# The Onion March 2024



Physical discipline is good for the life we now live, but spiritual discipline is good in every way, since it holds promise not only for this life but also for the life of the world to come. -1 Timothy 4:8

Greetings dear church family! I write this as we approach the middle of Lent; this gift of introspective time as we walk with Jesus to the cross. During our worship services, we're scripturally addressing the most common questions and doubts people have. We're discovering that doubts aren't bad things, but very necessary and good things, IF we lean into them, not casting them aside.

It also occurred to me that we've been talking a lot about "practicing": how we need to 'practice' our spiritual disciplines...you know, study, prayer, fasting, service...making use of the obvious sports metaphor. An athlete can't be ready for game day without lots and lots of practice, sleep, training, eating healthy...all the things. So how can we expect to be anywhere near the top of our "game," loving God and neighbor, without intentionally practicing our disciplines?

What is our game day? Everyday! It's every interaction with anyone we meet, whether face to face, or electronically. The question that should linger within us all day is, *How well am I being the hands and feet of Jesus right now?* I've also learned this, my best game day experiences have never been the ones that are planned, but have always been life's interruptions. Those times when it's not convenient or on my schedule. Realizing this, the invitation is for us all to practice more diligently...we won't know the "day or time" of the next interruption, so we should always be ready.

This is the discipline Paul is writing of; healthy living is good and necessary, but spiritual discipline is good in every way...not only for this life but also for the life of the world to come. So let us journey together, attending to our doubts and questions during this season of Lent making use of our disciplines: let's pray about them, study on them, discuss them, and in the process deepen our faith, in preparation for all the game days ahead. Amen.

Selah and Shalom
Dave



We are a community of the imperfect, loving God by loving our neighbor.

#### **WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP**

#### CHURCH INFORMATION

Sunday Service—10:00AM
Wednesday Night Life Study: 5:30-6:30PM

:30PM

Monday - Thursday 8:30 a.m. - 2 p.m. | Closed Friday

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### **EVENTS**

### Easter Choir

Calling singers of all ages and abilities to join our JSUMC Joyful Noise Choir for Easter Sunday service! Rehearsals are optional but encouraged, and will be immediately after service March 10, 17 & 24. If you would like to participate, please contact Dave Webb at 615-308-9893 or felef66@comeast.net



### **EASTER SUNDAY CHOIR**

### March 31st, 10:00am

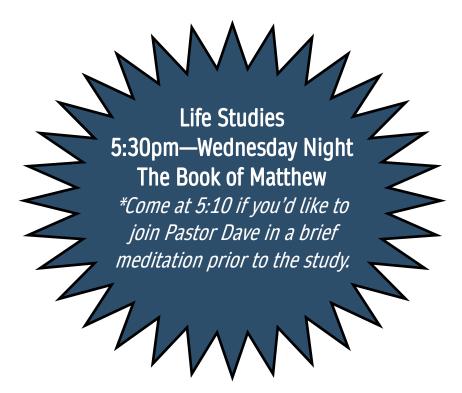
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#### **NEWTON SUPPLY DRIVE**

### March 3rd—April 7th

We are collecting hygiene supplies for Newton Elementary School until April 7th. Please drop all donations in the bins located in the church lobby or office conference room.



### **MINISTRIES**

Jubilee Ladies—Tuesdays @ 6pm
Cigar Church—Tuesdays @ 7pm
Soul Sisters Bible Study—Wednesdays @ 10am
Sunday Morning Fellowship—Sunday @ 8:30am
Comfort Sowers

For more information on our adult ministries, please visit our website at: https://www.jubileeshoresumc.org/small-groups

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### **OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES**

### SOUP FOR THE SOUL

This month's recipe is White Chicken Chili. Bags are available for pick-up starting Sunday, March 3rd and all soup needs to be returned by Sunday, March 31st. Please sign the sheet when you take a bag! Thank you!



### **WEESCHOOL MARDI GARS**

Our Weeschool kids let the good times roll at their Mardi Gras parade & ball!



## PRAYER Requests

- Prayers for healing for Dee Lores's sister, Vicki, who fell and incurred a head injury.
- Prayers for protection for Dave Webb's son, Josh Avni, who has returned to Israel to rejoin his Reserve Brigade. He is doing well and going on break soon if not already.
- Prayers for Deb Kirk as she continues chemotherapy treatments to fight endometrial cancer.
- Prayers for healing, energy, and strength for Cody and Angela Phillips.
- Our Weeschool to remain staffed and healthy!

#### CHURCH STAFF

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#### **GIVING OPTIONS AVAILABLE:**

- www.jubileeshoresumc.org
- Log into your CCB profile and use your "Giving" tab
- Set up a regularly scheduled automatic withdrawal from your bank account
- Drop off at church office

\*all gifts are tax-deductible and a year-end giving statement will be prepared for you for tracking and tax purposes.