

**SUNDAY, April 23, 2017**

9:45 am      Sunday School  
11:00 am      Worship Service

**WEDNESDAY, April 26, 2017**

6:30 pm      Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm      After the Sermon  
7:30 pm      Choir Rehearsal

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., April 24</b>	<b>Tues., April 25</b>	<b>Wed., April 26</b>	<b>Thurs., April 27</b>
9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm

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**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.

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# *Upper Seneca Baptist Church*

## *Truth about Temptation*

*James 1:13-18*



**To Re-Present Jesus Christ  
In Our Community  
And Beyond**



# “Truth about Temptation”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

April 23, 2017

Scripture: James 1:13-18 (NIV)

## **The Nature of Temptation:**

I. Separates you from \_\_\_\_\_.

**Satan wants to do everything that he can to put distance between you and God.**

Genesis 3:12 – *The man said, “The woman you put here with me— she gave me some fruit from the tree, and I ate it.”*

**When the Devil puts distance between you and God: The farther you are away from God, the closer you move to the Devil.**

**A trial is designed to grow you, but temptation is designed to destroy you.**

**Temptation only becomes sin when you act upon it in a negative way.**

II. Allows you to make the \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:13 – *When tempted, no one should say, “God is tempting me.” For God cannot be tempted by evil, nor does he tempt anyone;*

**You determine how you will respond to temptation.**

**Your greatest battle is against yourself.**

Matthew 26:41 – *Watch and pray so that you will not fall into temptation. The spirit is willing, but the body is weak.*

**Until you say, “Something is wrong with me”, it cannot be fixed.**

III. Produces \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:14-15 – *But each person is tempted when they are dragged away by their own evil desire and enticed. Then, after desire has conceived, it gives birth to sin; and sin, when it is full-grown, gives birth to death.*

## **The steps of sin.**

1. *Desire.*

**Desire becomes bad when you seek to fulfill it in an ungodly manner.**

2. *Deception.*

**Satan lays a trap by hiding the consequences.**

James 1:5 – *If any of you lacks wisdom, he should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to him.*

3. *Disobedience.*

**When you disobey, you give birth to a baby named Sin.**

4. *Death.*

**When disobedience is conceived, it leads to death.**

IV. Can be \_\_\_\_\_.

## **When facing sin, remember:**

### ***1. God is at work.***

**James 1:16-17** – *Don't be deceived, my dear brothers and sisters. Every good and perfect gift is from above, coming down from the Father of the heavenly lights, who does not change like shifting shadows.*

**God wants His children to fully understand that He is at work in their lives.**

**It is great to know that God is only good because when you do call upon Him, He will only respond with goodness.**

**God is the most consistent thing in life.**

### ***2. God's word is powerful.***

**James 1:18a** – *He chose to give us birth through the word of truth, ...*

**God uses His word to give birth to life.**

**Matthew 4:4** – *Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Man does not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God.'"*

### ***3. God created you special.***

**James 1:18b** – *... that we might be a kind of firstfruits of all he created.*

**God is saying that He has made you the "cream of the crop."**

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

## Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



USBC will be collecting for our *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* during the month of April. This offering is named for a faithful missionary who dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel of Jesus. 100% of the offering will go to support our local missionaries as they too carry out the Great Commission. Our church-wide goal is \$1,000.

## USBC Clean up Day

USBC will be having a cleanup day Saturday, **May 6** at 9 am. Please take time out to help brighten the church. For more information, contact the church office.



## Super Seniors



The Super Seniors is having their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **May 9**, at the "Golden Corral" in Frederick, MD, at 12 noon. For more information, contact the office.

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## April Sermon Schedule

**April 2, 2017**

**Sermon Title:** "Decision Time"

**Scripture:** Genesis 37-39

**April 9, 2017**

**Easter Musical:** "In Christ Alone"

**April 16, 2017**

**Sermon Title:** "From Grief to Joy"

**Scripture:** John 16:19-22

**April 23, 2017**

**Sermon Title:** "Truth about Temptation"

**Scripture:** James 1:13-18

**April 30, 2017**

**Sermon Title:** "The Rest of Your Life"

**Scripture:** Exodus 20:8