

BASCOMB NEWS

FEBRUARY 17, 2022

Spring Beautification Challenge

Trustees are challenging all small groups and families to choose one small area on the church grounds to clean and beautify with trees, shrubs, flowers, etc. It



will be a contest starting on March 1 and ending on May 15. Winners will be given a prize (TBA). Small groups include Sunday school classes, Scout groups, UMM, UMW, or families. Areas will be assigned. Contact Steve Underwood for details at 678-910-9389.

Groundskeeping Volunteers Needed

Our grounds are maintained by volunteers. Please consider becoming a part of this group. Contact Steve Underwood at 678-910-9389.



Contact Jaime McLemore at jaimeleta@yahoo.com if interested.



UMM Breakfast Sunday, **February 20**, at 7:30 a.m. All men are invited.



February 20 — 7th Sunday after the Epiphany Sermon Title: "Jubilee" Scripture: Luke 6:27-38 (CEB)

The most ignored directive in the entire Bible is the year of Jubilee (from the Hebrew word for "a ram's horn, trumpet" or "coronet"). Leviticus 25 (begin at verse 8) declares a great "re-adjustment," a "start over" season, a year of liberty and rest. When Jesus announced his Messiahship at the Nazareth synagogue, he declared the "year of the Lord's favor" — a Jubilee! Now hear Jesus as he teaches on the plain in Luke 6 — Jesus challenges us to not only be generous with our stuff but be generous with our love! Love and judgement are always in tension.



Prayer Pyramid

Here, at Bascomb United Methodist Church, we are blessed to have a very active Prayer Ministry. One part of that is our Prayer Pyramid. It was established by the Reverend Jane Allen. The church is not merely a roster of individuals who pray privately, it is a congregation that ought to pray together. Based on that, Jane reached out to the Sunday school teachers, committee heads, and group leaders. They agreed to receive the initial prayer request and pass that along to their respective class/group.

It began in 2019. Little did anyone know that soon the church doors would close due to Covid. God had already made a way for us to still share in our prayer concerns for and with one another. Thanks be to God!

Fast forward to 2022, our Prayer Pyramid continues to grow — reaching more people than ever. Reverend Jane decided to step down as our contact person, though she remains a vital part of our Prayer Ministry.

Here's where I came in. My name is Susan Croft. I discovered Bascomb about three years ago and I knew instantly I was home. With the help of Jane Allen and Dennis York, I have been maintaining our Prayer Pyramid for the past few months. With their support, we hope to continue growing our Prayer Ministry.

If you do not know how it works, allow me to share with you. If you have a prayer concern and you would like to share it and have us pray for your concern, please contact me at 678-772-5106. I will then send it to the Prayer Pyramid group leaders, who in turn, will share it with their respective group.

Examples:

- 1. Please pray for my brother Nick. He will have a medical procedure on Tuesday.
- 2. Please offer a prayer for Lucinda, our church historian, who has been suffering with migraines for years and will be having experimental treatments weekly for the next month.

It is important for us to have your contact information. Please include it with your prayer request. That helps us in many ways. There's nothing better than hearing how our prayers work, so we do try to do follow-ups. We also include death and birth announcements.

It is our goal to get your request out quickly and accurately. If ever you forward a request to me and

you haven't seen or heard a response within a reasonable amount of time, please try me again or reach out to Dennis York at 404-838-7722.

If you aren't already on our list of recipients, and would like to be, please let me know and we will get you connected.

Charles Finney said "Nothing tends more to cement the hearts of Christians than praying together. Never do they love one another so well as when they witness the outpouring of each other's hearts in prayer."

Thank you for allowing me to serve you with this opportunity. God hears our prayers.

Your sister in Christ, Susan Croft



Drop them in the basket in the Narthex.



