Thad's Thoughts

I realize that according to scripture I am not supposed to be prideful. However, I think that there is a big difference between the type of pride that I am feeling and the pride against which the bible speaks. Let me see if I can differentiate between the two.

On the one hand, the pride that the bible speaks about is an arrogant pride. It is selfish pride that says, “I can do this all on my own. I don’t need God or anyone else.” That type of pride leads us only to failure. Yes, we might be able to do things on our own and do them very well for a period of time. However, eventually we will run out of steam and fall flat on our faces. The bible tells us that in order to combat that type of pride we must repeatedly say, “I can do all things though CHRIST who strengthens me.” It is only through Christ that we truly become successful in life. Only Christ can give us true life. We must lay aside our selfish pride and humble ourselves before our savior.

On the other hand, there is the pride that I feel as a father. I am proud of my daughters and what they have accomplished. I am proud of their growth and maturity. I am proud of their blossoming talents and developing personalities. I give God all the glory and honor and praise for allowing me to be a father in the first place, and I thank Him daily for the beautiful creations that my daughters are becoming through Him. I call that a healthy pride.

There is a very healthy pride in our church. It is not an arrogant pride, but a pride in who we are as a community of faith and a pride in each other’s accomplishments. It is a pride that keeps us moving forward, striving to better ourselves each and every day. In this way, I am proud to be part of St. Luke! Tell someone this week that you are proud of them, and remind them that they are a creation of God. Let’s keep God first in our hearts and in our church, and let’s take pride in moving onward and upward together.

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May 15, 2022

ORDER OF WORSHIP

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

5th Sunday of Easter

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

Prelude.......................................... “My Tribute” ............Andre Crouch, arr. John F. Wilson

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

*Hymn................................ “All Creatures of Our God and King” ....................Number 62

***The Affirmation of Faith......... “The Apostles’ Creed” .............(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Haygood

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.

**Anthem (The Chancel Choir)........................ “Holy, Holy, Holy” ....................Franz Schubert

Pastoral Prayer and Lord’s Prayer......(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Haygood (11:00 a.m.) 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.................................................................Mrs. Jessica Culver

*Hymn...................................... “In Christ There Is No East or West” ................Number 548

Offertory Prayer..................................................(8:30 a.m.) Rev. Haygood (11:00 a.m.) Rev. Maddocks

Offertory........................................ “Old Rugged Cross Medley” ............arr. W. Elmo Mercer

*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..........................................1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (p. 193, NT in pew Bible)

The Spoken Word.......................... “NEVER STOP PRAYING” .............Rev. Haygood

*Hymn.................................. “Love Divine, All Loves Excelling” .............Number 384

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

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

Postlude...................................... “Praise, My Soul, the King of Heaven” ........arr. Don Wyrtzen

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

Sunday, May 15

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. College 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.
            Corner Kidz 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

Tuesday, May 17

7:00 a.m.  Men’s Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
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, May 18

10:00 a.m.  On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
5:30 p.m.  Handbell Choir Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
6:30 p.m.  Girls' High School Bible Study (The Blairs' House)
            Boys' High School Bible Study (The Amos' House)
7:00 p.m.  Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
            College House Fellowship and Bible Study (College House)

Thursday, May 19

10:00 a.m.  On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)

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

Your help is needed as St. Luke hosts the South Georgia Annual Conference June 5-8

Help us welcome our fellow Methodists!

You may register at https://sgaumc-reg.brtapp.com/2022ACVolunteerRegistration, use the QR code or use the sign-up sheets available in SS folders and the parlor. Return sign-up sheets in SS folder or to the church office.
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 7:00pm on Wednesday evenings in the Choir Room.

**Handbell Choir** rehearsals are at 5:30pm on Wednesday evenings in the Handbell Room.

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

**2128 Project!** The revitalization plan for our wonderful 1948 pipe organ. St. Luke will be 200 years old in 2028, and if we can refurbish our organ with the latest technology by then, we will be preserving this wonderful instrument for the next 100 years! Donations to the **Organ Fund** will go directly to this project.

Today’s anthem: “Holy is the Lord! One to be adored! One without beginning, one who’s ever been. Everlasting glory, one who has no end. Wonder, love, and power, one forevermore.”

**CONTEMPORARY SERVICE (THE NINE):** 9:00 a.m., Ministry Center, Rev. Brett Maddocks 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. Weezie Butler by Mr. and Mrs. Steve (Kent) Butler and Mr. and Mrs. Al (Betsy) Ramsay.

**NEW MEMBER:** Mrs. Helen Peterson by transfer from another denomination.

**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.

**OUR PHONE NUMBERS**

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 • Respite Care Ministry, 706-256-3117

**HOW DO I JOIN THE CHURCH?**

You may become a part of the St. Luke family of God in one of the following ways:

1. If you have never joined a church before, you may become a member by profession of faith in Jesus Christ and by being baptized. If you have already been baptized (as a child or as an adult) in a Christian Church, your baptism is recognized by St. Luke United Methodist Church. You will be asked to uphold St. Luke church with your prayers, presence, gifts, service, and witness.

2. If you are a member of another United Methodist Church or another Christian denomination, indicate to one of the pastors that this is your desire. St. Luke will then transfer your membership.

3. If you have any questions about faith in Christ, about United Methodism in general or St. Luke in particular, please ask one of the pastors!
Children in Kindergarten through 3rd grade will be dismissed from the Nine and 11 o’clock services for Corner Kidz (Children’s Church). Children can be picked up after Corner Kidz in Stockwell Hall. Sunday School for grades K-5th will meet in Stockwell Hall, from 10-10:50 a.m.

Nursery is offered from 8 a.m. - 12 p.m. in the preschool hall next to Stockwell for infants through Pre-K.

VBS registration is OPEN and spots are filling up quickly! Hope your child will join us July 18th through the 22nd as we Make Waves and explore how what we do today can change the world around us. Be sure to visit www.cornerkidz.com to register for both preschool and elementary VBS. It's going to be AWESOME!

CAN YOU HELP?

If you have 3-4 hours a month to volunteer and would like to be more involved at St. Luke, consider being a phone volunteer. Kym Harden (kym@stlukeum.com) will train you!

CHILDREN’S MINISTRY is looking for a nursery coordinator. The nursery coordinator supervises and coordinates staffing, volunteers, programming, and curriculum for all nursery services at St Luke UMC in partnership with the Children’s Ministry Director. If interested, please send your resume to Tracey Williams at twilliams@stlukeum.com.

STAYING UPDATED Please remember to call the church office and let us know when you have a change of address, phone, or email, etc. We also love to hear about births, marriages, etc. Thank you for your help in keeping our records up to date!

College House

WEDNESDAY NIGHTS - 7pm - Bible Study

Stay tuned to Social Media for other events during the week!

IG @collegehouse
Facebook: College House Ministries
For more info contact k davidson@stlukeum.com

Donate Your Athletic Shoes

Shoes sit in landfills 30-40 years, releasing harmful chemicals into the soil. Let us recycle your shoes for you! Drop any athletic shoe (with an insole) into a donation box located in The Ministry Center, The Corner or The College House.

BOSTON BUTT FUNDRAISER

HELP COLLEGE HOUSE GO ON THEIR FALL RETREAT TO JACKSON HOLE, WYOMING!

Only $25
Pick up from the College House
May 27th from 5-7 pm
Just in time for Memorial Day!
Go to www.collegehouseministries.com to purchase
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.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Dr. Champ Baker by Dr. and Mrs. Charles Scarborough. In memory of Mr. Gene Harden and Mrs. Rose King by Mr. Kevin Harcourt. In memory of Mr. Gene Harden by Mr. and Mrs. Steve Hall.

Choir Fund: In memory of Mrs. Rose King by Mrs. Amy Strickland.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Cecil E. Harden II by Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register.

The Military Ministry is providing discounts for active duty children to attend St. Luke summer programs: St Luke Summer 1/2 day camps and the VBS Preschool camp. Please contact Nicole Mayne directly for registration information at nmayne@stlukeum.com.

RESPITE MINISTRY is in need of additional volunteers on Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 10:00 a.m. - 2:00 p.m. If you are interested, reach out to Kathryn Fussell, Director 706.256.3117 or kfussell@stlukeum.com.

RESPITE MINISTRY POSITION OPENING, Program Assistant for Respite Care Ministry to assist with daily operations of the programs activities. Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays from 9:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m. Email your Resume to kpridgen@stlukeum.com.

ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS
Let Us Entertain Y’All!!
The Golden Divas Performing Group of the Southwest Georgia Classic Club Please join us for the Free Spirits luncheon on Tuesday, May 17, 2022 at 11:30 a.m.
Cost: $10
St. Luke Ministry Center Reservations are required and may be made by calling the church at 706-327-4343 or email kym@stlukeum.com.

NAOMI’S VILLAGE
Thank you so much to the ones that sponsored a child at Naomi’s Village! Together we are making a huge difference in the lives of precious children.

Mission’s Moment
Chuck Bolton, Director of Missions and Outreach, cbolton@stlukeum.com

Thank you so much to the ones that sponsored a child at Naomi’s Village! Together we are making a huge difference in the lives of precious children.

The Corner

Souled out payment due today, May 15th
No middle school weekly Bible study until June. Stay tuned for details.

Brett will be teaching on May 15th, Sunday Evening Worship! Let's fill up the room!!!

HS Girls' Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Blairs' House

HS Boys' Bible study is 6:30 p.m. Wednesday at the Amos' House

No Sunday evening youth on Sunday, May 29th (Memorial Day)