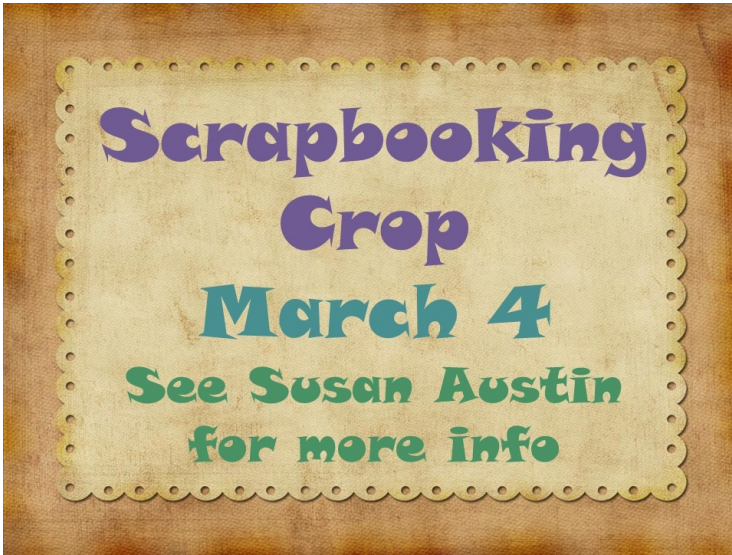




# BASCOMB NEWS

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March 5 — Second Sunday of Lent  
"God's Unique Gift" John 3:1-17

What is the greatest gift you ever received? There is a part of me which would say that the greatest gift I have ever received is mine and Brenda's granddaughter, Rowan Grace. She is such a joy for both of us. We love spending every minute that we can with her.

But there is also another part of me that would say that the greatest gift I have ever received is God's gift of His Son and my Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. I truly believe that Jesus is a gift for me from God. One of the reasons for saying this is found in our Scripture reading for this Sunday, John 3:1-17. One of the most famous verses from the Bible is found in verse 16, "For God so loved the world, that He gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life."

In that verse, we are told that God loved the world so much that God "GAVE" his one and only Son for the world. For you and for me, for everyone else past, present, and future. And the next verse, verse 17, tells us that God did it so the world could be saved through God's Son. What a wonderful gift for the world and for us now and in the world to come.



Bascomb Kids is doing a fundraiser to help pay for the family retreat we're going on in March. Epicure helps you prepare fast, wholesome, homemade meals. You can get more information and purchase in the Fellowship Hall on Sunday.



Do you want to learn more about the Bible and the roots of our Christian faith in a friendly, discussion-based group? If so, please see Lauren Melde. The

first book will be *Mysteries of the Messiah* by Rabbi Jason Sobel. It can be purchased online from [christianbook.com](http://christianbook.com), [amazon.com](http://amazon.com) (including an audible version), or we can provide one if requested.

