



BASCOMB NEWS

JULY 30, 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.



This virtual Bible study will take place on Sundays 4:30-6:00 p.m. or Mondays 6:30-8:00 p.m. If you’re interested, please email Tammy at office@bascombumc.org.

YouTube Our YouTube channel is live and yet another place you can view our worship services. Please subscribe — start by clicking the logo.



School Starts August 3—Be Safe!

LIMPING ALONG

GENESIS 32:22-31



August 2 — 9th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: “Limping Along”

Scripture: Genesis 32:22-31

A long night, a wrestling match, and by daybreak the stranger has the advantage over Jacob when his hip is dislocated. The point of the story is all about Jacob’s new name because he is becoming a new being. Jacob had asked for a blessing (security, land, more sons?), but what God had in mind was a new identity. He had been named Jacob—“heel/trickster/overreacher/supplanter.” Each of these is true, but not flattering. Now he is “Israel” — what does THAT mean? “God rules,” “God preserves,” “God protects” — (is that your final answer?). Whatever your interpretation, we can all say a new being has been called forth from Jacob. He is more than a man, he is becoming a community who is still linked to a God that is his nemesis of the night and a promise-keeper of the day. Something happens in this transaction that is irreversible.

GIVE ONLINE

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.