#### Hey Church Family,

Welcome to another week filled with blessings and opportunities to grow in faith and fellowship! As we gather together, united in spirit and purpose, we're excited to share the latest news and updates with you. From upcoming events to meaningful reflections, our weekly announcements serve as a beacon of guidance and connection in our journey of faith. Join us as we embark on this enriching adventure together!

In faith and community,

Your Social Media Team

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# Sunday Message Summary

Speaker: Pastor T.C. Johnson Date: Sunday, March 16, 2025 Topic: "IT'S A GOOD TIME TO GET READY" Scripture: Genesis 40

#### From the desk of Pastor T.C. Johnson Scripture Reading - Genesis 40

#### https://youtu.be/4ws\_wAbxn\_8?si=FYNNAJby70Ui4Uz2

#### Sermon Summary

Pharoah the king of Egypt was disturbed after he dreamed that seven fat cows were destroyed by seven puny cows and seven good ears of corn were devoured by seven bad ears of corn. He sent for all the Egyptian magicians and wise men, but they were unable to interpret Pharoah's dream. Then Pharoah's butler remembered that Joseph, a Hebrew who was being held in the Egyptian prison, was skilled at interpreting dreams so the king sent for Joseph. When he stands before the King Joseph lets them know that it was his God who gave the ability to interpret dreams and after he hears the dream, Joseph interprets the dream and gives the king a plan that would ensure they would survive the bad times they would soon face.

We are living in unpredictable and precarious times; the indicators vary but more than likely there will be economic challenges and societal unrest to negotiate in the near future, so it's (Now!) a good time to get ready. The Great Depression (1929-1939) caught many people unprepared for the 10 years of suffering, there were people who starved and others who kill themselves because the pain and suffering were so hard. Joseph's plan saved both the Egyptians and his own people because the plan was to get ready by storing commodities/resources while times are good (fat cows) knowing that bad days (lean cows) are coming. How long can you/your family survive if all the banks fail (2008-2009) or credit cards or electronic accounts go dark and become unavailable? It's a good Time to get Ready.

Be Blessed,

Pastor T.C. Johnson

Watch Service Here!

## **Special Announcements!**

## Midweek Connect Topics

Adult Class 1 &2 Responsibility (our Responsibility for Peace and Justice to Reign)
Adult Class #3 The Fellowship of Encouragement. 1 Thessalonians 2:13–3:5
Teens Series - Attitudes, Friends & Struggles
Middle School Series - True Love, Choices, Set Apart & Lead
Pre-School & Elementary - Life Group Activity Night

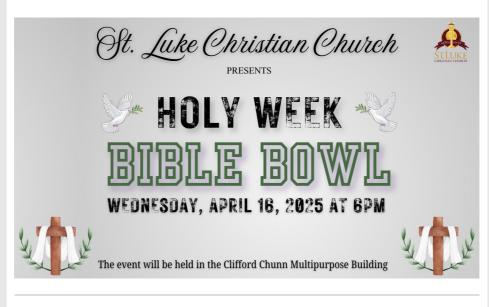
**Annual Spring Festival** 

St. Luke's annual Spring Festival is scheduled for Saturday, April 19, 2025 from 11am-2pm. There will be food, music, fun, prizes and of course the annual easter egg hunt. In preparation for this event, we kindly ask that the members of St. Luke begin bringing their easter egg donations. Please ensure that the eggs are plastic and are already filled with candy when you donate them. We also ask that you not bring any loose candy such as jelly beans. This will be a fun-filled event for the children of St. Luke so bring them out to have a fun-filled time.



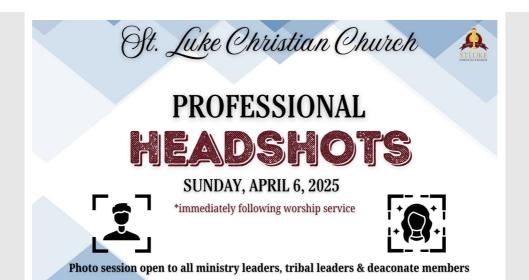
# Holy Week - Bible Bowl Game Night

Hey family! This Holy Week on Wednesday, April 16, 2025, we will be having a Bible Bowl Game Night! The fun-filled event will be held in the Clifford Chunn Multipurpose Building. Stay tuned for additional information.



# **Professional Headshots**

On Sunday, April 6, 2025, our photographers will be taking head shots of ministers, deaconate and ministry leaders immediately following service. The photos will be taken in the computer lab so please come prepared to have your photo taken.

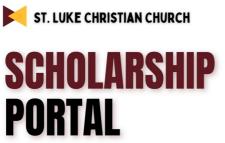


# St. Luke Scholarship Portal

Please follow the links below to find additional information regarding requirements, deadlines, etc. necessary to apply. Many scholarship deadlines are fast approaching so please have your students apply soon to secure their financial support.

# **Current Scholarship Opportunities**

Federal Student Loan Portal Dr. Joe L. Boyer Memorial Scholarship - Deadline May 31st 2025 Fastweb Scholarship Opportunities Sparkman High School Scholarship - Deadline April 30, 2025



ACADEMIC YEAR 2024/2025

Visit the newsletter to get additional information on available scholarship opportunities, deadlines & additional resources available to our graduating seniors



# March is Self-Harm Awareness Month

#### Self-Harm Awarness

- Definition and Prevalence:
  - Self-harm is the intentional act of hurting oneself, a symptom of severe emotional distress.
  - It's prevalent, especially among teenage girls, with rates significantly increasing in recent years.
- Forms of Self-Harm:
  - Various methods are described, including cutting, scratching, burning, and selfhitting.
- Reasons for Self-Harm:
  - It stems from poor coping skills and difficulty managing emotions.
  - Individuals may use it to regulate emotions, seek control, or express internal
  - pain.
- Risk Factors and Warning Signs:
  - Adolescence, peer influence, trauma, mental health issues, and substance use are identified as risk factors.
  - Physical signs (scars, wounds) and behavioral/emotional changes are listed as warning signs.
- Suicide Risk:
  - While not always a suicide attempt, self-harm increases the risk of suicide.
- Prevention and Intervention:
  - Strategies for prevention include fostering healthy coping skills, promoting social connection, and raising awareness.
  - Guidance is provided on how to help someone who self-harms, emphasizing support and professional help.
- Emergency Help:
  - Instructions are given for when to seek immediate medical or mental health assistance, including suicide hotline numbers.

For more information check out this link: https://youtu.be/8tE4RMXx-IY



# **2024 Contribution Statements**

Contribution statements are available for pick up from the church office after Sunday, January 26th by calling 256-721-1294 to request a copy

# Academic Tutoring Sessions

St. Luke will begin offering tutor sessions beginning January 14th – May 15th 2025. Tutoring sessions will be held on Tuesday and Thursdays from 4pm-6pm. Please scan the QR code and provide the requested information so that we can provide the best service possible. If you have any questions, please call the church office at 256-721-1294



### **Prayer List**

We kindly request that you remember and include in your prayers those individuals who are part of our SLCC family. Life can sometimes present us with unexpected challenges and it is during these times that our thoughts and prayers can provide comfort and strength. So, please take a moment to send positive thoughts and pray for our SLCC family members.

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Happy Birthday March Babies!



# Happy Anniversary March Couples



# **Additional Announcements!**

## 2025 Children's Church Schedule



# **Church Nursey Volunteers Needed!**

We are seeking assistance in the church nursery. If you have a love for children and want to volunteer your time in this ministry, please stop by the nursey and speak with Sister Monica Gray



# St. Luke Photo Gallery

Hey family. We want to introduce the St. Luke photo gallery which is available on our new flickr page. Photos of worship services, baptisms and other church events will be displayed on this site. From the site you will be able to view, download and share moments captured by our incredible photographers. Please scan the QR code to be directed to this collection of photos and we hope enjoy these memories for years to come. There will also be link to access this photo gallery on the church website.



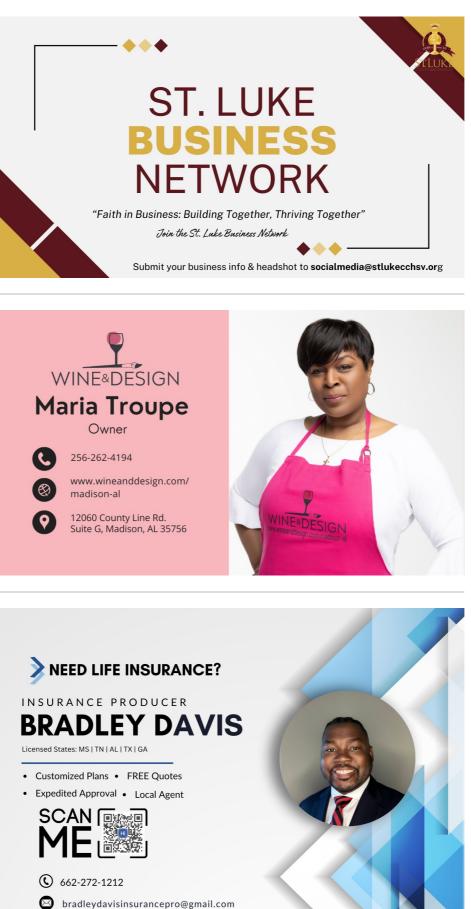
# **NEW!! Food Pantry Hours**

The food pantry hours have changed to Monday - Wednesday from 9:30am - 2:00pm to serve our community. Donations to the pantry are always appreciated so if you would like to donate, feel free to bring those donations during pantry hours and one of our volunteers will be happy to receive them.



# St. Luke Business Network

Calling all St. Luke business owners! Join the St. Luke Business Network to showcase your talents to our community. Submit your business info, headshot and services to <a href="mailto:socialmedia@stlukecchsv.org">socialmedia@stlukecchsv.org</a> (see examples below). Let's connect and uplift each other.



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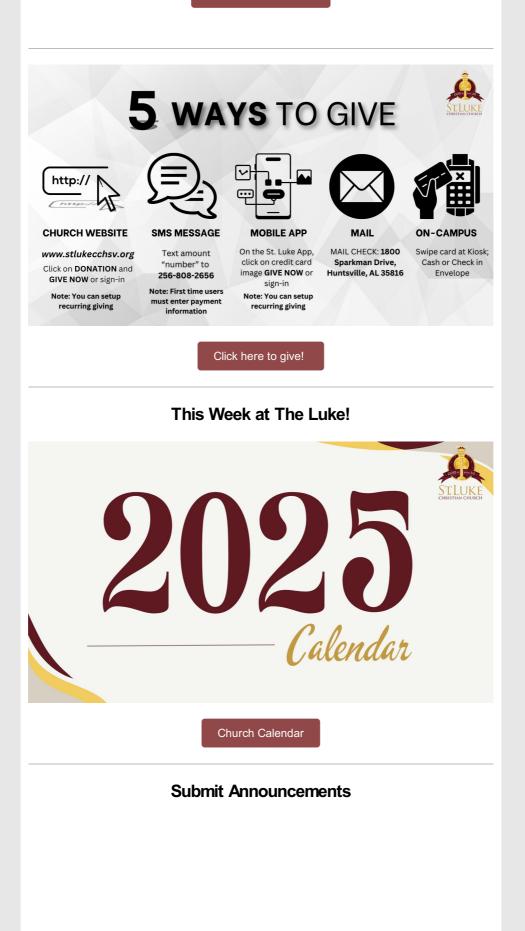
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