



BASCOMB NEWS

DECEMBER 13, 2023



This year, the UWF have partnered with Toys for Tots this Christmas Season. This is the final week to bring a **new unwrapped toy** to the church and place it under the Christmas Tree in the Narthex by Sunday Dec. 17th. Contact Cyndee Fetzer for details.

December 17, 2023—3rd Sunday of Advent

“Life of Christmas Present” Isaiah 9:2, 6-7 / 1 John 4:7-9, 11-12 & 16

This coming Sunday, December 17, the title of my sermon will be “*The Life of Christmas Present*.” As I saw my choice of the title tonight while I was thinking of my teaser, I noticed something unique about the title. Will my sermon be about the “*life of a Christmas present*”? Or will it be about whether or not was “*Christmas actually present*” when it was supposed to be?

As you may guess, the word “present” can be used in a variety of ways; sometimes as a noun or an adjective or even as a verb? All of this to offer this as an example, “*Were you present when the presents were presented to the children?*”

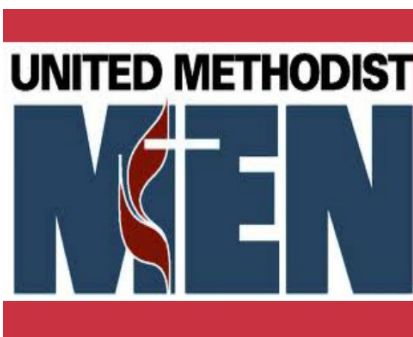
My actual sermon title comes from the book, “*The Redemption of Scrooge*.” And the reference to the “*present*” in my sermon title is linked to the visit of “*Christmas Present*” as the second of three ghostly visitors to Ebenezer Scrooge one Christmas Eve night. The events of that evening were foretold by the ghost of Scrooge’s old, dead business partner, Jacob Marley.

While Scrooge was escorted through that dream by the Ghost of Christmas Present, they saw various things going on through the town where Scrooge lived. Eventually, they ended up at the home of Bob Cratchit, the only employee of Scrooge’s. It is there that Scrooge learned that unless things change for Cratchit’s family, then their young handicapped son, Tiny Tim, would eventually die. Of course, Scrooge is bothered by the shocking statement from the ghost. He was moved to pity not only at the news but also at the poverty of the Cratchit family. Maybe, just maybe, Scrooge can change his ways. But it might take a miracle.

A miracle like how it was the night that God sent His one and only son into this world as a baby. A baby who would one day give up his life for the world in order to save the world from its sins. A miracle that saved you, me, and all the others who believe. And now it’s our turn to share that miracle with everyone we can because there’s no greater present to give this Christmas season.



GIVE ONLINE



The UMM Breakfast is this Sunday Dec. 17th at 7:45AM in the Fellowship Hall. Come enjoy breakfast and fellowship. Contact Steve Boggs for details.



The Gathering Christmas Party for the Youth is this Sunday December 17th at BUMC from 5:30pm—8:00pm. Come Worship, enjoy a fun evening with games (White Elephant) and dinner. Bring a gift of at least \$15.00 value. Contact Macie Pittman for details.



United
Women
in Faith

The women of UWF have been making these beautiful hats this past year to donate to the following locations. MUST, Encompass, and Craddock Center in cherry Log GA. These will all help anyone who needs a hat to stay warm this winter season. If you'd like to learn more please contact Cyndee Fetzer.





Life Line Screening, the nation's leading provider of preventive health screenings, will offer affordable, non-invasive and painless health screenings at Bascomb UMC on Wednesday, January 24, 2024.

For more information regarding the screenings
 or to schedule an appointment:

Call **1-844-591-7160**, or text the word "circle"
 to **216-279-1607**, or go to <https://llsa.social/HSC>

Pre-registration is required.



Visit Our Thrift Store!

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 Woodstock, GA 30188
 678-324-7937
 Tuesday – Friday
 10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m.
 Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

Volunteers needed! If you are available to help, contact Susan Austin at
BascombMissionThrift@gmail.com.

Food Pantry needs: Canned Meats & Fruit, Hearty Soups



Contact China Allmon if interested.

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