stated in the Bible, we understand them much better if we understand them in the context of the whole scope of Scripture. Believers are lights, but it helps us keep that in proper perspective when we realize that our light is derivative—we get it from God. We do not originate the light, we reflect the light.

The fact that Jesus said to the people, "you are the light of the world," (Matt. 5:14) shows us that he did not think of himself as the only light. We all have the privilege and responsibility to reflect God's light. In contrast to people and even the Messiah, who all reflect the light of God, God Himself is not "a" light, or even "the" light, God is "light" (1 John 1:5). In God is no darkness at all. He shines brilliantly and has done so forever. Isaiah said God would be people's everlasting light.

We live in a dark world, full of lies, hate and confusion. But God's Word tells us to "cast off the works of darkness and put on the armor of light" (Romans 13:12). While others are chasing after physical pleasures and selfish gain, we're commanded to live a different way—to "put on the Lord Jesus Christ, and make no provision for the flesh, to gratify its desires" (Romans 13:14). Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others" (Matthew 5:16a). He explained that no one lights a lamp just to hide it under a basket. A lamp is meant to be placed on a stand to give light to everything around it. Whether you're timid or outgoing, you're called to be a light to the people around you. That's only possible if you're taking time to interact with people and cultivate relationships.

When Jesus said, "Let your light shine before others," that wasn't the whole sentence. He went on to give the reason why it's important to shine: "so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in heaven" (Matthew 5:16b). Our goal should never be to bring recognition to ourselves, but to bring glory to God. There's a fine line between being a light and putting on a show to get attention. It's a matter of the heart.

Before you can be a light to others, take a look at your own life. Has sin dulled the evidence of Christ in you? Maybe it's time to stop, take a moment and ask God to reveal any sins you might be ignoring. If there's a sin you repeatedly struggle with, write it down and pray over it continually. Ask God for His forgiveness and help in changing your heart. We'll never be perfect, but we need to address our sin—partly because it impacts others.

People are watching what you post, whether they interact with your posts or not. Think about the things you've posted recently—articles, comments, photos and so on. Could they be seen as prideful? Self-centered? Rude? What's your motive? To put others down or make them jealous? Hopefully not. Aim to make informed, respectful posts that represent the One you claim as Lord.

We must allow God's "glory" through our life to be reflected to the people and the circumstances...which He allows to come into our life. God's will is not so much what we "DO" but, rather it is ever expanding insight into the basic witness God desires to develop in our life. As his children and representative to the world.

Yours in the blessed Hope

f1 Pastor Livingstone Aaron.

Introit.....“We Have Come Into This House”.....Praise Team

Call to Worship..... Bro. Lenox Green

Doxology.....“Praise God from Whom”.....Congregation

Invocation ..... Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Welcome..... Bro. Harold Bell

Announcements .....Church Clerk

Pastoral Announcements.....Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Hymn of Adoration .....#36..... Congregation

Scripture Reading .... 2nd Corinthians 4:8-17.....TBD

Intercessory Prayer..... Sis. Lavern Ventiere  
 “I Must Tell Jesus”

Special Music ..... Sis. Shelly-Ann Cooper

Children’s Story..... Bro. Paul Richards

Offertory..... Bro. Arlel Honore  
 “We Give Thee but Thine Own”

Praise and Worship..... Praise Team

Hymn of Meditation.....#495.....Congregation

Sermon. “How to successfully navigate the challenges of life” Pastor L. Aaron

Hymn of Consecration.....#329.....Congregation

Benediction..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs

**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

March 25, 2017

First Service (8:30 AM)

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

Call to Worship..... Elder Gladsworth Richards  
(Congregation, Please Stand)

Invocation..... Pastor Livingstone Aaron

Welcome..... Elder Gladsworth Richards  
(Congregation, Please Sit)

#### ADORATION & PRAISE

Hymn of Adoration..... #36 .....Congregation  
(Please Remain Standing)

Intercessory Prayer..... Sis. Lavern Ventiere  
(Those Able, Please kneel)

#### STEWARDSHIP & GRATITUDE

Offertory..... Elder Gladsworth Richards

#### PROCLAMATION OF THE WORD

Scripture Reading .....2nd Corinthians 4:8-17..... TBD

Hymn of Meditation.....#495.....Congregation

Sermon "How to successfully navigate the challenges of life" .Pastor L. Aaron

Hymn of Consecration.....#329.. ..... Congregation

Benediction..... Elder Gladsworth Richards

LET US PREPARE FOR SABBATH SCHOOL

# THE CHURCH AT STUDY

March 25, 2017                      Sabbath School                      9:15 AM - 10:45 AM

- Song Service .....Congregation
- Opening Hymn ..... Congregation
- Opening Prayer..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs
- Scripture Reading ..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs
- Lesson Study: 1st Quarter, 2017..... #12
- Lesson Synopsis..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs
- Mission emphasis..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs
- Sabbath School Welcome..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs
- Closing Prayer..... Bro. Geddes Gibbs

## LET US PREPARE FOR DIVINE SERVICE

### HEALTH NUGGETS:

"The frontal lobe gives us the ability to choose. It makes up 3.5% of the brain in a cat, 7% in dogs, 17% in chimps, and between 33% and 38% in humans. The frontal lobe is where our judgment, reasoning, social norms, and long term planning take place, all of which contribute to making healthy, life-giving choices. Human reasoning and planning capabilities are more powerful and complex than those of other species, which allows for variable relationships in our decision-making." From CREATION health. "He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much." Luke 16:10



# PASTORAL ANNOUNCEMENTS

Let us brake bread together in Holy Communion on Sabbath  
April 01.2017 during the Divine hour.

Who may participate in the Holy Communion?

An essential prerequisite for receiving Holy Communion is Holy Baptism with water. We practice open communion, that is, we share the experience with believers of other faiths/denominations that share in the belief of salvation by God's grace alone and in Christ alone.

We practice a foot washing service called an ordinance of humility, right before we partake of the Lord's Supper. The Old Testament's references to foot washing do not report a single case in which a superior washed the feet of an inferior. Abraham, it seems, did not wash the Lord's feet but did at least provide water for His feet to be washed (Gen. 18:4). But Jesus, God of eternity, stooped down to wash His disciples' and His enemy's feet. Foot washing in the Seventh - Day Adventist Church symbolizes before God that all differences of rank, status, race, gender, and age no longer count and we are all one in Christ.

In the Lord's Supper, the bread represents the body of Christ and the contents of the cup, the blood of Christ. The life of Jesus and His death are the only means for our salvation. By celebrating the Lord's Supper, we recognize that all attempts to save ourselves are futile. We are dependent on what Jesus has done for us, not on what we have done, are doing, or will do.

In light of the Cross all of our attempts at self-improvement and all our intriguing ideas of using the powers of the self in order to reach our full potential are useless.

Foot washing and the Lord's Supper are rich and beautiful in meaning. In them our Lord wants to meet us, and we want to be open to them for Him. When we meet to celebrate the ordinances, we lay aside all routine and whatever hinders us to listen to His voice and His story. We accept the Lord's invitation to His wonderful meal.

## Bible Quiz

### QUESTIONS:

1. Who wrote the book of the Revelation?
2. What island was he on when he wrote the book?
3. To whom was the book addressed?
4. When Jesus first appears in the book He is said to have what items in his hand and mouth?
5. Can you say, in order of appearance, the towns where the seven churches from Revelation chapters 2 and 3 were located? Alphabetically they are: Ephesus, Laodicea, Sardis, Smyrna, Thyatira, Pergamos, and Philadelphia.
6. Which church is said to have left its first love?
7. How many elders sat around the throne in Heaven?
8. There were four beasts around the throne. What were they like?
9. Who said, "Holy, holy, holy, Lord God Almighty, which was, and is, and is to come" night and day around the throne?
10. How many seals were on the "book" or scroll that God held ready to be opened?

# 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.

**Adventist Youth Society (AYS):** AYS Today @ 4:30PM.

**Personal Financial Management Seminar:** Continues April 8 @ 5:00PM.

### Women's Ministry:

- Pennsylvania Conference 2017 Women's Retreat, this weekend March 24-26, 2017.
- No book club meeting this month.

**Pathfinders:** Drum corps practice today at 6:30 pm, Pathfinders at 7:30 pm  
Homework for this week: Daniel chapter 5.

**Community Lunch:** Next lunch tomorrow March 26.

We are looking for a Family to host the community lunch for Nov.

**The Stroudsburg Eagle Adventurer Club** will be attending the Adventurer Family Retreat at Laurel Lake from April 7-9. Registration closes on Monday.

The Church is asked to assist in donating items for care packages for the Adventurers to distribute to local shelters/families. The items may be given to Sis Gibbs or any of the club's leaders. A list of these items will be placed on the Adventurer club notice board. All families of Adventurers kindly meet with Director Natalie Gibbs immediately after Divine Service at the left rear of the Sanctuary (next to door).

### Sabbath School Announcement:

- Looking for that special person who is interested in molding our children in learning to grow in Jesus. We are in need of a Teacher for the Cradle Roll and Kindergarten classes. If interested, please contact Sabbath School Superintendent.



## Q1 THEME SONG: c6

Theme: Holy Spirit, Our Divine Indweller

### Hover Over Me Holy Spirit

Hover o'er me, Holy Spirit,  
Bathe my trembling heart and brow;  
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,  
Come, O come and fill me now.

#### Refrain

Fill me now, fill me now,  
Jesus, come and fill me now;  
Fill me with Thy hallowed presence,  
Come, O come, and fill me now.

Thou canst fill me, gracious Spirit,  
Though I cannot tell Thee how;  
But I need Thee, greatly need Thee,  
Come, O come and fill me now.

I am weakness, full of weakness,  
At Thy sacred feet I bow;  
Blest, divine, eternal Spirit,  
Fill with power and fill me now.

Cleanse and comfort, bless and save me,  
Bathe, O bathe my heart and brow;  
Thou art comforting and saving,  
Thou art sweetly filling now.

### This Week's Memory Text

**ROMANS 15:13 NEW AMERICAN STANDARD BIBLE (NASB)**

<sup>13</sup> Now may the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace in believing, so that you will abound in hope by the power of the Holy Spirit.

# CHURCH BUSINESS

## Choir Rehearsal Schedule

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

**Board Meetings** - 1<sup>st</sup> Sabbath of each month

**Baby Dedications:** - 3rd 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)

**Prison Ministries:** – Men Visit every 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> 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. Nemesia Rance** 267 King St, Stroudsburg, 570-619-5338

**Sis. Norma Leap** 570-992-4970

## **Financial Report as of 03/18/2017**

	For The Month	For The Year
Amount Needed	\$14,166	\$ 169,992
Amount Collected:	\$10,698	\$ 32,845
Amount Difference	\$-3,477	\$-137,147

## Sunsets

CSF3 Today: 7:18 PM

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Next Friday: 7:24 PM

# STEWARDSHIP MOMENTS

## All Giving Should be Sacrificial.

1. David said it. "I will not give the Lord that which cost me nothing!"
2. Mark 12:41-44 "And Jesus sat over against the treasury, and beheld how the people cast money into the treasury: and many that were rich cast in much. And there came a certain poor widow, and she threw in two mites, which make a farthing. And he called unto him his disciples, and saith unto them, Verily I say unto you, That this poor widow hath cast more in, than all they which have cast into the treasury: For all they did cast in of their abundance; but she of her want did cast in all that she had, even all her living."

The widow gave everything! Do you think she went hungry? Was she living by faith? Did she honor and love the Lord? (How many here today believe she went hungry that night? Please raise your hands)

Too often I have had people tell me they could not afford to tithe or give regular offerings to the Lord. The fairest thing in the world is giving to the Lord. God does not TAX us ....and leaves the amount to us.

Tell me dear friend....is it a true statement that a person cannot give to the Lord?

It is amazing how much we say we believe, and how little we trust our beliefs.

1. Luke 16:10 says, " He that is faithful in that which is least is faithful also in much: and he that is unjust in the least is unjust also in much."

2. Giving is not a matter of what you have. Anyone, even Mrs. Carmichael, the widow lady, who I mentioned earlier, could give. One of our church members, who by the way did not give regularly, said we should not take her money...she needs it more than we do? What a sinful thought this man had and how immature was his thinking.

3. You make \$650.00 month as a widow and give a tenth of \$65.00 a month and another person makes \$1000 gives \$100 both gave the same in God's eyes. However, if either one gave grudgingly it was of no value.

4. I like the song, "Little is much if God is in it" The size or amount of an offering to God is of no importance in itself. The principle is that we give from what God gives us. You cannot give more than you have. Some would think the widow's mite was nothing. But Jesus said she gave more than all who have given great sums of money. It was not the amount but the condition of her heart that made what she gave of great value.

5. If you have a lot, then you give according to how God blesses you! The principle is that we give in proportion to how God has blessed us. Think for a moment, how can you give sacrificially to the Lord if you do not give generously no matter what God has given to you?

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