



The Pastor's Quill

...and saw two angels in white, seated where Jesus' body had been, one at the head and the other at the foot. -John 20:12

Greetings family! The onset of spring brings newness and rebirth and joyous busy-ness: gardening, gatherings, and grillings...oh my! There is an almost inherent "spring" in our steps, thinking, and spirit.

Which brings me to Easter and how our spirit receives more than just a 'spring', but a jolt of newness and depth, or at least so I hope/pray. I experienced this 'jolt' a few weeks ago in preparation for Holy Week that I wish to share with you. While reading John's Gospel, it dawned on me that in each of the other Gospel stories of the empty tomb, there is at least one angel. Why does John describe not only two, but where they were seated, *one at the head and one at the foot* of where Jesus' body had been.

Knowing John's penchant for double meanings and the deeper interpretations behind his stories, I began to think of how his Gospel is all about beginnings, *In the beginning was the word*, and from that ties the Garden of Eden with the garden of Jesus' tomb...so in this light, could John be directing us or alluding to the Mercy Seat of God from the beginnings of the OT? The Mercy Seat is the area of the Ark of the Covenant's cover, between two cherubim, believed to be God's earthly throne. So, is John using this word picture in an effort to deepen our understanding of Jesus' death and resurrection? Is he saying that Jesus now sits on the Mercy Seat as our advocate, as THE reconciliation between God and us?

How about that for a jolt! What a powerful image as we spring into Easter...this extraordinary day which transforms our sorrow into joy and hope, our fear into peace and courage. This day wherein I prayerfully hope that we come to realize that fear is *what if* and faith is *even if*, and because God has conquered death, we have nothing to fear, because the worst thing isn't the last thing; the last thing is the best thing!

May this be our Easter!
Selah and Shalom
Dave



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

WORSHIP & FELLOWSHIP

Sunday Service—10:00AM

Wednesday Night Life Study: 5:30-6:30PM

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CHURCH INFORMATION

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

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EVENTS

Annual Spring Community Picnic

Friday, April 12th | 4:00pm-7:00pm

Live Music - Inflatables - Water Slides
\$5 Fish Fry Plates - Free Hot Dogs for Kids



ANNUAL SPRING COMMUNITY PICNIC

April 12th, 4:30pm-7:00pm

Our Annual Spring Community Picnic is a family friendly, fun event you don't want to miss! There will be inflatables, a water slide, live music, and food available for purchase. We hope to see you there!



CHURCH POTLUCK

April 21st, After Service

Join us for great food and fellowship Sunday, April 21st immediately following the service. Entrée is provided—just bring a side to share! Sign up sheet is located at the Welcome Desk.

Don't forget to follow & share our posts on Social Media!



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Life Studies

5:30pm—Wednesday Night

The Book of Matthew

**Come at 5:10 if you'd like to join Pastor Dave in a brief meditation prior to the study.*

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>

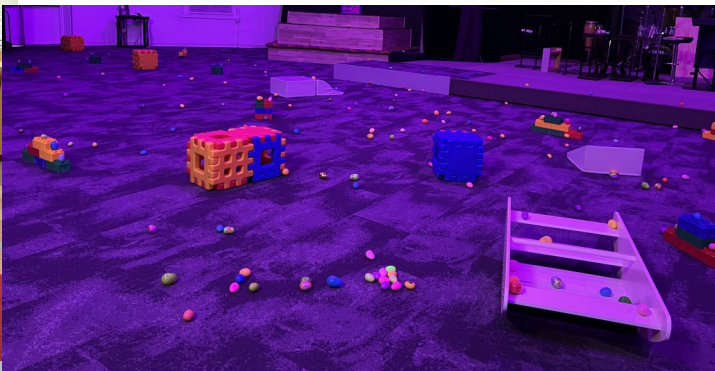
OUTREACH OPPORTUNITIES



NEWTON SUPPLY DRIVE

We are collecting hygiene supplies for J Larry Newton Elementary School. While many supplies are provided by the state, they do not provide wipes, hand sanitizer, and Kleenex. We want to love on our backyard neighbors by providing them with these supplies! Donations can be dropped off until April 7th in bins located in the church lobby or office conference room.

WEESCHOOL Easter Celebration



PRAYER

Requests

- Prayers for Susie and Rick Wallace as they move to North Carolina.
- Prayers for Deb Kirk as she continues chemotherapy treatments to fight endometrial cancer.
- Our Weeschool to remain staffed and healthy!

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ONLINE *Giving*

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.*