

SUNDAY, April 8, 2018

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

MONDAY, April 9, 2018

7:00 pm Church Council

TUESDAY, April 10, 2018

6:30 pm Super Seniors @ "Golden Corral"

WEDNESDAY, April 11, 2018

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

SATURDAY, April 14, 2018

10:00 pm Focus Meeting

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

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| Mon., April 9 | Tues., April 10 | Wed., April 11 | Thurs., April 12 |
| 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. ~ OR ~
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church. ~ OR ~
- **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



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Weather Policy

If the church cancels any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a message will be placed on the church's voice recorder to inform you of such changes or cancellations. If you are in doubt if a particular service or activity is canceled, please call the church before you travel to the event. If no message is stated notifying you of any changes, this means the service or activity remains as scheduled. We 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

April 8, 2018

*Hymn “Chain Breaker” Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Hymn #469 “Saved, Saved” Congregation

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Special “Holy Is The Lamb” Choir

Children’s Message Adele Stokes

Message “Are You a Salmon or Jellyfish?”
 Ephesians 2:10 Pastor Dennis

*Hymn of Commitment #112 Congregation
 “Grace Alone”

*Closing Hymn #112 “Grace Alone” Congregation
 (chorus only)



Monday, April 9, Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, April 10, Super Sr. @ “Golden Corral”
Wednesday, April 11, Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, April 11, After the Sermon
Wednesday, April 11, Choir Rehearsal
Saturday, April 14, Focus Meeting
Sunday, April 15, Portrayal of Moses
Sunday, April 22, Prayer Walk
Friday, April 27, Devotion with Donuts
Sunday, April 29, Dive Deeper “Alien Intrusion”

Focus Meeting

On **April 14** at 10 am, we will gather at the church to dream God’s dream and to implement constructive ways to accomplish God’s wonderful vision for **USBC**. Included in this Newsletter is a collective list of ministries, activities, and fellowships that will be taking place in the life of the church. I encourage you to attend the **Focus Meeting** on April 14th to help you better understand the church’s purpose and direction for 2018. During the meeting time, I will be providing a detailed explanation of each activity and how you can become a needed partner to help accomplish this worthy vision for Christ.



Devotion with Donuts



Do you like donuts? Being a former police officer, the answer is very obvious for me. The answer is an unequivocally, “Yes!” Well, we have the opportunity to combine our love for donuts and our love for God in a unique way. On **April 27** at 7 pm, I invite you to join me for our first **Devotion with Donuts**. Our **Devotion with Donuts** will take place at our community Dunkin Donuts in Damascus. During this time, we will have a short Bible devotion and prayer while we enjoy our tasty donuts. Why would we meet at our local Dunkin Donuts to have a devotion and prayer time? The answer is very simple. It allows **USBC** to be a visible presence in our community. The Scripture tells us to go into our community and share the great news. We want our community to see us in action and to be a present light shining for Christ. As we eat our donuts and drink our refreshing beverages, others around us will have the opportunity hear about our church and about Christ. Our goal is not to be loud and over bearing, but to quietly share amongst ourselves about the love of Christ so that others can see and hear. This visibility and witness may entice other listeners to seek questions about their spirituality. This is a wonderful way to see and meet others who live in our community.

*Denotes Congregation standing

**Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message).

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“Are You a Salmon or Jellyfish”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

April 8, 2018

Scripture: Ephesians 2:10 (NIV)

SALMON – *They have a specific direction in life and are willing to face the obstacles to get there.*

JELLYFISH – *They are carried by life’s circumstances or the plans of others, but they have no particular direction of their own.*

Understand that your life’s purpose:

I. Involves your _____.

Ephesians 2:10 – *For we are God’s handiwork, ...*

Ephesians 5:1 – *Therefore be imitators of God, as beloved children; (NASB)*

Your uniqueness will challenge you to do two things:

- *Dare to dream.*

Determining your dream helps you find your purpose.

Proverbs 29:18a – *Where there is no vision, the people perish: ...*

Dream in spite of problems, circumstances, and obstacles.

- *Let your attitude determine your altitude.*

The most significant decision you can make daily in your life is your choice of attitude.

Psalm 18:2 – *The Lord is my rock, my fortress and my deliverer; my God is my rock, in whom I take refuge, my shield and the horn of my salvation, my stronghold.*

Your attitude determines your altitude.

II. Involves serving _____.

Ephesians 2:10b – *created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.*

For we are all created by God, but not all are changed by Christ.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

When you let Christ be Lord of your life, your service has meaning and purpose.

Psalm 22:14a – *I am poured out like water, and all my bones are out of joint. ...*

We don’t work at our Christianity in order to be saved – We work at our Christianity because we are saved!

Sermon Notes:

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

USBC Super Seniors Luncheon



On **April 10** the *Super Seniors* will be having their monthly luncheon at the *Golden Corral* in Frederick at 12 noon. So, put it on your calendar so that you do not miss out on this wonderful food and fellowship.

Prayer Walk

On **April 22**, USBC will be having a *Prayer Walk* at 1 pm. There will be designated areas in our community that we will go and lift up in prayer. Some of these selected areas will afford one the opportunity to walk and pray. Other locations will be more suited to drive around in your car and pray. Therefore, anyone can participate in this prayer ministry.



The purpose for the *Prayer Walk* is threefold. First, it is to physically discover and see opportunities to minister to our community. Second, it will make our presence in the community visible and let them know that we care. Last, it will enable us to be obedient to the Word of God and spread His great love to our community.

If you are planning to participate in the *Prayer Walk*, please sign up in the church's foyer. Also, before we head out to pray, we will have lunch at the Burger King in Damascus.

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.

Alien Intrusion



On **April 29**, USBC will be showing the Christian based documentary movie, *Alien Intrusion*, for our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. Following the movie, we will have an opportunity to discuss the contents and claims contained within the movie. Below is an informative description regarding the content of the movie.

Millions of people have seen UFOs and many even recall personal encounters with strange entities. The popular view is that these are advanced aliens visiting us from far away, but this compelling new documentary takes a deeper look at the events, the beliefs, the experts and the people who have shaped our views in the "otherworldly." When one examines this phenomenon, one of the most disturbing but powerful affirmations of the spiritual realm, Christianity and the Bible becomes clearer. This documentary seeks to solve one of the most haunting and persistent mysteries of our time by addressing UFO sightings in every country, things seen on radar, what happened at Roswell, alien abductions, government cover-ups, and even a "new" religion. The truth will surprise you!

Vacation Bible School

Our *Vacation Bible School* will be here before we know it! This year it will be **July 9 – 13**. This year's theme is **Game On!** *Theme Verse - His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of*



him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3 Gear up! Get Ready! Game on!" In order to make this wonderful experience available for the children in our community, we need LOTS of help! Help is needed for teaching, assistants, crafts, snacks, recreation, music, registration, and more! If you are available to help, please see Donna Limparis.

Coffee Shop

If you are interested in bringing donuts, pastries or fruit to help with the coffee shop on Sunday mornings, please contact Mae Settles at 301-310-2206.

