

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

SUNDAY, August 27, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, August 30, 2017

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Aug. 28 9:30 am – 1 pm	Tues., Aug. 29 9:30 am – 1 pm	Wed., Aug. 30 9:30 am – 1 pm	Thurs., Aug. 31 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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**To Re-Present Jesus Christ
In Our Community
And Beyond**

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11:00 am Sunday Worship

August 27, 2017



Wednesday, August 30, Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, August 30, After the Sermon
Sunday, Sept. 3, Thanks Adam Hannon
Friday – Sunday, Sept. 8-10, USBC @ Damascus
Community Fair

*Hymn *“He’s Got the Whole World in His Hands”* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome *Pastor Dennis*

*Hymn #441 *“The Potters Hand”* Congregation

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Special *“Got a Lot of Livin”* *Richard Doody,*
Adam Hannon & Rick & Priscilla Knicley

**Message *“The Hand of God”* *Pastor Dennis*
Exodus 3:18-20, Matthew 25:21, & Psalm 71:4

*Hymn of Commitment #628 *Congregation*
“He Touched Me”

*Closing Hymn #598 *Congregation*
“Find Us Faithful”

Coffæ Shop



USBC is excited to announce that we are going into the coffee business. This Fall, the church will be creating and building a special coffee bar in the lobby/foyer. The coffee bar will provide coffee, juice, and refreshments for all church attendees on Sunday mornings. The coffee bar will be appropriately named the **HISTORY CAFÉ**.

Although, the **HISTORY CAFÉ** will be modern and up-to-date with equipment and furnishings, it will also reflect the history of USBC. Throughout the **HISTORY CAFÉ**, there will be mementos and historical artifacts on display to celebrate the wonderful history of USBC. As one sips on their beverage and nibbles on their Danish, they can be reminded of the commitment that so many have made to make USBC a lasting presence in our community.

However, for the **HISTORY CAFÉ** to become a reality, USBC needs your support. First, I encourage you to lift this new endeavor up in prayer. This specialized café will afford us a wonderful opportunity to have important fellowship with one another and with our guests that God brings to our church. Second, I ask that you volunteer to be a special greeter in the café and to help keep it well stocked with coffee, juice, and refreshments. Third, I ask that you help with the construction of the café. Lastly, I am asking that you help financially.

To renovate the church lobby/foyer to make the **HISTORY CAFÉ** a reality, it will take sacrificial giving. The projected cost to make these meaningful and needed additions will be \$5,000. Therefore, I am asking all to make a sacrificial gift above and beyond your regular church tithes. In the month of September, we will be providing you with more information in how you can make a financial contribution to this worthy cause.

*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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“The Hand of God”

Pastor Dennis Felder

August 27, 2017

Scripture: Exodus 3:18-20, Matthew 25:21, &
Psalm 71:4 (NIV)

What can a hand do?

I. It can _____ you.

The hand of God can be used as an instrument to bring punishment/judgement.

Exodus 3:18-20 – *The elders of Israel will listen to you. Then you and the elders are to go to the king of Egypt and say to him, “The Lord, the God of the Hebrews, has met with us. Let us take a three-day journey into the wilderness to offer sacrifices to the Lord our God.” But I know that the king of Egypt will not let you go unless a mighty hand compels him. So I will stretch out my hand and strike the Egyptians with all the wonders that I will perform among them. After that, he will let you go.*

When you shut out God, be prepared to feel the mighty hand of God.

Christians also can become very stubborn people.

If you want the slapping/judgment to stop, throw your hands up and admit defeat and seek forgiveness.

II. It can _____ for you.

When someone applauds for you, it feels good.

If you love the Lord, you would want to hear His applause.

Matthew 25:21 – *“His master replied, ‘Well done, good and faithful servant! You have been faithful with a few things; I will put you in charge of many things. Come and share your master’s happiness!’*

In our kingdom service:

1. We have a responsibility to share our **faith**.
2. We have a responsibility to invest our **time**.

The bottom line is that if you put what you have in the right hands, you will get amazing results.

III. It can _____ you.

Psalm 71:4 – *Deliver me, my God, from the hand of the wicked, from the grasp of those who are evil and cruel.*

God’s hand is designed to help you in your time of need.

For God’s hand to pick you up, you must ask.

God’s hand will pick up.

Word of caution: Not only does God have hands, but so do the wicked.

The hand of God has been extended to you.

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

Thanks Adam Hannon!



If you have not heard, Adam Hannon, our pianist, will be moving to the Atlanta, Georgia area to start a new job in September. His last Sunday with us will be **September 3.**

On behalf of USBC, I want to express our gratitude for all that Adam has done. For the last few years, he has strengthened our church with his musical talents. From playing to singing, he has touched the hearts of many. In addition to serving the church through music, he has been a true servant for the Lord. When the church needed help in any area of ministry, Adam never hesitated to give of his time.

As Adam prepares to make this new transition in his life, we, as a church family would like to honor Adam in a memorable way on September 3rd. Therefore, I am asking that all be in attendance to pray for Adam, to encourage Adam, and to share our gratitude to Adam for his faithful service.

Adam, we are forever grateful!

USBC Movie Night



On Friday, **August 25**, USBC will be hosting a very special **Movie Night** that will start at 6 pm. The church will be showing the Christian movie entitled, **War Room**. Below is a synopsis of the movie. This movie is rated PG and is an inspirational movie for all ages. So, join us for **Movie Night** on August. 25, at 6 pm to watch how God works in the midst of life's struggles. Also, during our movie time, we will have popcorn, light refreshments, and cold drinks.

Pews Giveaway

If anyone would like one of the pews in the narthex, please contact one of the trustees or the office.



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.

Damascus Community Fair

Coming in September, USBC will have a wonderful opportunity to share with our community about the love of Christ. From **September 8th – 10th**, our church will have a booth at the Damascus Fair. During this time, we will be distributing Biblical material, information about our church, and engaging with prospective families. Another important focus will be sharing the gospel of Christ in a comfortable and accepting manner.



In addition, we will have a Memorial Wall at our booth. The purpose of the Memorial Wall is to give attendees the opportunity to write a loved one's name on the wall. Since September 11th will be the day following the close of the Damascus Fair, we will invite people to write a person's name on the Memorial Wall to honor loved ones who have served in our military, past or present. Also, if they have a family member or friend who is or was a first responder, we will encourage them to write their name on the wall. As a church, we will lift up all the names that appear on the wall in prayer.

Since this is large undertaking for our church in providing outreach to our community, I am asking that all sign up to participate in this event. In the church's foyer, there will be a **signup** sheet where you can select a specific time to volunteer at our booth. Even if you can provide just one hour of your time, it can greatly impact the kingdom of God in a powerful way.

