



BASCOMB NEWS

OCTOBER 8, 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](#).



October 11 — 19th Sunday after Pentecost

Sermon Title: “Bull”

Scripture: Exodus 32:1-14

If you know the reference, the CEB translation is one of the few translations that specifies the golden calf is male (a bull) – why? The choice of this idol was no accident. It was a symbol of virility and strength associated with the Canaanite god El, and such idolatry would persist into the period of the divided monarchy. King Jeroboam I of the Northern Kingdom of Israel commissioned two golden calves for the sanctuaries of Yahweh in Bethel and Dan, to serve as the Lord’s attendants. Some scholars believe that Aaron’s golden calf was not meant to displace God, but to make him more tangible to the Israelites, using Canaanite iconography that would become known throughout Israel. So, question.... was this the real image of a false god or a false image of the real God? Because I just say the word “BULL” – you may think in terms of slang – a vulgar way to say..... useless, rubbish, a lie. I think that’s accurate for what is going on in this text!



SUNDAY
OCTOBER 18
12:30 P.M.

We will have a virtual Admin Council / Charge Conference on Sunday, October 18, at 12:30 p.m. Instructions on how to join the meeting will be coming soon.

October 13-14

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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.