



BASCOMB NEWS

APRIL 12, 2023



Methodist Men's Breakfast

Sunday April 16 at 7:30am in the Fellowship Hall. All men are welcome!



Reminder: Lenten Calendar Fundraiser

Thank you for your participation in the United Women of Faith (formerly UMW) annual fundraiser.

The money from the Lenten calendar is due April 16th. Please turn into Paula York.

Super Seniors Meeting

Wednesday April 19th at 11:30am in the Fellowship Hall. Please bring a sack lunch!

Called Church Conference

Sunday, April 23rd Immediately following the 9AM service in the Sanctuary. We will be electing a new Lay Leader for the Church. Please know that we will be having nominations from the floor for this important vote. If you have any questions, please contact Pastor Dan via email (dan.dixon@ngumc.net). Brenda and he will be out of town on vacation until Friday, April 21.

April 16—First Sunday after Easter *"May the Peace of Christ..." - John 20:19-29*

While Dan and Brenda are away this Sunday, I will be honored to worship with you. While I attended the awesome Good Friday Service this past week, it had been 70 years since I last worshiped at Bascomb UMC. My father, Rev. G. Ross Freeman, was pastor of the Woodstock Charge (1951-53), which included Woodstock, Little River and Bascomb. It was a memorable time for our family. I attended Woodstock Elementary in the First and Second grades. We lived in the Main St. parsonage. It was a bit different back then. So was I.

Since retiring from the North GA Conference, Peggy-Ann and I moved to Canton and are now part of the Hickory Flat UMC, where we get to sit together in worship! While active, I preached at Simpsonwood (founding pastor), Dallas First UMC, East Cobb, Trinity in Rome, Briarcliff, Thomson, North Springs, and retired from Jonesboro First. For five years, I was Retired Supply at Mt. Zion, Ellenwood. I love preaching!

My sermon on Sunday will focus on when "Doubting" Thomas was looking for peace. He wanted evidence that Jesus was truly alive after being dead, and at the moment the only evidence that appeared acceptable to him was that attestable to the senses: "Unless I see the nail marks in his hands and put my finger where the nails were and put my hand into his side, I will not believe."

A week later, when Jesus appeared to Thomas and the other disciples, he made it clear that belief in his resurrection would never be dependent upon the senses. After Thomas had made his declaration of faith, Jesus said to him, "Have you believed because you have seen me? Blessed are those who have not seen and yet have come to believe." He was talking about us. . . if **we** have come to believe. But especially in this age of science and technology, like Thomas, we may want visible evidence, tangible proof, something we can see and touch before we will believe in something as incredible as resurrection.

Jesus knew that evidence that satisfies the senses is not the only, nor perhaps even the best, evidence there is. Who has ever seen love – not in its expression, but the thing itself? Yet many of us know it to be the greatest thing in the world. Who has ever tasted goodness or touched peace of mind or smelled joy or heard sorrow? Life is so much more than meets the five senses, and the person who does not realize that is deluded indeed! Jesus came to offer Peace to everyone.

I encourage you to worship with us this Sunday. My prayer is that Peace will rule in your life. If not already, then come for the message from John's Easter Gospel and **"May the Peace of Christ be with you."**

The Rev. Dr. George R. Freeman, Jr.



Upcoming Events

Youth

THE GATHERING

HEBREWS 10:24-25

Youth Gathering

Sunday April 23rd
5:30pm at Hope Church



5th Sunday Brunch and One Service

April 30th @ 10am

Followed by a potluck brunch

We are celebrating Tammy and Jaime!

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