



BASCOMB NEWS

NOVEMBER 22, 2023



Join us for One Service

Sunday November 26th at 10:00 AM

BFF MEETING SUNDAY NOVEMBER 26TH

AFTER 10:00 AM SERVICE

For everyone participating in the live nativity (Thursday, December 7), please join us for a brief meeting immediately following the service on Sunday, November 26. We will discuss the different roles that need to be filled, potential practice dates and the plan for that evening. Hope to see you there. Contact Kathi and Steve Underwood for details.

Breakfast with Santa—Saturday

Dec. 2nd, 9:00-11:00AM



Please join us and bring your kids, grandkids, nieces, and nephews for breakfast, crafts, games, and pictures with Santa!

November 26, 2023—Thanksgiving Sunday

“Poor Jesus” Matthew 25: 31-46

Last Saturday in Athens I was so looking forward to seeing some friends and catching up with them. Seeing those friends may be the very last time I get to see them. You see, these friends are pastors and they had made the decision to go with their churches as they disaffiliate from the United Methodist Church. As I saw them and talked to them, there was a part of me that wanted to tell these friends they were wrong in leaving but my guess is that they would tell me I was wrong for staying.

At the end of last Saturday in Athens, I felt as if somebody had died. As soon as they mentioned they were going to start the closing service, I told Brenda that it was time to leave -- my excuse was so we could beat the traffic. Looking back, I believed it was that I didn't have to look at any of those friends who weren't staying United Methodist. The whole voting process had been painful and I didn't want to think any more about it. I just wanted to go home and get ready for my and Brenda's trip.

Today I was reminded of something that I was taught in my earliest Wesleyan class. They were John Wesley's Three General Rules. They are **1) Do no harm. 2) Do good. And 3) Stay in love with God.** I try to live by these rules and most times I do quite well with doing no harm and doing good. But that number 3 tends to get in my way.

You see, it's easy to tell God that you love Him but it's harder to show Him because God knows our thoughts and intentions. God knew my thoughts and my intentions last Saturday in Athens. And I failed God once again.

I had the opportunity to tell my friends that nothing was going to change in our relationship with one another. I would still love them and consider them a friend and a pastoral fellow in the Gospel of Jesus Christ. But instead, I left at the first chance I had. I had stayed in love with Dan and not God and not my friends.

As we begin our season of Advent next Sunday, may we be reminded to do no harm, to do good, and to stay in love with God, the One who sent His Son into our world to save everyone!

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United Women in Faith

This year, the United Women in Faith have joined together with Toys for Tots this Christmas Season. Please bring a new unwrapped toy to the church starting on Sunday Nov. 26th. Place your donated toy under the Christmas Tree in the Narthex. Contact Cyndee Fetzer for details.



Live Nativity—Thursday Dec. 7th,

6:00-8:00PM



Please join us for our Live Nativity. We will have live animals, hot cocoa, and cookies. Bring your whole family to enjoy the true meaning of Christmas.



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