Thad’s Thoughts

Well, I can’t believe it. The Atlanta Braves and the Georgia Bulldogs both won a Championship in the same year! As a lifelong fan of both teams, I am elated. It is so much fun to see a favorite team win it all, but it is even more exciting when it has been so long in coming. Almost my entire life Georgia fans and I have been waiting for another National Championship and it finally happened. So, pardon my obnoxious behavior for just a moment, but Go Dawgs!!!

I have often been convicted that we are so quick to drape ourselves in team colors just so that people will know who we cheer for, and yet, we often hide our faith. Someone said to me this week, “My greatest fear is that I might die and when people come to my funeral they will find out that I was a Christian and then they will say, ‘I never knew he was a Christian.’” We don’t often walk around draped in crosses or religious garments, so the question remains, how will people know that we are Christians? If we shout it from the street corners and rooftops, we come off as fanatical. People are often turned off by that. Scripture tells us that, “They will know we are Christians by our love.” However, if we are all love and peace, the world calls us wimpy and soft. What is the winning solution?

I think that one practical solution is for us to fill ourselves with the word of God. If we are continually in the word, letting it speak to our souls, God will guide our hearts and minds so that our actions tell the world that we are Christians. The Bible doesn’t really give us a step by step plan. However, it is our playbook, and it provides us with overall themes about God, His creation, and how we are to act within it.

2 Timothy 4:2 says, “Be ready in season and out of season.” The best way for us to be ready to share our faith at all times is to constantly be absorbing the word. When we are filled up on the word, the word spills over into our lives and the world will know that we are Christians. If you are doing the Bible Recap with us, keep on going. If you aren’t doing that, it is never too late to start. Start filling up on God’s word!

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**ORDER OF WORSHIP**

The 11:00 a.m. service is streamed at [www.saintlukecolumbus.org](http://www.saintlukecolumbus.org) and broadcast at WLTC 103.7 Lite FM • Broadcast on WTVM Channel 9 at 10:00 a.m.

January 16, 2022                                      2nd Sunday after the Epiphany

8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m.

*Prelude........... “All Hail the Power of Jesus’ Name”.....arr. Mary McDonald & Lloyd Larson (piano/organ duet)

Welcome and Opening Prayer.........................................................Rev. Brett Maddocks

*Hymn................................. “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise”.................Number 103

***The Affirmation of Faith............ “The Apostles’ Creed” ..........................Rev. Dick Reese

I believe in God the Father Almighty, maker of heaven and earth; and in Jesus Christ his only Son our Lord: who was conceived by the Holy Spirit, born of the Virgin Mary, suffered under Pontius Pilate, was crucified, dead, and buried, the third day he rose from the dead; he ascended into heaven, and sitteth at the right hand of God the Father Almighty; from thence he shall come to judge the quick*** and the dead. I believe in the Holy Spirit, the holy catholic*** church, the communion of saints, the forgiveness of sins, the resurrection of the body, and the life everlasting. Amen.

*The Gloria Patri (Glory Be to the Father)

Glory be to the Father, and to the Son, and to the Holy Ghost.

As it was in the beginning, is now and ever shall be, world without end, Amen, Amen.

*Anthem (The Chancel Choir)............ “And the Father will Dance”..................Mark Hayes

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer................................................Rev. Reese

Our Father, who art in heaven, hallowed be thy name. Thy kingdom come, thy will be done on earth as it is in heaven. Give us this day our daily bread, and forgive us our trespasses as we forgive those who trespass against us. And lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil. For thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever.

Choral Prayer Response................... “Dresden Amen”............................Johann Naumann

The Children’s Sermon.................................................................Rev. Maddocks

*Hymn........................................ “Great Is Thy Faithfulness”.............................Number 140

Offertory Prayer.............................................................................Rev. Reese

Offertory (piano/organ duet)........... “Amazing Grace” ......arr. Mark Hayes & Marvin Gaspard

*The Dedication of Offerings.................. “The Doxology”....................................Number 95

Praise God, from whom all blessings flow; praise him, all creatures here below; praise him above, ye heavenly host; praise Father, Son, and Holy Ghost.

The Written Word.................................................................Genesis 3:1-24 (p. 2, OT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word.... “THE BIBLE AND THE HUMAN CONDITION” ......Rev. Maddocks

*Hymn.......................................... “Forward Through the Ages”......................Number 555

*The Benediction..................................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Reese (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks

Choral Benediction Response (11:00 a.m.)...... “Sevenfold Amen”............................ Peter Lutkin

Postlude...................... “Immortal, Invisible, God Only Wise” ..................Organ Improvisation

*Standing as able. **See Music Box *** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal"
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, January 16
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintluecolumbus.org
CornerKidz K-3rd Grade
9:45 a.m. Sunday School
10:00 a.m. Youth Sunday School (The Corner, MIN)
College House Worship Service (College House)
Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)/Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.saintluecolumbus.org beginning at 11:00 a.m.
11:00 a.m. CornerKidz K-3rd grade
12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, January 17 - Church, School, Preschool and ELC is Closed - MLK Holiday

Tuesday, January 18
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)
7:30 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (Evening Women/Ministry Center Youth Room)

Wednesday, January 19
7:00 a.m. College Guys Group (College House)
3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
7:30 p.m. College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, January 20
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

Main (main building), MIN (Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.

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Church Office, 706-327-4343
Preschool, 706-327-4343
St. Luke School, 706-256-1301
Early Learning Center, 706-322-2703
Ministry Center, 706-256-1017

SAVE THE DATE
St. Luke Women's Conference
January 29, 2022
St. Luke Ministry Center
Look for more information coming soon!

WEDNESDAY FELLOWSHIP SUPPER
Doors open at 5:30 p.m. The serving line is open until 6:30 p.m. Please make or cancel reservations using the form below, by e-mailing jwidener@stlukeum.com, or by calling 706-256-1017 before noon on Monday.

Menu: Fried chicken, lasagna, green beans, roasted potatoes, salad and assorted desserts.

Name: ____________________________________________________________

Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) __________

Daytime Phone: ________________________________________________

Email: ______________________________________________________________________

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Children's choir begins Sunday, February 6th during the Sunday School hour. Registration opens Sunday January 23rd on www.cornerkidz.com. Hope your child will decide to join us!

Our nursery is hiring! We are prayerfully seeking compassionate and reliable caregivers 16 years and older to provide childcare for our church families on Sunday mornings. Interested applicants should contact Michelle Hubbard at mhubbard@stlukeum.com for both an application and details.

Preschool Enrollment

St. Luke Preschool is excited to begin enrollment on January 10th for School Year 2022 - 2023. Our half-day program operates from 9:00-1:00 each day, on a school calendar, August through May. We serve children ages 3 months to four years old. Should you need any information or if you would like to schedule a tour, please contact the Preschool at 706-327-4343.

Military Ministry

For information about volunteering with St Luke's CRU Military team to serve basic trainees on post or to volunteer with the military ministry, please contact Nicole Mayne nmayne@stlukeum.com.

Military Ministry small group
"The Art of Marriage"
Jan 19-Feb 23
immediately following
Wednesday night supper.
Dinner and childcare provided. Register at www.saintlucerec.org/ministry/military

Join our February fitness fundraiser Patriot Challenge!

100% of our team’s funds benefit the Ranger Outreach Center at St. Luke!
Abiding Gifts

If you wish to honor or remember someone, please attach to your check the name of that person and the address to which you wish the acknowledgment sent and mail or bring to the church office. Contact maggie@stlukeum.com.

Naomi’s Village: In honor of Adam Morgan by Mr. and Mrs. Tom Scott.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Mary Reed by Judge and Mrs. William J. Smith. In memory of Mrs. Mary Anna Howard Walker by Mrs. Carol Flourney, Mr. and Mrs. J. Madden Hatcher, Jr., and Mr. and Mrs. Len Sexon. In memory of Mrs. Louie Crawford by Mr. and Mrs. Al Ramsay, Mr. and Mrs. Drew Hill, the Bent Pine Community, Mr. and Mrs. Jeffrey P. Adams, Ms. Patty Branch, Mr. and Mrs. Wright Waddell, and Ms. Patricia Buce.

Meals on Wheels: In memory of Mrs. Mary Anna Howard Walker by Mrs. Peggy Gindville.

Respite Care: In memory of Mrs. Mary Anna Howard Walker and Mr. Bill Whatley by Mrs. Kathy Riley.

Older Adult Ministry: In honor of Mrs. Nancy Powell by Mrs. Sylvia Powell.

Join us Monday Nights at 7pm for our New Testament Overview

College House

Thank you for praying for our trip to PASSION!!!
It was a huge success!

College House
FREE LUNCH THURSDAYS 12-1:30PM
Starts Back on 1/20

Outdated Small Group Bible Study
Wednesday Nights at 7
Starting January 19th

THE CORNER

No Sunday evening youth Jan 16.
Mike Davidson speaking on Jan 23.
MS Bible study immediately after school.

HS girls Bible Study will meet in the Corner at 6:30 on Wednesdays.

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