



# BASCOMB NEWS


AUGUST 6, 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](http://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 begin on Sunday, August 9, 4:30-6:00 p.m. If you're interested, please email Tammy at [office@bascombumc.org](mailto: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.

## Visit Our Thrift Store!

9550 Main Street  
Woodstock, GA 30188  
678-324-7937  
Wednesday – Saturday  
11:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.  
Volunteers needed!

If you are available to help, contact Libby Kasper at 952-807-6353.



**GENESIS 37:1-4, 17B-28**

August 9 — 10<sup>th</sup> Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: "Dreamer!"

Scripture: Genesis 37:1-4, 12-28

Not only did Jacob have his name changed to **Israel**, but we are moving now to an understanding of the **12 Tribes** (sons) of Israel as a people known together as "Hebrews." Any student of the OT knows the word "Hebrew" and Israel are both terms for God's covenant people. But "Hebrew" is NOT a common term and while Israel is a title for the entire population that descended from Jacob, the understanding of "Hebrew" is not parallel to "Israel." The OT writers used "Hebrew" sparingly (thirty-four times). So, in seminary, I wondered whether "Hebrew" meant different things to different people in different eras. I've kept a paper by Matthew Akers that explored connections between the ancient word *Habiru* (meaning - immigrants, servants, wanderers, and warriors) that became "Hebrew" (I think, down in Goshen). That is a MAJOR issue in our story – why did Israel have to "go down" into Egypt? Let's explore that as we enter Joseph's story.



# 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.

<b>Church Building</b>	Closed
<b>In – Person Worship</b>	None
<b>Outside Meeting</b>	None
<b>In – Person Meetings</b>	None
<b>Staff</b>	Remote

**Orange** - If the county is orange, the church is effectively closed.

<b>Church Building</b>	Closed
<b>In – Person Worship</b>	None
<b>Outside Meeting</b>	Allowed if social distance guidelines are followed
<b>In – Person Meetings</b>	None
<b>Staff</b>	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.

<b>Church Building</b>	Limited Open
<b>In – Person Worship</b>	Trustee Discretion
<b>Outside Meeting</b>	Allowed if social distance guidelines are followed
<b>In – Person Meetings</b>	Limited – See note below
<b>Staff</b>	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.

<b>Church Building</b>	Open – See note below
<b>In – Person Worship</b>	Yes
<b>Outside Meeting</b>	Allowed
<b>In – Person Meetings</b>	Allowed – See note below
<b>Staff</b>	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.