

SUNDAY, August 19, 2018

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 Noon Car Wash

WEDNESDAY, August 22, 2018

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

SATURDAY, August 25, 2018

11:00 am Children/Youth Back to School Party

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Aug. 20	Tues., Aug. 21	Wed., Aug. 22	Thurs., Aug. 23
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.

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Upper Seneca Baptist Church



*“The Purity of Religion
- Part 2”*

James 1:26-27

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

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

August 19, 2018

*Hymn “Give Me That Old Time Religion” Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Hymn “Old Church Choir” Congregation

Offertory

*Hymn #532 “Higher Ground” Congregation

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Special Brian Altman, Pastor Dennis,
Tom Shuggars & Bill Tjokoaminata

**Message Pastor Dennis

“The Purity of Religion – Part 2”
James 1:26-27

*Hymn of Commitment #127 Congregation
“The Heart of Worship”

*Closing Hymn #433 “I Surrender All” Congregation

*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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Church Events

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

Saturday, September 22, 50’s Banquet

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 9th. 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 2”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

August 19, 2018

Scripture: James 1:26-27

What does religion look like?

I. A controlled tongue.

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.*

II. Helping _____.

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

Pure religion helps others who cannot return the favor.

It is easy to have religion in the sanctuary, but it is hard to have religion in the street.

1 John 3:16 – *This is how we know what love is: Jesus Christ laid down his life for us. And we ought to lay down our lives for our brothers and sisters.*

Common Attitude – What can the church do for me rather than what can I do for others.

James 1:2 – *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,*

Ecclesiastes 4:10 – *If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up.*

A church does not do ministry if it does not reach beyond these church walls.

Our religion (external practices) has no value if the heart of God’s children is not ministering to the ones in need.

Luke 10:25-37 – *On one occasion an expert in the law stood up to test Jesus. “Teacher,” he asked, “what must I do to inherit eternal life?” “What is written in the Law?” he replied. “How do you read it?” He answered, “‘Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your strength and with all your mind’; and, ‘Love your neighbor as yourself.’” “You have answered correctly,” Jesus replied. “Do this and you will live.” But he wanted to justify himself, so he asked Jesus, “And who is my neighbor?” In reply Jesus said: “A man was going down from Jerusalem to Jericho, when he was attacked by robbers. They stripped him of his clothes, beat him and went away, leaving him half dead. A priest happened to be going down the same road, and when he saw the man, he passed by on the other side. So too, a Levite, when he came to the place and saw him, passed by on the other side. But a Samaritan, as he traveled, came where the man was; and when he saw him, he took pity on him. He went to him and bandaged his wounds, pouring on oil and wine. Then he put the man on his own donkey, brought him to an inn and took care of him. The next day he took out two denarii and gave them to the innkeeper. ‘Look after him,’ he said, ‘and when I return, I will reimburse you for any extra expense you may have.’ “Which of these three do you think was a neighbor to the man who fell into the hands of robbers?” The expert in the law replied, “The one who had mercy on him.” Jesus told him, “Go and do likewise.”*

Christians have a duty to others, but they also have a duty toward themselves.

III. Staying _____.

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

To live in an ungodly world requires devotion.

God does not mind you living in the world, but He does not want you to become a friend to the world.

You need to rub off on the world, but do not let the world rub off on you.

Philippians 3:14 – *I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

God never gave us this world so that we would love it better than Him.

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 5th grade. All children from 6th 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.

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.

Books



USBC is giving away the books on the shelves in the adult Sunday School room and the books between the children's classrooms. Feel free to browse and take some home with you!