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 2, 2025

Topic: "The Other Side of Life's Mountains

Scripture: Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

From the desk of Pastor T.C. Johnson

Scripture Reading - Hebrews 12:1-2 (KJV)

- 1 Wherefore seeing we also are compassed about with so great a cloud of witnesses, let us lay aside every weight, and the sin which doth so easily beset *us*, and let us run with patience the race that is set before us,
- 2 Looking unto Jesus the author and finisher of *our* faith; who for the joy that was set before him endured the cross, despising the shame, and is set down at the right hand of the throne of God.

Sermon Summary

The writer of Hebrews presents life in the analogy of a foot race in an arena where the bleachers are filled with former runners. They have finished the race themselves and are now witnesses cheering those who are still in the race of a faithful life. Read chapter eleven (11) to see a list of some of the names of those who are in the bleachers and the mountains they had to deal with. The Mountain is something that threatens to impede or possibly prohibit the runner's forward progress or at the least, make the race so much harder to run. One of the things that we learn is that every believer must be prepared to encounter mountains, so don't set up camp in Pity-Me Park. Rather, consider people like Abraham who had to deal with Mt Moriah, or Elijah, who had to deal with Mt Carmel. The text instructs us to look to Jesus and the way He endured His Mountain (Mt Calvary, the cross). Jesus did not focus on the mountain; he considered the joy on the other side which must have been encouragement to continue the race.

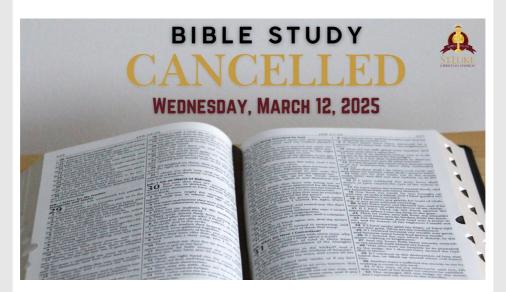
Be Blessed,

Pastor T.C. Johnson

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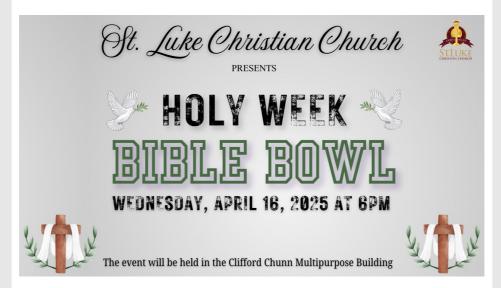
Special Announcements!

Mid-Week Connect Cancelled



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.





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SUNDAY, APRIL 7, 2025



*immediately following worship service



Photo session open to all ministry leaders, tribal leaders & deaconate members

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

USDA/1890 National Scholarship - Deadline March 15, 2025

Sparkman High School Scholarship - Deadline April 30, 2025



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.

Happy Birthday March Babies!





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 socialmedia@stlukecchsv.org (see examples below). Let's connect and uplift each other.



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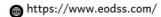
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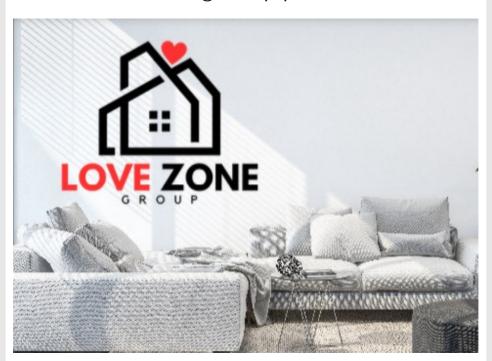
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Note: You can setup recurring giving



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Follow us on social media to stay up to date on upcoming events! Also, check out our NEW flickr page to see photos of previous events and church services!



If you have any inquiries or wish to have your announcement featured in next week's newsletter, please feel free to reach out to us at socialmedia@stlukecchsv.org