Thad's Thoughts

This past weekend, we took a family trip to New York City. While we were there, we saw the Broadway Musical, *Wicked*. If you aren’t familiar with that particular show, don’t let the title fool you. It is actually a family friendly show that tells the story of what happened before Dorothy dropped into Oz in the famous movie, *The Wizard of Oz*. It is a fascinating look at Glenda the “Good Witch” and Elphaba the “Wicked Witch.” The audience gets an in depth look at who the two ladies really are, their motivations, their upbringing, and what makes their hearts tick. The overarching question throughout the show is, who is actually good and who is actually wicked?

The harsh reality for any of us to grasp is that we all possess within ourselves the ability to do good and the vulnerability to be wicked. The English Standard Version of the Bible says, “For I do not understand my own actions. I do not do what I want, and I do the very things that I hate.” The Apostle Paul’s famous words in Romans 7:15 sum it up perfectly for every one of us. There is a constant struggle between good and evil that we must all learn to manage. Maturity, focus, and the school of hard knocks all lend aid to our ability to overcome this struggle. However, at the end of the day there is nothing that we can do to overcome evil on our own. We are all weak human beings and we all stumble from time to time.

Goodness comes only from God. Therefore, we must make the conscious decision to lay our sinful, selfish side at the feet of Jesus. We must literally die to ourselves so that we might rise with Christ. “All to Jesus I surrender, Lord I give myself to thee. Fill me with thy love and power, let thy blessing fall on me. I surrender all, I surrender all. All to thee my blessed Savior, I surrender all.” Give your life fully to Jesus so that his goodness can fill you from within. You might be surprised at the amazing things God can do through your life if you surrender it all to Him.

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February 20, 2022

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

*Prelude.......................... “Prelude and Fugue in F” J.S. Bach
Welcome and Opening Prayer..........Rev. Thad Haygood
*Hymn.............................. “Now Thank We All Our God” Number 102
***The Affirmation of Faith............ “The Apostles’ Creed” Rev. Brett Maddocks
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)......... “Oh How He Loves You and Me” Kurt Kaiser
Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer..................Rev. Maddocks
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. Maddocks
Offertory (piano/organ duet)............. “I Love to tell the Story” Fisher/Whitworth
*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..................................................Mark 1:1-8 (p.32, NT in pew Bible)
The Spoken Word............ “PREPARE THE WAY OF THE LORD” Rev. Haygood
*Hymn.............................. “Hymn of Promise” Number 707

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

Postlude.................. “Now Thank We All Our God” Organ Improvisation

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

Sunday, February 20
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 Olympic Games (LD, MIN)
11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, February 21 - Church, School, Preschool and ELC is Closed for President's Day

Tuesday, February 22 - SLS, Preschool, and ELC Closed for Winter Break/Teacher Training
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, February 23
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. Girls' High School Bible Study (The Corner, MIN)
Boys' High School Bible Study (The Amos' House)
7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
7:30 p.m. College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, February 24
10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
12 Noon Free College Lunch (College House)
4:00 p.m. Leave for Confirmation Retreat

Friday, February 25 - Confirmation Retreat

Saturday, February 26 - Confirmation Retreat

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

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, pork loin with apricot chipotle sauce, mixed vegetables, mashed potatoes, salad, rolls and assorted desserts.

Name: ________________________________________________________________
Adults ($7.00) _______ Children ($3.00) __________Daytime Phone: _____________________________
E-mail: ___________________________________________________________________

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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 and in loving memory of Mrs. Jean Amos for her birthday by Dan and Kathelen Amos.

OUR KNOWN SICK: St. Francis: Leon Belk, CVU 9.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mr. and Mrs. Billy (Nadine) Chambers in the death of her nephew, Mr. Anthony Miles, on February 12, 2022, in Columbus, GA.

NEW MEMBERS: Wes and Merritt Pryor: They come by transfer from another UMC. They have two children, Helena and Cate. Helena is going through confirmation.
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.

JOIN OUR FEBRUARY FITNESS FUNDRAISER
PATRIOT CHALLENGE!

100% OF OUR TEAM’S FUNDS BENEFIT THE RANGER OUTREACH CENTER AT ST. LUKE!

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.

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.  
**Gabriel’s Gowns Fund:** In memory of Gabriel Max Denes by Mrs. Annette Pollock. In honor of our beloved little angels by Mr. and Mrs. Rob Holliday. In honor of Dr. and Mrs. Gabe Denes by Mr. and Mrs. Duke Walsh. In honor of Mrs. Ingrid Griffin by Mrs. Peggy Gindville.  
**Memorial Maintenance Fund:** In memory of Mr. Bill Whatley by Mr. and Mrs. Tim McGill.  
**U.M.C.O.R.:** In honor of Mrs. Mary Williams by Mrs. Mary Lewis Walsh.  
**Choir Robe Fund:** In honor of Mrs. Annette Pollock by Ms. Nancy Pedersen.  
**Meals on Wheels:** In memory of Ms. Ann Spencer by Mrs. Peggy Gindville.  
**S.A.W. Ministry:** In honor of Mr. Glenn Myhand for his 80th birthday by Mrs. Mildred McAfee.

For more information, contact Kami Davidson at kdavidson@stlukeum.com

Look for us on
IG @collegehouse_  
Facebook: College House Ministries

**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

**Q & A Night**

February 23rd at 7pm

**The Bible Project**

The Bible Project: video and discussion

An overview of a book in the Bible every Monday at 7pm

**Corner - Crosswalk**

**OLYMPIC GAMES**

**Medal Ceremony**

February 20 - 5-7 pm

Large Dining Room

Wear Red, White & Blue

Crazy Olympic Games

Food, Snacks, Soft Drinks