

Thad's Thoughts

In our Tuesday morning Men's Bible Study, we have been studying the New Testament book of Acts. We have talked extensively about the power of the Holy Spirit, and the fact that the early disciples were filled with enormous power and boldness. Recently, we studied Acts 3 which is the story of the man being healed at the Gate Called Beautiful. In that account, Peter and John were walking to the Temple one morning when a "crippled beggar" called out to them. The beggar asked them for money. Most of us, if we are honest, would probably have walked right past this man. Especially in a bustling area like the Temple Mount, it would be very easy to ignore him, step over him and keep going. However, Acts tells us that Peter and John stopped and "looked straight at him." They looked him in the eyes. Then, Peter began to share with the man that he wasn't carrying any silver or gold, but Peter said, "what I have, I give to you." Peter was filled with the Holy Spirit, and what he had to give this man was complete healing in the name of Jesus. Peter reached out his hand and helped the man to stand up, telling him, "in the name of Jesus Christ, walk." Ironically, the beggar would have been satisfied with some pocket change. Peter and John could have thrown a few coins down as they passed by and the beggar would have felt successful. However, Peter and John had so much more to offer the man in the name of Christ.

In light of this poignant passage, I offer a few observations. First of all, let us not forget that we also have the power of the Holy Spirit available to us at all times. Why we can't look people in the eyes, grab them by the hand and enable them to walk, I don't know. Perhaps the problem is with us. This does not negate the power of the Holy Spirit, however. The same Spirit is available to us to give us compassion, empathy, and generosity. The same Holy Spirit causes us to pause sometimes and offer hope, healing and encouragement. Second, before we have Christ in our lives, we are like the "crippled beggar." We aren't able to truly walk. We have nothing. We think we know what we need when in reality, we don't have a clue. In Jesus Christ, God looked straight at us, reached out His hand, and called us to walk in Him.

Are you walking with Jesus? If so, walk with boldness and courage because you are filled with the Holy Spirit. If not, I invite you to look straight at Jesus because he looks straight at you and me. See the compassion and love in His eyes, and start walking in Him today.



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OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, May 5

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. Contemporary Service (MIN) Live streamed at www.stlukecolumbus.org
K-4th Grade Worship
- 9:45 a.m. Sunday School
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
K-4th Grade Worship
Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukecolumbus.org
beginning at 11:00 a.m.
- 12:30 p.m. Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 5:00 p.m. Student Ministry (Corner/Youth Room)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, May 6

- 10:30 a.m. Circle One Meeting (Respite)
- 11:00 a.m. SLPA Teacher Appreciation Luncheon (LD, MIN)
- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study (Rm 110, Main)

Tuesday, May 7

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Prayer Breakfast (SD, MIN)
- 7:15 a.m. All Pro Dads (Youth Room)
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Moms (History Room, MIN)
- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (Youth Room)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 2:00 p.m. ELC Graduation (Sanctuary, Main)

Wednesday, May 8

- 8:30 a.m. SLS Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool and ELC Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room, Main)
- 5:30 p.m. Midweek Supper and Studies (LD, MIN)
CMDA Weekly Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 6:30 p.m. MS and HS Girls/Boys Bible Study (Youth Room, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
- 7:30 p.m. College House Ministry (College House)

Thursday, May 9

- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Graduation (Sanctuary/Ftn Area)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 3:30 p.m. Jump Bunch (Youth Room)

Friday, May 10

- 8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (The ROC, 1022 2nd Ave.)
- 9:00 a.m. SLS JrK Recognition Ceremony (LD, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. SLS Kindergarten Recognition Ceremony (LD, MIN)

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

**Just a reminder that listening devices are available for your convenience
in our Sanctuary. Please ask an usher if you'd like to use one.**



Enjoy a great meal with great people at a great price Wednesdays at MIDWEEK!
Serving lines open at 5:30 p.m. Breakout sessions begin at 6:15 p.m. Children
and students also have breakout sessions. Nursery in the Ministry Center is
provided for those needing it.

JOIN US FOR THE LAST MIDWEEK OF THE 2023-2024 SEASON!

**May 8 - "Tenacious" - a program on the life of Coach Jeremy Williams,
by Andy Robinson**

Pay **\$9** per person with a **\$30** max per family at the door (cash, check, or contactless
payment). Menu: Fried chicken, fried catfish, corn, macaroni and cheese, rolls, salad
and assorted desserts.

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MUSIC BOX

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The Music Scholarship Fund needs your support! We are able to offer a modest scholarship to music students from CSU who participate in our Music Ministry only through the generous donations of the congregation to the Music Scholarship Fund. Please help as you are able.

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.

Please consider supporting the Music Ministry by making a donation to the Music Fund or the Orchestra Fund.

Join the Music Ministry! Both youth and adults are welcome in the Music Ministry. The Chancel Choir meets on Wednesdays at 7pm and sings at the 8:30 or 11am services weekly. The Handbell Team meets on Wednesdays at 5:00pm, and plays at the 8:30 and 11am services monthly. The St. Luke Orchestra is a concert band that meets periodically throughout the year.

Today's anthem: See Psalm 46

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 honor of Jeanne Peterson Robinson on her 100th birthday and in loving memory of Ezekiel (Zeke) Robinson and Pete Robinson by the family.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: June 30, September 15, October 13 and 27. For more information, contact Maggie Roberson at 706-327-4343 or maggie@stlukecolumbus.org.

CRADLE ROLL: Mr. and Mrs. Derek (Grier) Hay announce the birth of a son, Foster Gregory Hay, on April 29, 2024, in Columbus, GA. Proud grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. David (Marguerite) Hay. A rose has been placed in the worship center in his honor.

Christian Love and Sympathy: To the family of Mr. Otto Chitwood who died on April 28, 2024, in Columbus, GA.

Ladies' Summer Bible Studies

Choose from 2 books and 3 time slots!

PROVERBS: THE WAYS OF WISDOM BY KATHLEEN NIELSON

Tuesday afternoons (May 14-July 23) from 1-2 pm at College House
Kent Butler will lead this "good for the soul" discussion-based study that provides challenge, conviction and encouragement about the wisdom of God and how it relates to every aspect of our lives.

- Register by emailing Kent at kentb24@gmail.com
- Purchase your workbook at <https://tinyurl.com/y7cfmpbu> and complete the first lesson before May 14

RENEWED: FINDING HOPE WHEN YOU DON'T LIKE YOUR STORY BY
HEATHER M. DIXON

Tuesday evenings (May 28-June 25) from 6:30-8:00 pm, with Mary Pat Beckum
or Wednesday mornings (May 29-June 26) from 10:30 am – noon, with Amy Ward,
both in Room 110. This discussion-based and video-driven study allows us to uncover valuable lessons and timeless truths gleaned from Naomi in the book of Ruth.

- Study guides will be available (\$15) at the first session
 - Register by emailing Amy Ward at award@stlukecolumbus.org and letting her know if you will be attending the Tuesday evening or Wednesday morning session. (You can go between the two times if more conducive with your summer plans.)
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CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

nmayne@stlukecolumbus.org

BABY RECOGNITION SUNDAY, MAY 12, 2024: Please check below and make sure your child is listed and their formal name is correct. If you do not see your child's name, please email twilliams@stlukecolumbus.org to register your child.

Josiah Gene Acevedo, Shepherd William Allen, Sevi Mae Benn, Olivia Joy Blair, Heidi Ann Hawkinson, Navy Jane Jones, Maggie James Ledbetter, Loxley Louise Murray, and Maddox Chambers Taber.

THE CHILDREN'S MINISTRY is seeking a part-time **ASSISTANT DIRECTOR OF CHILDREN'S MINISTRIES**

The Assistant Director will work 20 hours per week, including Wednesdays and Sundays. Interested applicants should submit their resume to Nicole Mayne at nmayne@stlukecolumbus.org.



ST. LUKE FREE SPIRITS • MAY 21 - A DAY TRIP

Horseshoe Bend National Military Park is the site of one of the last battles of the Creek War (March 27, 1814).

- Located in Daviston, AL • Tuesday, May 21, 2024 • Leave Church at 9:00am
- On-Bus Tour, Museum and Picnic Lunch • Cost: \$25.00

Questions? Contact Julie: (706) 327-4343 or jwidener@stlukecolumbus.org

RESPIRE MINISTRY

Respite care provides short term relief for primary caregivers, giving them time to rest, travel, or spend time with other family and friends. If you need Respite services, call Kathryn Fussell, 706.256.3117 for more information.

Missions Moment

Chuck Bolton, Director of Missions and Outreach, cbolton@stlukecolumbus.org

Bible Translation Update: Thank you to all of you who have supported St. Luke's Bible Translation Project to translate the Gospel of John for the Borana people of Northern Kenya. During Lent, we raised \$5,317 to help cover the cost of translating 400 verses of John's Gospel. God is faithfully working through your gifts to enable Wycliffe to complete this much needed translation for the Borana people. The book of Revelation tells us that in heaven we will witness a great multitude "from every nation, tribe, people and language, standing before the throne and before the Lamb." By putting Scripture into the native language of people around the world that don't have access to God's Word, we are literally adding to The Kingdom those made in His image and doing our part to bring them into eternal life with our Creator. Glory to God!



URGENT Help Needed for Kenya

On Monday, April 29, the community surrounding Naomi's Village, our strategic ministry partner, was devastated when an earthen dam failed, causing rushing water to inundate Maai Mahiu, Kenya. Many lives and homes were lost in the mass flooding. While Naomi's Village and its school were not directly impacted by the flood waters, the surrounding community it serves has been entirely devastated. Along with the Red Cross, Naomi's Village is providing chaplains and social workers to minister in the community. In addition to our prayers for the families impacted, financial assistance is also desperately needed. You can support these efforts online by visiting <https://naomisvillage.org/giving-page/?projectCode=Flood%20Relief> or using this QR code.



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@stlukecolumbus.org.

Respite Care: In memory of Mr. Steve Bristow by Mr. Kevin Harcourt, Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gravlee, Mr. and Mrs. Doyle Register, Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harrison, Mr. and Mrs. Trey Hodges, Ms. Alice Queen, Mr. and Mrs. Mike Norris, the Crossroads Class, and Mrs. Sue Vaughan. In memory of Mr. John Brantley by Mrs. Kathy Riley and Mr. and Mrs. Robert Willis. In honor of Ms. Nancy Pedersen for her birthday by Mrs. Annette Pollock.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Chris Butler Ball by Mr. and Mrs. Stephen M. Howard. In memory of Mr. Andy Marks by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Massey, Mr. Ritchie Geisel, Virginia McPhearson and William Pryett, Mr. and Mrs. Andy Robinson, Carter and Heath Schondelmayer, Mrs. Nina Elmore, Wynne Stevenson, and The Green Island Country Club. In memory of Mr. Steve Bristow by Mr. and Mrs. Ronnie Culbreth.

Food Pantry: In memory of Mr. Andy Marks by Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wooten.

Music Fund: In memory of Mr. Randall Gordon by Mr. and Mrs. Joel Wooten. In memory of Mr. Andy Marks by Mrs. Joyce Fowler.

Music Scholarship Fund: In memory of Mr. Randall Gordon by the Fourth Thursday Book Club.

Samaritan Fund: In memory of Mr. Andy Marks by the Fourth Thursday Book Club and Mrs. Melinda Hunter. In memory of Mr. John Brantley by Mrs. Carolyn Cartledge and Mr. and Mrs. Trey Hodges.

Organ Fund: In memory of Mr. John Brantley by the Now Class. In memory of Mr. Randall Gordon by Mr. and Mrs. Warren Harrison. In honor of Mr. Ken Bailey by Mr. John Frederick Sigman.

General Fund: In memory of Mr. John Brantley by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gravlee.

St. Luke School: In memory of Mr. Andy Marks by Mr. and Mrs. Bill Gravlee, Mr. and Mrs. Otis Scarborough, Mrs. and Mrs. Walter Miller, Mrs. Kathy Riley, Rev. and Mrs. Robert Beckum, Shirley Bryce, and Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ussery.

Kenya Mission Team: In memory of Mr. John Brantley by Mr. and Mrs. Lee Hutchens.

Gabriel's Gowns Fund: In memory of Gabriel Max Denes by Ms. Carolyn Robinson. In memory of Henry Foy by Mrs. Susan Lockwood.

Military Ministry Fund: In memory of Col. (Ret.) Ralph Puckett by Mr. and Mrs. Doug Harvey.

New Beginnings Circle Fund: In honor of Mrs. Jeanne P. Robinson for her birthday by Ms. Linda Phillips.

Remember Magnolia Manor this Mother's Day!

Honor someone special this Mother's Day with a gift to the League of the Good Samaritan. This Magnolia Manor benevolent fund covers the cost of care when a resident is unable to pay. To make your gift, visit www.magnoliamanor.com.



COLLEGE HOUSE MINISTRY

For more information, contact Kami at

kdavidson@stlukecolumbus.org.

Starting in May, College House will only meet on Wednesday night at 7:30 and on Sunday for Sunday School right after The Nine.

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SUNDAY NIGHT STUDENTS

5-7 PM

Be sure to pick up your copy of
the St. Luke Prayer Calendar.
Your opportunity to intentionally
engage in praying daily is here!
