



BASCOMB NEWS

SEPTEMBER 17, 2020



The Bishop’s Cabinet and our District Superintendent have recommended that we not hold public services unless our county is in the “green” on this website: globalepidemics.org. We are now in the “orange.” We will not hold public services this week, but you will still be able to experience our services online through Facebook, our website, and YouTube.

College Care Packages

If you have a college student who would appreciate receiving a care package, send their address to Tammy at office@bascombumc.org.

9550 Main Street
Woodstock, GA 30188
678-324-7937

Wednesday – Friday
11:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.

Saturday, 11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.
Volunteers needed! If you are available to help, contact Libby Kasper at 952-807-6353.



Generous

Matthew 20:1-16

September 20 — 16th Sunday after Pentecost
Fall Break Begins
Sermon Title: “Generous”
Scripture: Matthew 20:1-16

Grace can be understood as God’s undeserved generosity. **Key-in** on that word “undeserved” because it’s easy to imagine that health, wealth, and happiness are a “deserved” reward from God, given to the spiritual or “good” among us. All the texts this week involve people grumbling – Hebrews in the desert long for the “flesh pots” of Egypt, Jonah is angry at God because the Ninevites are shown mercy, Paul is encouraging a church to focus on Jesus and the mission and stay together. And Jesus just saw the “rich-young ruler” walk away while Peter demands to know what kind of reward the disciples are to expect! To answer that question Jesus tells the story of a bunch of grumbling workers – how does that teach us about “deserved” and “undeserved?”



Bascomb UMC – Reopen Plan

General Guidelines

Always apply during pandemic

These guidelines have been developed based on the [guidance](#) provided by Bishop Sue Hauptert-Johnson and the Cabinet of the North Georgia Conference.

<https://www.ngumc.org/newsdetail/message-from-bishop-and-cabinet-on-rising-numbers-of-covid-19-cases-in-our-region-14122409>

Social Distancing rules apply.

- Maintain 6ft distance of all people.
- Masks are **required** inside the building.
- Fellowship Hall capacity will be reduced to 40 people.
- New Fellowship classroom capacity will be reduced to 10 people.

Bathroom Availability – Narthex only

Fellowship Hall entrance, Fellowship Hall Bathrooms, hall bathroom, kitchen, prayer room, library, chapel, upstairs (youth area), downstairs (see exceptions) are all closed.

No food allowed in the building.

Kitchen is not available.

All decisions will be made based on the Cherokee County color rating. This information can be found at <https://globalepidemics.org/key-metrics-for-covid-suppression/>

Filter Graph by Georgia / Cherokee County.

Reopening Stages

In-Person meetings are considered any meetings of 2 or more people that occur on the grounds of Bascomb United Methodist Church, excluding Sunday Worship Services.

Red - If the county is red, the church is effectively closed.

Church Building	Closed
In – Person Worship	None
Outside Meeting	None
In – Person Meetings	None
Staff	Remote

Orange - If the county is orange, the church is effectively closed.

Church Building	Closed
In – Person Worship	None
Outside Meeting	Allowed if social distance guidelines are followed
In – Person Meetings	None
Staff	Remote

Office activities will be managed by Tammy Smith, with an emphasis on working remotely.

Yellow

When the county moves to yellow, we will begin to allow additional groups to meet in the church. We will not begin right away. For In-Person meetings there must be two (2) consecutive weeks of yellow before we move to these lessened restrictions. In-Person worship may begin immediately upon movement to yellow.

Church Building	Limited Open
In – Person Worship	Trustee Discretion
Outside Meeting	Allowed if social distance guidelines are followed
In – Person Meetings	Limited – See note below
Staff	In Building

Available rooms for In – Person meetings: **New Fellowship, Fellowship Hall**

In – Person meetings will be available for groups that are comprised of entirely Bascomb UMC members.

Green

When the county moves to green, we will begin to allow additional groups to meet in the church. We will not begin right away. For In-Person meetings there must be two (2) consecutive weeks of green before we move to these lessened restrictions. In-Person worship may continue or begin immediately upon movement to green.

Church Building	Open – See note below
In – Person Worship	Yes
Outside Meeting	Allowed
In – Person Meetings	Allowed – See note below
Staff	In Building

Available rooms for In – Person meetings: **New Fellowship, Fellowship Hall**

In – Person Meetings will be available for groups that are comprised of entirely Bascomb UMC members or led by a Bascomb UMC member. Groups with no direct connection to Bascomb UMC will need approval from the Trustees.

*The entire Reopening Plan can be found on our website.