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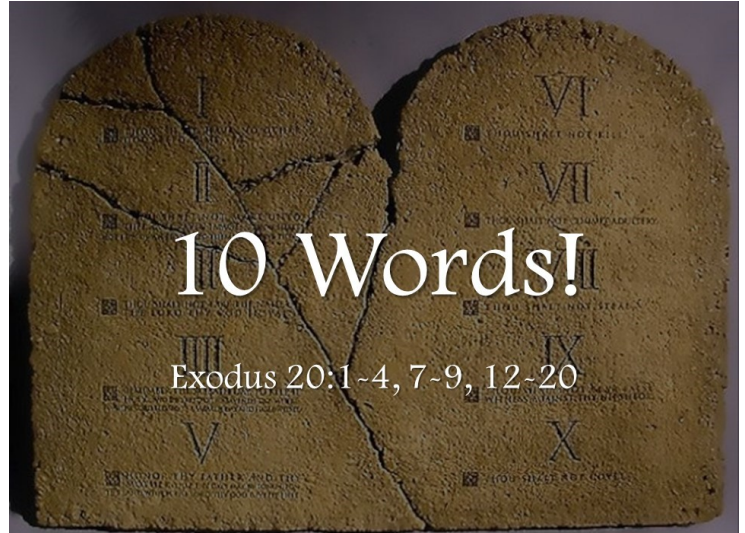
OCTOBER 1, 2020



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](#).



LOFT Bascomb Youth Group is planning a mission trip for the summer of 2021! To contribute to this fundraiser, please pick a number from the list of available numbers on our [website](#). The number you pick is the number of dollars that you want to contribute. After you pick your number, email your choice to youth@bascombumc.org. You can send a check to the church with “Youth” in the memo or choose “Youth” when you give online. Thank you for your support!



October 4 — 18th Sunday after Pentecost
World Communion Sunday
Sermon Title: “10 Words”
Scripture: Exodus 20:1-4, 7-9, 12-20

Sheldon (on *The Big Bang Theory*) had a YouTube channel called “Fun with Flags.” The joke was that nobody (other than Sheldon) thought facts about flags were FUN. How about “Fun with the 10 Commandments?” Are facts about the 10 Commandments fun? Maybe not, but here we go anyway! Even though our Jewish brothers and sisters have historically used the phrase “10 Words,” scholars know this is much more than a list of ten individual words. Rather, they are ten unique divine utterances we call (in Greek) the Decalogue. They were spoken with God’s own voice, written in God’s own hand. My favorite joke about the 10 commandments is Mel Brooks as Moses with 15 Commandments he couldn’t manage on 3 tablets – he drops one and that’s how we got 10! HA. They are repeated in Deuteronomy 5 and there are some differences. Oh, and some church fathers (google Origin and Augustine) grouped them differently. Can you find the differences? Could you restate them as affirmations (Do instead of Do not)?





September 23, 2020

Bascomb United Methodist Church
 Rev. Sonny Sellers
 2295 Bascomb Carmel Road
 Woodstock, GA 30189-2458

Dear Friends in Christ:

Thank you! Your recent donation of \$200.00, which we received on September 16, 2020 strengthens our mission **to provide a safe and nurturing environment where severely abused and neglected children and teenagers can thrive and heal toward a goal of re-engaging with society and leading productive lives.**

We are grateful that you believe in our commitment to the safety and well-being of youth in our community who have been harmed and mistreated. Murphy-Harpst is often a last opportunity for treatment and healing in a therapeutic environment before these children reach adulthood.

You are affecting positive change in their lives through your donation. Your support is very encouraging and helps us continue to do this important work.

With much appreciation,

James Waddey
 Vice President, Advancement

Please consider including Murphy-Harpst Children's Centers in your Will or Estate Plan.

Note: This letter serves as your official receipt and certifies that no goods or services as set forth in IRS Code Sec. 170 (f) (8) were given to the donor in exchange for this gift.
Murphy-Harpst EIN: 58-1543388

The CARES Act, signed into law on March 27, includes a charitable deduction that will allow taxpayers, even those who do not currently itemize their deductions, to claim a charitable deduction for qualified cash donations up to \$300 through December 31, 2020.



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 Children**

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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.