

**SUNDAY, September 8, 2024**

9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12:15 pm Ministry Team Meeting

**TUESDAY, September 10, 2024**

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

**THURSDAY, September 12, 2024**

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

**SATURDAY, September 14, 2024**

5:30 pm Hot Dogs & Bible Trivia

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., Sept. 9</b>	<b>Tues., Sept. 10</b>	<b>Wed., Sept. 11</b>	<b>Thurs., Sept. 12</b>
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



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

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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.

# September

## Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship  
Sunday Worship  
September 8, 2024

\*Song "You're Worthy of My Praise" Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

Special "Wonderful, Merciful Savior" Richard Doody,  
Rick & Priscilla Knickey

\*\*Message "WHY IS CHANGE SO HARD?" Pastor Dennis  
"Romans 12:1-2" (NIV)

\*Song "We Are an Offering" Congregation

\*Song "With All My Heart" Congregation

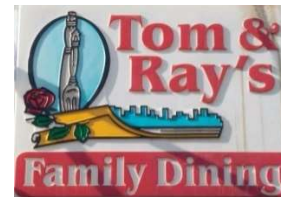
\*Denotes Congregation standing

\*\*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, September 8, Ministry Teams Meeting  
Tuesday, September 10, Forever Young @ "Golden Corral"  
Tuesday, Sept. 10, After the Sermon  
Tuesday, Sept. 10, Prayer Meeting  
Thursday, Sept. 12, Women's Bible Study  
Saturday, September 14, Hot Dogs/Bible Trivia Night  
Sunday, September 15, "We Are the World" Worship Service  
Sunday, September 20, Summer Vacation Pictures Due  
Saturday, September 28, Men's Luncheon @ "Tom & Ray's"  
Sunday, September 29, Church Chat  
Sunday, September 29, Dive Deeper Bible Study



**Men's Luncheon** - On Saturday, **September 28** at 11 a.m., the men will gather at Tom and Ray's Family Restaurant for a delicious meal and great fellowship. This is a great opportunity to connect with other men in our congregation and to grow in our faith together. We look forward to seeing you there! (Address: 9805 Main Street, Suite 206, Damascus, MD).



**September 11** is Miss Lacey's birthday. We are having cake and punch to celebrate her at 4:00 pm at Citizen's in Frederick. All are welcome but please RSVP to 301-525-4243 (call or text) so we will have a count.

Anyone wanting to send a card:

**Citizen's Nursing Home  
Lacey Shifflet, Room 220B  
1920 Rosemont Avenue  
Frederick, MD. 21702**

# “Why is Change So Hard?”

Pastor Dennis Felder

September 8, 2024

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Synopsis: There are so many things in life that change. For example, seasons change, we change the TV channel, and we change out dead batteries. However, the most difficult thing to change is our life. God has called each of us to be transformed. For this full transformation to take place, we must give every area of our life to our Lord and Savior. Yes, this can be hard to do. The reason we struggle to give it all to Christ is because old habits weigh us down, it is not pleasant seeing our faults, and this transformation can be painful to endure.

## Why is change so hard?

I. Because \_\_\_\_\_ are hard to break.

**Romans 12:1** – *Therefore, I urge you, brothers and sisters, in view of God’s mercy, to offer your bodies as a living sacrifice, holy and pleasing to God—this is your true and proper worship. (NIV)*

**Romans 12:1-2a** – *[Place Your Life Before God] So here’s what I want you to do, God helping you: Take your everyday, ordinary life—your sleeping, eating, going-to-work, and walking-around life—and place it before God as an offering. Embracing what God does for you is the best thing you can do for him. Don’t become so well-adjusted to your culture that you fit into it without even thinking. (MSG)*

**As a Christian, Christ should be our greatest influence in life.**

II. Because we have to see \_\_\_\_\_ for who we are.

**Romans 12:2a** – *Do not conform to the pattern of this world, but be transformed by the renewing of your mind. ... (NIV)*

**Romans 12:2b** – *Instead, fix your attention on God. You’ll be changed from the inside out. Readily recognize what he wants from you, and quickly respond to it. (MSG)*

**Change will never take place if you do not want it to.**

**God is the change agent, not our culture.**

III. Because change can be \_\_\_\_\_.

**Romans 12:2b** – *... Then you will be able to test and approve what God’s will is—his good, pleasing and perfect will. (NIV)*

**Romans 12:2c** – *Unlike the culture around you, always dragging you down to its level of immaturity, God brings the best out of you, develops well-formed maturity in you. (MSG)*

**For God to bring out the best in you, He will put pressure on you.**

### **Sermon Notes:**

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*If you would like to listen to the sermon on-line, please visit our website at [www.USBChurch.org](http://www.USBChurch.org).*



If you are on a **Ministry Team** or would like to be part of a **Ministry Team**, you are invited to attend the **Ministry Team Meeting** today, immediately following our Worship Service.

During our time together, everyone will be brought up to date about the opportunities to serve at **USBC**. Also, you will hear about all the ministries and how they will function to impact our church and our community for Christ.

The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, **September 10**, at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



Hot diggity dog! It is time for a fun night of **Hot Dogs and Bible Trivia**. Join us on Saturday, **September 14**, at 5:30 p.m. for some tasty hot dogs and a fun game to test your Bible knowledge. Following our hot dog eating contest, we will play *Who Wants to Be a Bible Millionaire*. All ages are welcome, but we ask that you signup so that we can plan accordingly. The signup sheet will be located in the church's lobby.

Calling all adventurers and vacationers! We want to see all of the fun and memorable moments from your summer travels. Show us your stunning scenery, tasty treats, and family fun. We can't wait to see where you have been and what you have been up to this past summer! So, share your best **vacation pictures** with us to be featured in our October Newsletter.



Please submit your picture(s) by **September 20**, to be included. Please email your pictures to [pastordennisusbc@hotmail.com](mailto:pastordennisusbc@hotmail.com) or text your pictures to 843-957-5140. Be sure to include your name and the location of the picture(s).



On **September 15**, **USBC** will be having a very special Worship Service called "**We Are the World**". As Christians, we are called to "*Go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*" (Matthew 28:19). It is important

that we fulfill this mandate of spreading the "good news" with others. Today, the world has been coming to us. Here at **USBC**, our church family has been blessed by others who were born and lived in different parts of the world. Through their culture and experiences, each one has a unique testimony for the Lord. So, **USBC** is bringing the world to us on **September 15**. During this special **Mission Service**, several members within our church family, from different parts of the world, will be sharing their culture and testimony. We are literally bringing the world to you.

Our next **Church Chat** is **September 29**, immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop for a 10-minute informal meeting. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and receiving vital input from our church family. **Church Chat** is a great way of keeping everyone informed about all the activities and church events that will be taking place.



On Sunday, **September 29**, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be "**The Holy Spirit and Me**". The Holy Spirit, who is part of the triune God, has a unique way of working in us and through us. However, how do we know if and when the Holy Spirit is working in us and through us? Can we tell when we are in harmony with the Holy Spirit and if so, what does that look like? Such questions and many more we will be discussed about how we and the Holy Spirit work together. So, join us Sunday, September 29<sup>th</sup> immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.