Thad’s Thoughts

Ten years ago we had one of those rare snow storms in South Georgia. I remember waking up that morning and looking out over a winter wonderland. It was picture perfect. No one was out on the streets, there were no footprints in the snow, and it looked like a postcard. Isn’t it amazing how an act of nature can turn an average, ordinary scene into something magical? An old piece of junk in the yard becomes a form of art. A dead, barren tree becomes an ice sculpture to the glory of God. A dead, brown yard becomes a white slate just waiting to be sculpted into a snowman. Did you realize that this is how we appear to God?

We tend to see ourselves as tired, worn out, and beaten down. However, what we see as old and worn out God sees as something wonderful. The real magic occurs when we are able to acknowledge a dead, worn out part of our lives and then offer it to God. Once we do that, God sees a clean slate just waiting to be sculpted and molded into a new creation. Where is that old piece of junk in your life? God can turn it into a work of art. Where is the dead, barren tree in your life? God can restore life and turn it into a thing of beauty.

Our former South Georgia bishop, Bishop Richard C. Looney, understands this concept. He retired in 2000 and moved to North Carolina. After a few short years of retirement his wife and one of his sons both passed away. He was faced with feeling alone, washed up, and worn out. However, Bishop Looney chose to become the pastor of a little country church in Tennessee. That church grew at an unbelievable rate and Bishop Looney says that he had the time of his life. He offered his brokenness up to God and God created something new and wonderful. What do you have to offer up to God? There is no time like the present to make your offering. God stands ready to sculpt, mold, and create in your life.

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February 27, 2022

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

*Prelude (The Handbell Choir)............. “Ring Jubilee” .........................Susan Geshke

Welcome and Opening Prayer.................................................................Rev. Thad Haygood

*Hymn........................................... Christ, Whose Glory Fills the Skies” .........................Number 173

***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)........ “O Love That Will Not Let Me Go” ..................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...................... “Danish Amen” ................................................anun.

The Children’s Sermon.................................................................Mr. Marc Boensel

*Hymn............................................... “My Hope Is Built” ......................................Number 368

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

Offertory (Handbell Choir).............. “Come, Ye Thankful People, Come” ..............Lloyd Larson

*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........................................2 Timothy 3:14-17(p. 200, NT in pew Bible)
The Spoken Word.......................... "THE B-I-B-L-E" ................................................Rev. Haygood

*Hymn............................................... “Be Thou My Vision” ......................................Number 451

*The Benediction..........................................................Rev. Haygood

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

Postlude............................................. “Be Thou My Vision” ....................Organ Improvisation

*Standing as able.

**See Music Box

*** quick means “living”; catholic means “universal”
OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, February 27
8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.saintlukecolumbus.org
CornerKidz K-3rd Grade
9:45 a.m. Sunday School/ Children's Choir (Choir Room)
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.saintlukecolumbus.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)
5-6:00 p.m. Corner/Crosswalk (LD, MIN)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, February 28
7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
College House Men's Small Group (College House)
9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)
7:00 p.m. Bible Study Fellowship (The Meeting Room)

Wednesday, March 2
7:00 a.m. College Guys Group (College House)
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
3:30 p.m. Middle School Bible Study (After School)
5:30 p.m. Wednesday Night Supper (MIN)
Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
6:30 p.m. Ash Wednesday Service (Sanctuary)
Girls' High School Bible Study (The Corner, MIN)
Boys' High School Bible Study (The Amos' House)
7:30 p.m. College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, March 3
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)

ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
Please join us for a Mardi Gras Luncheon
Snake Bite Six Band
Tuesday, March 1st, 2022
11:30 a.m. Cost $10
For reservations, contact Kym at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com

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, jambalaya, red beans, corn, rice, salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

Name: ________________________________
Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) __________ Daytime Phone: _____________________________
Email: ___________________________________________________________________________

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Children, Youth, and Adults are invited to find their place in the Music Ministry. New members are welcome throughout the year:

Chancel Choir rehearsals are at 7:00 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.
Handbell Choir rehearsals are at 5:30 p.m. on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.
Children’s Choir rehearsals are during Sunday School in the Choir Room.
St. Luke Orchestra rehearses for specific events throughout the year.

Please consider a gift to the Music Ministry. You may mark your donation to the Music Fund, Music Scholarship Fund, Orchestra Fund, Choir Robe Fund, or Organ Fund.

CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE): 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Thad Haygood preaching.

WORSHIP IN SPANISH: 12:30 p.m. worship in Turner Chapel.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God and in loving memory of Mrs. Erin Leanne Knight by Mr. Patrick Knight and family.

OUR KNOWN SICK: Emory University Hospital: Leon Belk, G-448.

NEW MEMBERS: Mr. and Mrs. Ritchie (Christie) McCarley come by transfer from another denomination. They have two children, Baylor and Caroline, who attend St. Luke School. Baylor is going through confirmation.

UPPER ROOMS for March & April Devotional books are now available in the Narthex and the Parlor. Regular print is $1.00. Large print is $2.00.

Register today!
The Open Door Classic 5K Run/Walk/Fun Run Fundraiser on Saturday morning, March 12, 2022 @ Woodruff Park.
Register online @odch.org to join us for fun, fellowship, and to love our neighbors.
We can’t wait to see you!
2405 2nd Avenue, Columbus, GA 31901 | 706-323-5518

Save the date!
FAMILY AND LEISURE MINISTRIES Saturday March 19th 5:00 - 7:00 p.m.
$15 per/person $30 per/couple (includes event, dinner and childcare) Stumpy's Hatchet House. Childcare provided at the church Sign up by March 1st via the church website https://saintlukecolumbus.org/events/
Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services for Corner Kidz. Also, Kindergarten Sunday School meets in room 108, 1st and 2nd grade in room 106, 3rd grade upstairs in the Commons area, and 4th and 5th grade in Stockwell Hall.

SAVE THE DATE! St. Luke Summer Camp IS happening this June! We’re headed to Shocco Springs June 17th through the 20th. All children completed 3rd through completed 6th are welcome. More info to come!

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.

DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN’S MINISTRY St. Luke Church is prayerfully seeking a new Director of Children’s Ministry. This person must be a committed disciple of Jesus Christ, who is compassionate and self-motivated, and will be a loving leader to guide our Children’s Ministry from birth through fifth grade. Qualifications for this full-time position are experience in Children’s Ministry and at least a Bachelor’s Degree. This person should have a calling from God to serve children, their families and the adults who will disciple these children. The ideal candidate should have strong leadership abilities and excellent interpersonal skills, be a team player, and have the ability to recruit, inspire, develop and empower a team of ministry volunteers. The right person must have the ability to create a vision for Children’s Ministry and be dedicated to leading children to become disciples for Jesus Christ. Responsibilities include managing and overseeing the entire Children’s Ministry, including church nurseries, children’s Sunday School, children’s church, Sunday night activities, Wednesday night activities, children’s choir, and seasonal events, such as Christmas programs, Easter programs, Vacation Bible School, and St. Luke Summer Camp. Interested persons should send resume and cover letter to: Kelly Pridgen at kpridgen@stlukeum.com.

WELCOME VISITORS We are glad to have you with us today! If you have any questions or need assistance with anything, please ask a church greeter or any member of the church staff. For more information about St. Luke, contact Brett Maddocks or any of the pastors at 706-327-4343 or bmaddocks@stlukeum.com. Thank you for blessing us with your presence.

Upcoming Study and Fellowship Opportunity for St Luke Women

June 3rd - 5th, 2022
The Cove (Billy Graham Center) in Asheville, NC

Made to Crave
Speaker: Lisa Harper

Join us as we learn how to have the active, redemptive, up-close and personal, REAL relationship with Jesus Christ our souls crave!

$75 deposit reserves your spot (only 20 spots available)

For more information contact Mary Pat Beckum @ 229-942-6909 or jrbeckum@aol.com
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.

Respite Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Don Richardson by Mr. and Mrs. Larry King.

Respite Care: In honor of Mrs. Sylvia Powell by the New Beginnings Circle.

Gabriel’s Gowns Fund: In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Gabe Denes and Mr. and Mrs. Gabe Denes by Mr. and Mrs. Don Williams. In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Gabe Denes by Ms. Jo Fike.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Mrs. Louie Crawford by Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Elliott, Jr.

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NEW BEGINNINGS MEETING & LUNCH
Tuesday, March 9, 2022
10:30 a.m. (Room 110)
Speaker: Peggy Ledford
Join us for lunch and celebrate the green!
All ladies invited

12 DAY EASTERN EUROPE & OBERRAMMERGAU
Passion Play 2022
June 11 – 22, 2022
Material is now available- if you haven’t received yours, please contact Kym, 706-327-4343 or kym@stlukeum.com

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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.

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College House
Free lunch for college students every Thursday, Noon-1:30 p.m.
Stay and eat or grab a box to go at the College House

Mid-week Service
Wednesday at 7 p.m.
For more information, contact Kami Davidson at k davidson@stlukeum.com
Look for us on IG @collegehouse_
Facebook: College House Ministries

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The Corner
MS Bible study immediately after school on Wednesday
HS Girls Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Corner.
HS Boys Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at Trip and Jennifer Amos’ house
Mike D is speaking on February 27th.
Souled Out Summer information coming soon!