

**SUNDAY, August 12, 2018**

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

**TUESDAY, August 14, 2018**

12:00 Noon Forever Young @ "Golden Corral"

**WEDNESDAY, August 15, 2018**

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., Aug. 13</b>	<b>Tues., Aug. 14</b>	<b>Wed., Aug. 15</b>	<b>Thurs., Aug. 16</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.

**Pastor Dennis Felder**

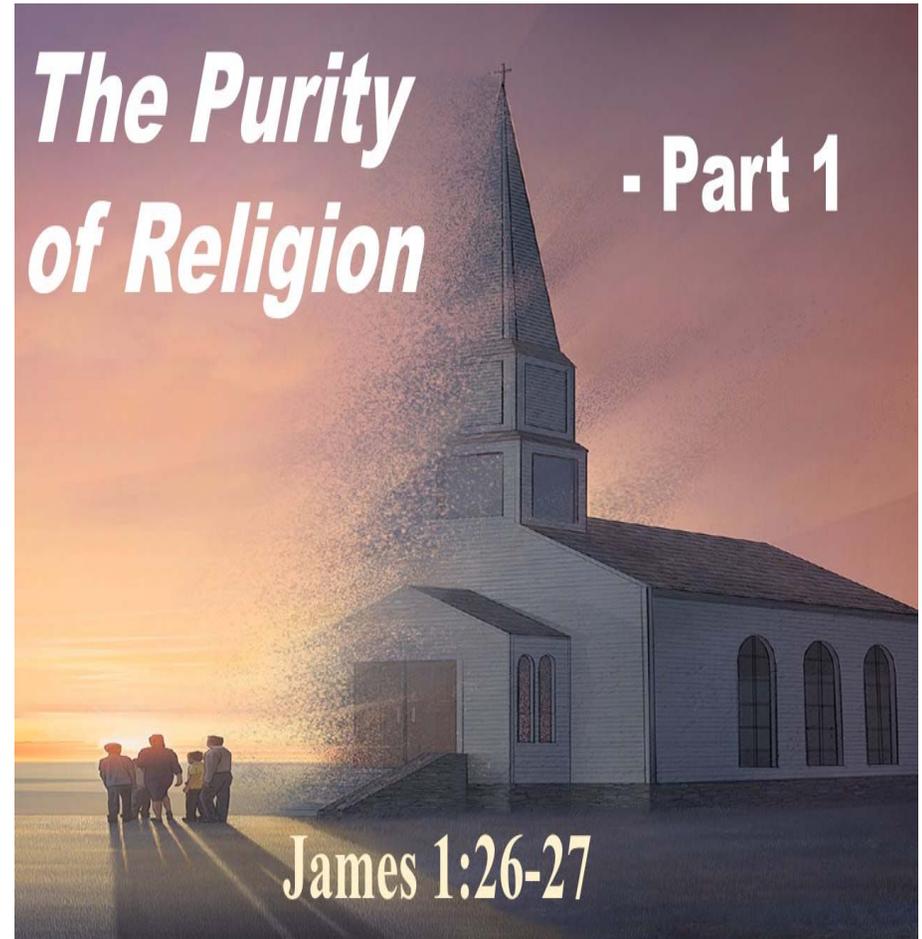
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# Upper Seneca Baptist Church



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

## **Upper Seneca Baptist Church**

**11:00 am Sunday Worship**

**August 12, 2018**

\*Hymn #126                      *“Rock of Ages”*                      Congregation

Prayer/Welcome                      Pastor Dennis

\*Hymn #25                      *“Let It Rise”*                      Congregation

Offertory

\*Hymn #338                      *“Wonderful Words of Life”*                      Congregation

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

\*Special

\*\*Message                      Pastor Dennis

***“The Purity of Religion – Part 1”***

**James 1:26-27**

\*Hymn of Commitment #127                      Congregation

*“The Heart of Worship”*

\*Closing Hymn                      Congregation

*“I Pledge Allegiance to the Lamb”*

\*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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Church Events

Tuesday, August 14, Forever Young “Golden Corral”

Wednesday, August 15, Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, August 15, After the Sermon

Sunday, August 19, Car Wash

Saturday August, 25, Children/Youth Back to School Party

Fri.-Sun. September 7-9, Damascus Community Fair

## **Damascus Community Fair**



This will be our second year in participating in the *Damascus Community Fair*. The *Damascus Community Fair* will be taking place **from September 7-9** (Friday – Sunday). This year, we will have two assigned spots to help expand our ministry. Like last year, we will have a table with handouts, prizes, and giveaways. But now that we have doubled our space, we will be setting up an interactive ministry area for children and adults.

Also, since our ministry booth will be open through Sunday, we will be having our Sunday morning worship service at the Damascus Fire Department Activity Center located at 10211 Lewis Drive, Damascus, Maryland starting at 11 am. Therefore, no church activities nor our regular Sunday morning worship service will be held at our USBC campus on September 9<sup>th</sup>. Instead, we will gather for a brief, informal worship celebration and allow other fair goers to join us. We will sing some uplifting praise songs, read some relevant Scriptures, and enjoy the fellowship of one another.

Lastly, like last year, we will need our church family to help work our ministry booth for the three-day period. There is a sign-up sheet in the church’s foyer with times slots so you can select a time of service

## **Special Music**



Do you have a special hymn or reading you would like to share over the summer during the morning worship service? If so, **please sign up** on the sheet located on the bulletin board. For more information, contact Priscilla Knicley.

# “The Purity of Religion – Part 1”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

August 12, 2018

Scripture: James 1:26-27

## What does religion look like?

I. A controlled \_\_\_\_\_.

James 1:26 – *Those who consider themselves religious and yet do not keep a tight rein on their tongues deceive themselves, and their religion is worthless.*

**If we cannot respect others with our words, then we cannot respect God.**

**The tongue is good, but if uncontrolled it is deadly.**

**If you cannot get your tongue under control, then your other acts of Christian service have no value.**

James 3:6-8 – *The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one’s life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

**Our biggest problem is our tongue.**

**If you want to achieve perfection in your life, if you want your religion to be pure, it must first start with the tongue.**

**The tongue is a bundle of fire that has the power to destroy everything within its path.**

**We have failed to tame the tongue because we have not let God be the tamer.**

**If you want to make it as a victorious Christian then learn to control your tongue.**

James 1:19 – *My dear brothers and sisters, take note of this: Everyone should be quick to listen, slow to speak and slow to become angry,*

**The difference between gossip and a concerned friend is like the difference between a butcher and a surgeon. Both cut the meat but for two totally different reasons.**

Matthew 12:33-37 – *Make a tree good and its fruit will be good, or make a tree bad and its fruit will be bad, for a tree is recognized by its fruit. You brood of vipers, how can you who are evil say anything good? For the mouth speaks what the heart is full of. A good man brings good things out of the good stored up in him, and an evil man brings evil things out of the evil stored up in him. But I tell you that everyone will have to give account on the day of judgment for every empty word they have spoken. For by your words you will be acquitted, and by your words you will be condemned.*

**We will use our tongues to talk about our brothers and sisters in Christ and then expect God to bless us.**

**If we cannot control our tongue, then our religion is useless.**

**Pure religion is only accomplished by having a pure Christian life.**

II. Helping others.

James 1:27a – *Religion that God our Father accepts as pure and faultless is this: to look after orphans and widows in their distress*

III. Staying faithful.

James 1:27b – *... and to keep oneself from being polluted by the world.*

## Car Wash



To show our mission spirit in helping others, we will be having a free church-wide carwash. This event will take place immediately following our **August 19** worship service. If you would like to have your car washed for free, you will be directed to a designated area on the church's parking lot following our 11 am worship service.

To make this mission outreach a sparkling success, we need all hands and sponges on deck. If you would like to participate in helping with washing cars, please sign up in the church's foyer.

## Children/Youth Back to School Party

It is hard to believe, but it is almost time for school to start back. Now this may be a bitter pill for some of our children to swallow. Therefore, to help with this challenging transition, **USBC** will be hosting a **Children and Youth Back to School Party**. The party will kick off on Saturday, **August 25** at 11 am and will conclude at 1 pm.



During this festive party we will have delicious food, fun games, and many other exciting activities for all of our kids. As a matter of fact, we will be having a huge water balloon fight. So, dress appropriately, bring a towel, and get ready to get wet. If your children are planning on attending, please sign them up. The sign-up sheet is located in the church's foyer.

## School Supply Drive



Faith Connections will be collecting school supplies for needy students in the Damascus-Clarksburg area. Please buy extra supplies when you are shopping during this summer. Donations can be placed in the labeled blue bins located in the foyer. Thank you in advance for your

generosity! Donations will be collected until **August 20**.

## 50's BANQUET



On Saturday, **September 22** at 4 pm, **USBC** will be having our first themed **Adult 50's Banquet**. To keep with the 50's theme, the church's Fellowship Hall will be decorated to reflect that era. Also, the food that will be served will be like a menu from a traditional 50's carhop (hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, and ice cream floats). For our entertainment, will have a stage setup to perform Karaoke with songs from the 50's. To make this theme fun filled, we invite you to dress to reflect the 50's time period.

So that all adults with children can attend and enjoy the fellowship, we will be providing childcare for children aged Pre-K through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. All children from 6<sup>th</sup> grade and above can attend the banquet.

To help supplement the cost of childcare, the cost of food, and the cost of decorations, we are asking that all attending make a financial donation at the door.

If you are planning to attend, please use the slip in your bulletin to make your reservations.

## Food Drive

**USBC** is collecting **non-perishable food items** for the Damascus Help Pantry until the end of July. Food supplies needed are: canned foods such as meats (tuna, chicken, spam), spaghetti O's, vegetables, fruits, boxes of cereal (hot and cold), rice, macaroni, peanut butter, jelly, and powdered milk.



**Please make sure expiration dates are good otherwise they cannot be used.** Place all food donations in the container in the foyer by **August 20**. Remember that we help supply the food closet for needy families in the Damascus area.

## Forever Young



The Super Seniors are having their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **August 14**, at the "Golden Corral" in Frederick, MD, at 12 noon. For more information, contact the office.