



# BASCOMB NEWS

NOVEMBER 12, 2020

## In-Person Service November 15 at 10AM

We are OPEN! But with caution.....

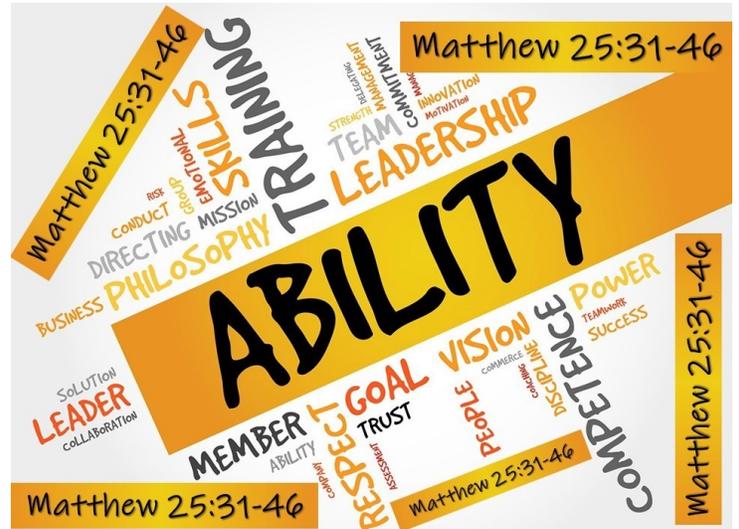
The Trustees have agreed that Bascomb UMC needs to reopen for the members who feel that in-person worship is an essential activity that does not pose too great a risk to their health. It has become clear that Cherokee County is not going to drop into the yellow or green level of infection anytime soon. Many other churches, including United Methodist churches in our area, have now opened and we feel the need to provide in-person worship for those who intend to worship in-person somewhere. We have all come to understand this virus is going to be around well into the new year, and we must learn to live with it as we adapt to these new ways of safely interacting: masks, limited time inside, handwashing, distancing, avoiding group singing inside, air quality treatments, treated surfaces, and avoiding social interaction until you are outside in the fresh air.

### Protocols for Bascomb in-person worship:

- \*Enter through the sanctuary ONLY using the propped doors to avoid touching handles.
- \*Masks are required – and wash and/or sanitize your hands (wipes are available) upon arrival and departure or when exiting the bathrooms (please use ONLY the bathrooms in the Narthex-Lobby).
- \*Every other row is blocked to maintain distance and space is provided between groups of seats to separate households. Please sit in household units ONLY – avoid sitting next to other households.
- \*Let the band and the choir sing for you – say the words in your heart as a prayer.
- \*Offering plates are available as you enter or depart the service.
- \*Please exit from back to front as the ushers direct – please do not gather until you are outside in the fresh air.

The Trustees understand that there are those AT RISK who should NOT consider being inside with groups (outside of their household) until a vaccine is widely distributed and our infection color is finally down into green. Online streaming will continue to be a priority; we will continue to broadcast on FM 95.3 in case you want to come sit in the parking lot and see folks as they leave. Numbers inside will be limited to under 100 in the sanctuary unless the state mandates a lower number. If that becomes an issue – we will attempt overflow in the fellowship hall.

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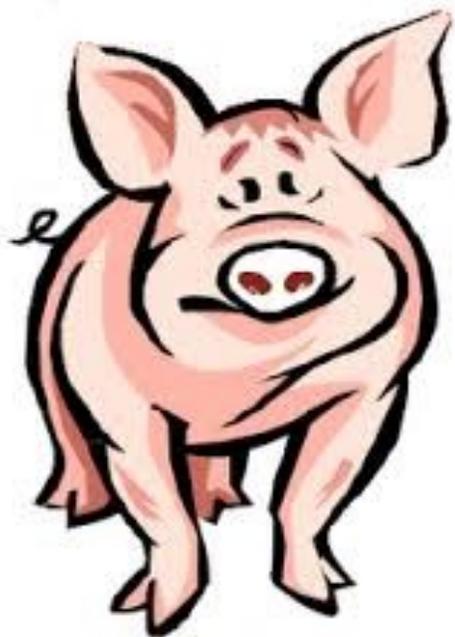
November 15 — 24<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: "Ability"

Scripture: Matthew 25:14-30

My commentaries have strong opinions about this parable this week: *"This is not a stewardship parable!"* and *"This is not a parable about members using (or not using) their talents!"* So, what is the "parable of the Talents" about? Well, this time, as I read the scripture, this jumped out at me, *"He gave to each servant according to that servant's ability."* I want to explore that! However, there are some major points other than "ability" to challenge us – a deep misunderstanding of God by the third servant led him to respond out of FEAR and avoid all RISK. Does that look like us? Are we ABLE to relate to God in an authentic way?





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QUESTIONS?

Email Steven Petrus  
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Nov. 21 from 11-2pm

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