



BASCOMB NEWS

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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.

MISSION TRIP FUNDRAISING

LOFT Bascomb Youth Group is planning a mission trip for the summer of 2021! To contribute to this fundraiser, please pick a number from the list of available numbers on our [website](#). The number you pick is the number of dollars that you want to contribute. After you pick your number, email your choice to youth@bascombumc.org. You can send a check to the church with “Youth” in the memo or choose “Youth” when you give online. Thank you for your support!



Ahead of You!

Matthew 21:23-32

September 27 — 17th Sunday after Pentecost
Sermon Title: “Ahead of You”
Scripture: Matthew 21:23-32

It happens more often than I care to admit. I make a run to the grocery store to pick up ONE thing. Never mind that we made a grocery order just yesterday, something got left off! Don’t you hate that? You were right there and didn’t think of the thing you now must make a special trip back to pick up. Now look at the picture – a line 10 carts deep! Are they in the “10 items or less” line? You start to count the items in the first cart before you realize it’s hopeless. They are all **ahead of you**.

Jesus is in a pitched struggle with the leaders of his faith. Here he is, the actual source of their faith defending his credentials to a bunch of “stand ins” that claim authority they don’t have because they are faking it – unable to recognize the “Way, Truth, and Life” in their presence. It bothers me that these people were “inside” the church and Jesus describes those “outside” the church as **ahead of them!** I’m inside the church. I will still get my ONE item, but what a waste of time. What else am I losing here?



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.