



# BASCOMB NEWS

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On Sunday the Admin Council conducted their vote regarding the disaffiliation process. The Admin Council voted to

continue the process in order to allow the Congregation to vote collectively. As was communicated in the Town Halls, this will happen at some time next year during the months of March or April. We will communicate any new information as it comes in. As always, please feel free to reach out to anyone on the Leadership team with any questions.



November 6 — All Saints Sunday  
Sermon Title: “Walking Dead”  
Scripture: Luke 20:27-38

Well, the vote to start the process of disaffiliation was passed by our church’s Administrative Council this past Sunday. With both sides citing that God’s Will should be done in this vote, I will agree with that statement being done.

With the approval of our Ad Council, all of our church’s members will now be able to vote determining the future of our church on whether or not Bascomb will or will not stay with the United Methodist Church. In the end, this vote was much bigger than the fifteen people on the Administrative Council who voted this past Sunday to start the process. But until then, we wait.

Sometime in the month of January, Kevin Smith, the chair of both our Administrative Council and the church’s Leadership Team concerning the disaffiliation, will write a letter to our District Superintendent, the Reverend Dr. Beth Sanders, asking for a Called Church Conference to be scheduled at its earliest convenience. According to the timeline issued by the North Georgia Conference, this vote by the members of our church should take place as early as March and no later than the end of April.

With that being the case, we now have to wait about 4 months before voting on Bascomb’s future. I would like to ask for all of us to do two things. **First**, pray. Pray without ceasing for our church and our church’s leadership including myself. This is uncharted territory for us and our church and we will need every prayer that we can as we move closer to the church’s vote on whether or not Bascomb should disaffiliate.

**And second**, please do not forward any news or information to anyone unless it is a reliable news source. The day after the vote by our church’s Ad Council, I received a copy of an email which was false and based on misinformation. I use the United Methodist News as my baseline. They have been the most reliable throughout the whole process these last several years. Their website is <https://www.umnews.org/en>.

This will be a long journey for all of us. I look forward to traveling with each of you as God’s Holy Spirit leads the way.