



BASCOMB NEWS

JANUARY 28, 2021

Worship Service Sunday at 10AM

We are having in-person worship while still providing online services on Facebook, our website, and FM 95.3.

Protocols for Bascomb in-person worship:

- *Enter through the sanctuary ONLY using the propped doors to avoid touching handles.
- *Masks are required – and wash or sanitize your hands (wipes are available) upon arrival and departure or when exiting the bathrooms (please use ONLY the bathrooms in the Narthex-Lobby).
- *Every other row is blocked to maintain distance and space is provided between groups of seats to separate households. Please sit in household units ONLY.
- *Let the band and the choir sing for you – say the words in your heart as a prayer.
- *Offering plates are available as you enter or depart the service.
- *Please exit from back to front as the ushers direct – please do not gather until you are outside.

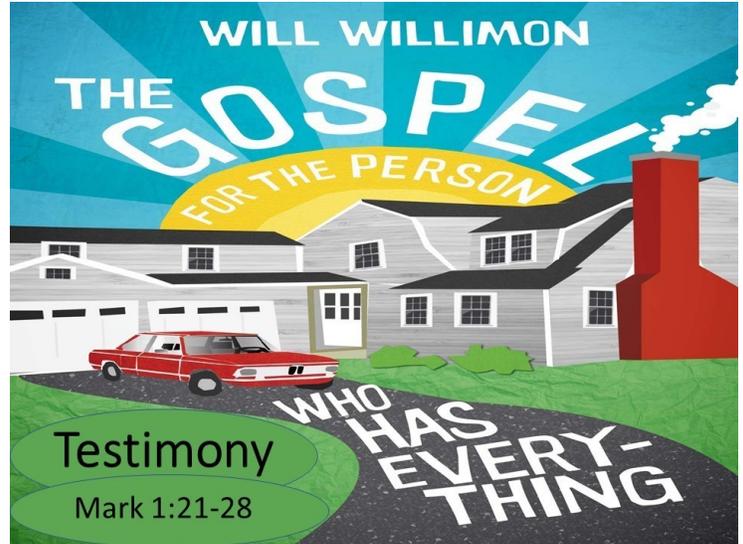


Sunday, January 31, 12:30 pm

We will meet in the Fellowship Hall with masks required. If you plan to attend, notify Tammy at office@bascombumc.org so we can be prepared for social distancing.

Giving Statements

Giving Statements were emailed on Wednesday, January 27. Be sure to check your junk folder. If you have any questions, contact office@bascombumc.org.



January 31 — 4th Sunday after the Epiphany
Sermon Title: "Testimony"

Scripture: Mark 1:21-28 (CEB)

This Sunday we launch into a three-week series from a book by Bishop Will Willimon, *The Gospel for the Person Who Has Everything*. I find the premise appropriate for our context – read this quote:

"Just this past week I worshiped in a church where the pastor opened the service by plaintively saying, 'We are here hurting, anxious, and groaning, seeking answers, lamenting ...' Looking around the gathered all-white, upper middle-class congregation, I thought they seemed in pretty good shape. A congregation of modern, relatively affluent, North American folk like us need pastoral encouragement to be even more self-centered and self-consumed?" (pp. 14-15).

There's a pattern to our religious offerings that seek and enable the needy side of our nature – and that has some validity. However, there are so many people who consider themselves accomplished, successful, thriving persons that decide, based on our messaging, that they don't need faith, or church, or Jesus. Wouldn't you want to know what Bishop Willimon thinks we should say to those people? Come and see this Sunday.

