

Thad's Thoughts

This past weekend, Laura and I got to go with the Free Spirits to Blue Ridge, Ga. It was a beautiful weekend with cool temperatures, clear skies, and the North Georgia Mountains. Something about those mountains just puts my soul at peace. While we were there we went on several strolls through the little town. This reminded me of a very short stroll that I once took. I shared it as a devotion one morning, and I'll share it here now.

A few years ago, we went to the Fox Theater to see a comedian. There was a very long line outside on the sidewalk because everyone had to go through metal detectors before entering the theater. As we were standing there in line, strolling along with everyone else, I looked to my right and realized that I was standing next to Pastor Andy Stanley. Andy is the son of the late Dr. Charles Stanley. I was excited to get to talk to Pastor Andy for about ten minutes as we strolled along together. There was so much that I wanted to talk to him about. I know that because we were both pastors walking together, Jesus was with us. In a very similar way, two of the disciples were walking together on the afternoon of the resurrection. As they walked, Luke tells us that they were discussing all that had happened. They were walking and talking about Jesus. Then, Luke says, "Jesus appeared beside them, but they did not recognize him."

How often do we wander aimlessly through life, not realizing that the God of all creation walks beside us? Whenever we walk and talk about Jesus, he is there. Whenever we gather with a brother or sister in Christ, Jesus is there. He is always close by, wanting to engage with us. Wanting to share in our sadness, our happiness, our joys and our struggles. As you walk this week, talk to Jesus as though he walks beside you. Leave some room to listen as well. I bet you will be surprised how clearly he communicates with you.



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OUR WORSHIP SERVICES

Traditional Service 8:30 a.m. & 11:00 a.m. (Sanctuary)

Contemporary Service 9:00 a.m. (Ministry Center)

Worship in Spanish 12:30 p.m. (Turner Chapel)

OPPORTUNITIES OF THE WEEK

Sunday, April 19

- 8:30 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary, Main)
- 9:00 a.m. The Nine - Contemporary Service (MIN)
Live streamed at www.stlukecolumbus.org
K-5th Grade Worship (MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of worship service on WTVM Channel 9
(Broadcast over WLTC 103.7 Lite FM and at www.stlukecolumbus.org
beginning at 11:00 a.m.)
Worship in Spanish (Turner Chapel, Main)
- 11:00 a.m. Worship Service (Sanctuary)/K-5th Grade Worship (MIN)
- 1:00 p.m. Clingstones Baseball Game
- 2:00 p.m. Women's Yoga Event (Gym)
- 5:00 p.m. Student Ministry Dance Marathon (LD, SD, Youth Room)
- 6:00 p.m. St. Luke Orchestra Rehearsal (Room 110)
- 11:30 p.m. Pre-recorded broadcast of The Nine worship service, WTVM Channel 9

Monday, April 20

- 6:30 p.m. Monday Night Women's Bible Study (Room 110)
- 7:00 p.m. College House Ministry (College House)

Tuesday, April 21

- 7:00 a.m. Men's Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 8:30 a.m. Prayer Moms (History Room)
- 9:30 a.m. Women in the Word (SD, MIN)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 1:30 p.m. Soul Sisters Bible Study (College House)

Wednesday, April 22

- 7:00 a.m. Youth Girl's Bible Study (Corner Café)
- 8:30 a.m. SLS Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Field Day (Fountain Area)
- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
- 10:30 a.m. Preschool and ELC Chapel (Sanctuary)
- 12 Noon Men's Young Professional Bible Study (Youth Room, MIN)
- 3:00 p.m. Men's Bible Study (College House)
- 5:00 p.m. Handbell Rehearsal (Handbell Room)
- 5:45 p.m. Midweek Supper, program immediately following supper (LD, MIN)
- 6:00 p.m. Student Ministry (Gym, Youth Area)
- 6:15 p.m. CMDA Weekly Bible Study (SD, MIN)
- 7:00 p.m. Chancel Choir Rehearsal (Choir Room, Main)
College House Ministry (College House)

Thursday, April 23

- 10:00 a.m. On-Site Respite (1021 Third Ave.)
MomCo Bible Study (Large Classroom)
- 10:30 a.m. Women's Bible Study (Room 110)
- 12 Noon College House Lunch (College House)
Finance Committee (Conference Room)
- 3:30 p.m. JrK Jump Bunch (Youth Room)

Friday, April 24

- 8:30 a.m. Military Ministry Weekly Bible Study (MMC, 1022 2nd Ave.)
- 9:00 a.m. Preschool Field Day (Fountain Area)
SLS Spring Play (LD, MIN)
- 12 Noon Alzheimer's Community Support Group (Respite)
- 7:00 p.m. SLS Spring Play (LD, MIN)

Saturday, April 25

- 7:00 p.m. SLS Spring Play (LD, MIN)

Main (Main Building). MIN (Ministry Center). LD (Large Dining Room). SD (Small Dining Room), MMC (Military Ministry Center). Contact the Ministry Center for information about renting or reserving rooms, 706-256-1017.



CONNECT with one another

OUR KNOWN SICK: Piedmont Encompass Rehab: Marian Young, 139. Barbara Lord, 103. Loretta Dunbar, 106.

CHRISTIAN LOVE AND SYMPATHY: To Mrs. Melinda Hunter in the death of her cousin, Kaye Corder Buchanan, on April 14, 2026, in Greenville, Mississippi.



APRIL 22: The St. Luke School Spring Play Preview.
Menu: Honey baked ham, Dressing, Rolls, Butter beans, Salad bar, Assorted desserts

Coming Soon!

to the St. Luke Ministry Center

• Fellowship of Christian Athletes

Spring Banquet
Monday, April 27, 6:00 p.m.
Contact www.westcentralgafca.org

• Right From the Start Annual Lunch

"The Rom Con" with
Lauren Reitsema
Thursday, April 30, 11:30 a.m.
Tickets available at
www.rightfromthestart.org

JOIN US FOR A DAY WITH THE

COLUMBUS CLINGSTONES

ST. LUKE CHURCH & ST. LUKE SCHOOL
ARE COMING TOGETHER FOR A DAY OF

BASEBALL AND FUN!

APRIL 19TH @1:00 P.M. - SYNOVUS PARK
\$12 A TICKET - SCAN QR CODE TO PURCHASE



ROW in our relationship
with Christ

ST. LUKE CHURCH WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Pause. Be held. Rest in Him.

Through slow movement, breath, and moments of stillness,
we will practice relaxing the body, quieting the mind, and
becoming aware of the steady, faithful presence of the Lord.



Sunday, April 19
2:00 pm - 3:00 pm
Cost: \$10 - Walk-in's Welcome



ST. LUKE ORCHESTRA RHAPSODY IN BLUE GERSHWIN

with guest soloist Dr. Esther Park
Also featuring American Songs
from the "Jazz" Era

April 29, 2026 • 6:00 PM

St. Luke Church Ministry Center
Concert Admission Free • Dinner \$9

MEN'S FRIDAY FISH FRY

Friday, May 1st
12 p.m. • Ministry Center
\$15 per person

Guest Speaker: Steve Butler
Please register and pay in advance with
the QR code. (You can pay at the door,
but advance registration is very helpful !)





For more information, contact Maddie Kratchman, Director of Children's Ministries, mkratchman@stlukecolumbus.org

ALL THINGS KIDS!



Scan the QR code to find information and register for all upcoming St. Luke Kids events.

ST. LUKE SUMMER CAMP

July 6-10

Rising 4th and 5th graders
Scan QR code to register.

St. Luke Vacation Bible School



July 13-17

Pre-K - rising 5th graders.
Scan the QR code to register!
Volunteers Needed for VBS!
Scan QR code to sign up.



College House

For more information contact Kami Davidson kdavidson@stlukecolumbus.org

Sunday School

@ College House after The Nine
Mon.: 7:00 p.m. Dinner and Bible study
Wed.: 7:00p.m. Dinner, worship, message
FREE LUNCH Noon-1:30 p.m.
(stay and eat or take a plate to go)

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APRIL 19TH 4:00 - 7:00 PM | SIGN UP WITH THE LINK IN OUR BIO



SERVE others in response to Christ's call

ACOLYTE MINISTRY

If you have a 4th, 5th, or 6th grader interested in serving as an acolyte in 2026, please contact: Laurie Dudley @704-891-7837 DudleySL99@yahoo.com

MEXICO MISSION TRIP

July 5-11, 2026

Join us in sharing the love of Jesus by building a house for a family in Ensenada, Mexico. The weather is so amazing - you will need long sleeves.

Contact our Director of Missions and Outreach, Laura Haygood for more information and if you are interested in going this Summer

lhaygood@stlukecolumbus.org

WANT TO HAVE A GREAT DAY?

SERVE ON THE HOSPITALITY TEAM!

There are a variety of places to serve, from greeting to driving golf carts. Please contact Corrin Duckworth

(corrinriley@hotmail.com) follow the link below, or scan QR code to volunteer.

<https://signup.com/go/EtJUqVD>



Welcome Julie and Bob Mendonsa from Naomi's Village

Did you know that Naomi's Village has been an intentional mission of St. Luke since 2011? Praise God for all the lives changed by Naomi's Village in Kenya. To sponsor a child, please visit Bob and Julie at the table in the back of today's service. To join us on a mission trip to NV in Summer 2027, contact Laura Haygood, lhaygood@stlukecolumbus.org



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.

Organ Fund: In memory of Mrs. Nancy Register by Mrs. Joanne Cavis.

In memory of Mrs. Lillie Moorer by Mr. and Mrs. Sam Robinson.

Food Pantry: In honor of Mr. Mitch Watts by the Discovery Class.

Memorial Maintenance Fund: In memory of Pat Walters, Dr. William Cunningham and Mrs. Rudi Cumiskey Pierson by Mr. and Mrs. George Mize. In memory of Mrs. Judy Hubbard by Mr. and Mrs. Mat Swift.

Respite Care: In memory of Mrs. Judy Hubbard by the Now Class.



MILITARY MINISTRY

MILITARY FAMILIES! GET ON THE ROSTER!

The Military Ministry invites all of our St. Luke Church and St. Luke School military families to step up to the plate and knock it out of the park with us at the Columbus Clingstones baseball game! A perfect night to connect, encourage one another, and cover all the bases together in a suite. Choose which game you want to attend from our five available dates: May 1, May 15, May 29, July 10, or August 7. Space in the suite is limited and is available on a first-come, first-served basis. Contact Tony Mayne today to learn more and secure your spot before it's game over at tony@gallantfew.org.



RESPITE CARE

JOB OPENING: RESPITE CARE PROGRAM ASSISTANT

Part-time position, 21 hours a week, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Thursdays. Assist with the planning and daily operations of Respite Care's programs' services and activities. High school diploma required, college degree preferred. The Respite Care Ministry's focus is working with the geriatric population with dementia or Alzheimer's disease. Position location: 1021 Third Avenue, Columbus, GA. Contact Kathryn Fussell with questions kfussell@stlukecolumbus.org



WORSHIP together and
experience God's love

Music Box

Marc F. Boensel, DMA; Director of Music Ministries, mboensel@stlukecolumbus.org

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.

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

Join the Music Ministry! Children, 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 Children's Choir meets on Sunday afternoons. The St. Luke Orchestra is a wind and percussion ensemble that meets periodically throughout the year.

ALTAR FLOWERS: The beautiful flowers in the chancel area are given to the glory of God by the Altar Guild.

OPEN ALTAR FLOWER DATES: April 19; May 3; June 28; July 5; August 23; September 13, 20, 27; October 11, 25; November 15, 22, 29.

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