

SUNDAY, October 6, 2024

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Ministry Team Meeting “Kitchen/Fellowship”
12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, October 8, 2024

12:30 pm Forever Young @ “Golden Corral”
6:00 pm After the Sermon
7:00 pm Phone-In Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, October 10, 2024

6:30 pm Women’s Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Oct. 7	Tues., Oct. 8	Wed., Oct. 9	Thurs., Oct. 10
9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm

How Do I Join Upper Seneca Baptist Church

- **By Salvation** ~ By professing faith in Jesus Christ and following Him in believer’s baptism.
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church.
- **By Statement of Faith** ~ By statement of **faith in Jesus Christ.**

If you have not been baptized by immersion since your conversion, you will need to follow the Lord in believer’s baptism.

When Do I Join?

At the close of every worship service as we sing the “Invitation Hymn”, the pastor stands facing the congregation. Walk to him and tell him you want to join the church or make some other decision.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church



Which Soil Am I In?

Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

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Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church’s Facebook page, church’s website, through church email, and on the church’s voice recorder. To access the church’s voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

**Impacting The Kingdom Of God
One Person At A Time**

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship
Sunday Worship
October 6, 2024

*Song *“Thy Word”* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome *Pastor Dennis*

*Song *“Beautiful Life”* Congregation

Message *“WHICH SOIL AM I IN?”*** *Pastor Dennis*
“Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23” (NIV)

*Song *“I Surrender All”* Congregation

*Song *“Without Him”* Congregation

*Denotes Congregation standing

**Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message).
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Your tithes and offerings will be collected at the end of the service upon leaving.



Sunday, October 6, Church Council Meeting

Sunday, October 6, Ministry Team Meeting
“Kitchen/Fellowship”

Tuesday, October 8, Forever Young @ “Golden Corral”

Tuesday, Oct. 8, After the Sermon

Tuesday, Oct. 8, Prayer Meeting

Thursday, Oct. 10, Women’s Bible Study

Saturday, October 12, Harvest Festival

Sunday, October 13, Communion Sunday

Sunday, October 13, Ministry Team Meeting “Mission Team”

Sunday, October 20, USBC 219th Anniversary Service

Sunday, October 27, Thanksgiving Food Drive Begins

Congratulations!



Presley Alexia Dalton

October 1st,
Weight: 8 lbs

Parents: Jacob & Skylar Dalton

Grandma: Cyndi Dalton

Great grandparents: Upton & Connie
Harding

“Which Soil Am I In?”

Pastor Dennis Felder

October 6, 2024

Scripture: Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23 (NIV)

Synopsis: As we reflect on our own lives and spiritual journey, we are challenged to ask ourselves, “Which soil am I in?” This question prompts us to evaluate the receptivity of our hearts to God’s word, identify any obstacles that may hinder our growth, and strive to cultivate a fertile soil that bears fruit for His kingdom.

Matthew 13:1-9 – *That same day Jesus went out of the house and sat by the lake. Such large crowds gathered around him that he got into a boat and sat in it, while all the people stood on the shore. Then he told them many things in parables, saying: “A farmer went out to sow his seed. As he was scattering the seed, some fell along the path, and the birds came and ate it up. Some fell on rocky places, where it did not have much soil. It sprang up quickly, because the soil was shallow. But when the sun came up, the plants were scorched, and they withered because they had no root. Other seed fell among thorns, which grew up and choked the plants. Still other seed fell on good soil, where it produced a crop—a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown. Whoever has ears, let them hear.”*

Which soil am I in?

I. The _____ soil.

Matthew 13:18-19 – *Listen then to what the parable of the sower means: When anyone hears the message about the kingdom and does not understand it, the evil one comes and snatches away what was sown in their heart. This is the seed sown along the path.*

A person who is in hard soil, does not see the value of God.

Psalm 10:4 – *In his pride the wicked man does not seek him; in all his thoughts there is no room for God.*

The devil does not want you to experience the joy of salvation.

John 10:10a – *The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; ...*

A believer can devalue God in their life by ignoring Him.

1 Thessalonians 5:19 – *Do not quench the Spirit.*

II. The _____ soil.

Matthew 13:20-21 – *The seed falling on rocky ground refers to someone who hears the word and at once receives it with joy. But since they have no root, they last only a short time. When trouble or persecution comes because of the word, they quickly fall away.*

God is not looking for an emotional response, but a faithful response.

It is easy to let circumstances dictate your commitment to the Lord.

1 Corinthians 15:58 – *Therefore, my dear brothers and sisters, stand firm. Let nothing move you. Always give yourselves fully to the work of the Lord, because you know that your labor in the Lord is not in vain.*

III. The _____ soil.

Matthew 13:22 – *The seed falling among the thorns refers to someone who hears the word, but the worries of this life and the deceitfulness of wealth choke the word, making it unfruitful.*

When you allow the world to meet your needs, there is no need to rely on God to meet them.

Matthew 19:21-22 – *Jesus answered, “If you want to be perfect, go, sell your possessions and give to the poor, and you will have treasure in heaven. Then come, follow me.” When the young man heard this, he went away sad, because he had great wealth.*

When one feels as if there needs are not being met, it can cause a world of worry.

Matthew 6:25-26 – *Therefore I tell you, do not worry about your life, what you will eat or drink; or about your body, what you will wear. Is not life more than food, and the body more than clothes? Look at the birds of the air; they do not sow or reap or store away in barns, and yet your heavenly Father feeds them. Are you not much more valuable than they?*

IV. The _____ soil.

Matthew 13:23 – *But the seed falling on good soil refers to someone who hears the word and understands it. This is the one who produces a crop, yielding a hundred, sixty or thirty times what was sown.*

To receive the truth, you need to cultivate your soil; your heart.

Proverbs 4:23 – *Above all else, guard your heart, for everything you do flows from it.*

When you are in the good soil, you can reach your potential.

John 15:5 – *I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.*

Give the Lord your all.

If you would like to listen to the sermon on-line, please visit our website at www.USBChurch.org.

Four Mission Projects

In the fall and winter of 2024, USBC will focus on several *Mission Projects* that will impact the Kingdom of Christ both locally and around the world. Between now and the end of the year, you are invited to invest your time and resources by helping with four, very important *Mission Projects*.



Gabriel Project of Montgomery County (Assist pregnant/young mothers with baby needs—Helping babies have a healthy, safe start in life...).

USBC Thanksgiving Food Drive (October 27, 2024 thru November 17, 2024).



Samaritan's Purse (Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God's immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. National Collection Week is November 18–25, 2024.).

Blessing Bags (*Blessing Bags* are bags that contain necessities, toiletries, food, and some extras that you can keep with you to hand out when you come across an individual grappling with poverty. This is a concrete way to help when you feel the desire to do something, but don't know what that looks like. These kits can help meet their immediate needs, as well as showing that they are seen and they are worthy.)



In the near future, you will be receiving additional information on these *Mission Projects* and how you can get involved.



The *Forever Young Luncheon* will take place on Tuesday, **October 8**, at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.

On Saturday, **October 12** at 6 p.m., USBC would like to invite you to attend our *Harvest Festival* that will take place at the church. We will join each other's company around the campfire, roast hot dogs, make s'mores, and enjoy the adventures of fall. This event is for all ages.



To help with the fun activities, we are asking for some volunteers to help setup and bring some candy. The church will be providing the hot dogs, buns, fixings, chips, drinks, and the ingredients to make s'mores.

If you are planning on helping to setup or to bring candy, please let the Pastor know. If it rains on **October 12**, the *Harvest Festival* will be moved indoors, minus the campfire of course.



On Sunday, **October 13**, I ask that you prepare your heart as we celebrate communion during our Sunday morning worship service. Let this be a special time of self-reflection and change as you recall the great sacrifice that Christ made for you. He gave His all so that you could experience the

true meaning of life.



USBC will be celebrating its **219 anniversary** this year. In recognition of this milestone, USBC will be having a very special celebration service on **October 20** during our 11 a.m. worship time. Following a very inspirational service, we will gather around for delicious food and sweet desserts.

Please invite your friends and family to attend our special **219 Anniversary Service**. It will be a blessing for all when we join together to worship God on this special occasion.

USBC will be having meetings with our *Ministry Teams* on a regular basis. The purpose of these meetings is for planning, implementation, communicating, and coordinating events and activities for the church.



Below is a schedule of the *Ministry Teams* meeting dates. Each one will take place after the 11 a.m. worship service and will last for about 15 minutes.

Kitchen & Fellowship Team – Oct. 6

(Topic of Discussion – *Harvest Festival & Anniversary Service*)

Mission Team – Oct. 13

(Topic of Discussion – *Gabriel Project, Samaritan's Purse, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Blessing Bags*)

Important Date to Remember

Sunday School cancelled on Sunday, **October 20**.