

BASCOMB NEWS

May 1, 2024







May 5, 2024—Holy Communion

John 15: 9-17 "Loving Friends"

This Sunday we will continue our focus on the Gospel of John looking at Jesus' teaching of love. In our passage, Jesus first told the disciples to remain in his love just as He had remained in the Father's love. Because if the disciples stayed in Jesus' love, they would have the Joy of Christ fulfilled in them.

Jesus then went a little further. He commanded the disciples to love one another as Jesus had loved them. Next, He introduced the idea of friendship to the disciples. Jesus spoke of the highest price of friendship by laying down one's life for their friends and then told the disciples that they were his friends. And if they wanted to remain Jesus' friends, then they were going to have to do everything He commanded.

Depending on one's perspective, it could really hard or really easy to friends with Jesus. Remain in love with Jesus so you could have a joy-filled life and all you have to do to stay in love with Jesus was to do everything thing He commanded. Whoa! We have to do everything that Jesus commanded in order to stay friends with Him. That's a mighty long list! Look throughout the four Gospels and see all the things He commanded the disciples and us to do. Where do we even start with such a long list?

Jesus told the disciples in our reading where to start. In verse 12, Jesus commanded the disciples to *love one another* just as Jesus had loved them. And if they didn't catch the reference there, the last verse of our reading has Jesus once again commanding the disciples to "Love each other."

So, if we start out by loving each other, what happens next? For Jesus, he was to continue his journey to the cross in Jerusalem so he could lay down his life for his friends past, present, and future. For us today, what happens next is up to us. I believe loving everyone who crosses our lives is the best place to start. What says you?



THE UMF IS PLANNING A COOKBOOK FUNDRAISER FOR THE FALL. WE NEED YOUR HELP WITH RECIPES TO ADD TO THE BOOK. IF YOU'D LIKE TO SUBMIT A RECIPE PLEASE CONTACT CYNDEE FETZER OR ANYONE FROM THE UWF GROUP. THERE ARE FORMS IN THE NARTHEX.







Join Bascomb Kids (ages kindergarten to 5th grade) on **Sunday May 5th from 4-6pm**. Contact China Allmon for details.



Youth Group

Join Bascomb Youth (ages 6th to 12th grade) on *Sunday May 5th from 4-6pm*. Contact Nick Yother for details.

"Spring is Near": and the grass is growing.

It's time for grounds maintenance. Our crew has been reduced significantly. If you can volunteer with any of these tasks, please contact Steve Underwood.



SOCKS FOR HOMELESS VETS

Drop them in the basket in the Narthex.

WE ARE HIRING!

Bascomb United Methodist Church is seeking to fill the position of: Director of Adult Activities.

This is a part-time position, 20 hours per week. The right candidate will develop, initiate, oversee and coordinate a rolling calendar of activities. Strong people and time management skills are needed as well as a background in event planning and advertising are preferred.

For more information. Call Dan Dixon: 404-376-1002 or Lynn Nolan: 678-373-9212





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10:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Saturday, 10:00 a.m. – 4:00 p.m.

<u>Volunteers needed!</u> If you are available to help,

contact Bob Fetzer at

Bascomb Mission Thrift@gmail.com.

Food Pantry needs: Canned Meats & Fruit, Hearty Soups





Contact China Allmon if interested.
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