



# BASCOMB NEWS

MARCH 17, 2022



**Indoor/Outdoor Clean-Up**  
**Saturday, March 19**  
**9am — 12pm**



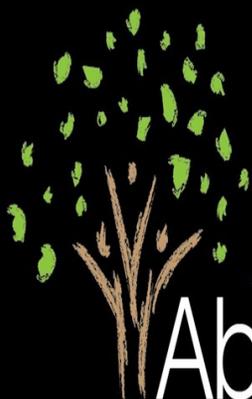
Please join us on **March 27** as Kids in Praise performs this entertaining children's musical about the Kingdom of Heaven. We will have one service at **10:00 a.m.** followed by a cake reception in the Fellowship Hall.



Activities will include games, crafts, pictures with the Easter Bunny and egg hunt for infants—5<sup>th</sup> grade. For more information contact Jaime McLemore at [kidsinpraise@bascombumc.org](mailto:kidsinpraise@bascombumc.org).



UMM Breakfast is at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday, **March 20**, in the Fellowship Hall.



Isaiah 55: 1-12

## An Abundant Life

March 20 — 3<sup>rd</sup> Sunday in Lent  
Sermon Title: "An Abundant Life"  
Scripture: Isaiah 55:1-9

Isaiah is calling the exiles to return. I think of them in a type of divine "time out" in Babylon. I don't mean to minimize the disaster that it was, it was understood by Isaiah that the Israelites had sinned against God and had experienced exile into Babylon for their sin. In exile (time out) they thought about their behavior, their sense of entitlement as "God's chosen people." It was painful (and many did not survive), but God came to them through the prophet Isaiah and offered the exiles abundant life through a renewed relationship with their God.

WE are much better off because of their suffering. God can seem closer to us during difficult times. God moves toward us in our greatest pain and darkness—even when it's legitimately our fault—and begins to redeem us from our sin and draw us into the Godhead community (Father, Son, Holy Spirit). We need only be willing and repent! Isaiah 55 is just such a picture of God. God repeatedly calls out to the people, "Return to me and enjoy life and relationship!"

