

**SUNDAY, December 3, 2017**

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

**WEDNESDAY, December 6, 2017**

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

**SATURDAY, December 9, 2017**

3:30 pm Christmas Caroling

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., Dec. 4</b>	<b>Tues., Dec. 5</b>	<b>Wed., Dec. 6</b>	<b>Thurs., Dec. 7</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**

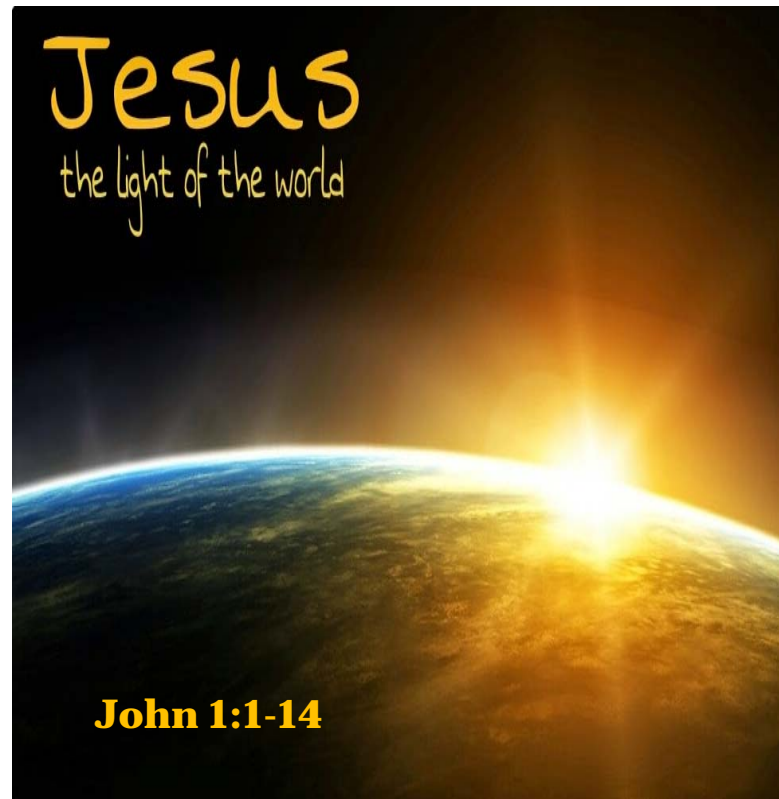
- **By Salvation** ~ By professing faith in Jesus Christ and following Him in believer's baptism.
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church.
- **By Statement of Faith** ~ By statement of **faith in Jesus Christ.**

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.

# Upper Seneca Baptist Church



**John 1:1-14**

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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 cancelations. 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.

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



# “Jesus, the Light of the World”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

December 3, 2017

Scripture: John 1:1-14 (NIV)

## What I know about the Light:

I. The Light is \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:1-2 – *In the beginning was the Word, and the Word was with God, and the Word was God. He was with God in the beginning.*

Hebrews 13:8 – *Jesus Christ is the same yesterday and today and forever.*

**In the spiritual realm, Jesus, the Light of the world, is the only thing that is constant.**

**The day that we are with Jesus, time will stand still.**

**Heaven is not constrained by time.**

II. The Light is \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:4 – *In him was life, and that life was the light of all mankind.*

John 14:6 – ... *I am the way and the truth and the life. ...*

John 8:12 – ... *I am the light of the world. ...*

**If you want to have life, then you must accept the Light.**

**You cannot have life if you do not have light.**

Genesis 1:1-3 – *In the beginning God created the heavens and the earth. Now the earth was formless and empty, darkness was over the surface of the deep, and the Spirit of God was hovering over the waters. And God said, “Let there be light,” and there was light.*

**If you want your life put back together, it can be put back together with the Light, Jesus Christ.**

III. The Light is \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:5 – *The light shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.*

**The darkness will never beat the Light.**

**Darkness cannot stay when Light is present.**

**The light of Jesus will always shine.**

**Jesus is shining on your darkest day.**

**The Light will always be victorious against the darkness.**

IV. The Light is \_\_\_\_\_.

John 1:9 – *The true light that gives light to everyone was coming into the world.*

**Light will expose the negatives, the flaws, the sin, but it is not changed by it.**

**Since light cannot be corrupted, it is a wonderful picture of Jesus Christ.**

1 Peter 2:22 – *He committed no sin, and no deceit was found in his mouth.*

John 8:12 – *When Jesus spoke again to the people, he said, “I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.”*





## Christmas Caroling



USBC will be going *Christmas Caroling* at *Lorien Assisted Living* in Mt. Airy on Saturday afternoon, **December 9**, (time to be determined). Following our cheerful singing, we will go to a local restaurant for some good food and warm fellowship. Sign-up and we will bring Christmas cheer wherever we go.

**Lorien Assisted Living**  
**705 Midway Avenue**  
**Mount Airy, MD 21771**

## USBC Christmas Party

I love a good Christmas party and USBC will be hosting such a celebration. We invite all to attend the church's *Christmas Party* on Saturday, **December 16** at 5pm. To feed the hungry, the church will provide light refreshments and drinks. In addition to the good food, we will play some fun Christmas games, make crafts with the kids, and sing some joyous Christmas music.



## Children's Christmas Program



On **December 24**, the *USBC Children* will be presenting a program before the choir's cantata. The kids will be doing a play and will sing songs about the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please come and encourage our young people as they share God's love. Our kids are the future of our church and I know that you will enjoy seeing them on stage!

## Christmas Musical

On **December 24**, the *USBC Choir* will be presenting a cantata entitled "*Best Gift of All*" (Arranged by Russell Mauldin). The choir has practiced long and hard in order to sing praises to God for sending His Son to be born in Bethlehem. Come and hear the Christmas message in music. You will be reminded that the best gift of all is Jesus!



## Pastor's Christmas Love Offering



It has been USBC's custom to give our pastor a Christmas love offering. As a special thanks for all of the work and sacrifice given by them and their families as they minister to us in our times of need and times of joy. This gives each person an opportunity to give from their own hearts and share their love in a very personal and meaningful way and our means to remember Pastor Dennis, and his wife, Lana, their son Lucas and daughter Lanny for all the love they share with us.

If you wish to contribute to this special offering, please make sure to identify the purpose of your gift on your envelope or check. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday or send it in the mail to the church. If you need an envelope for a cash gift, please see one of the ushers. Please try to have your gift in place by Sunday, **December 17**.

## Super Seniors

The Super Seniors will be having their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **December 12**, at the Cracker Barrel in Frederick, MD at 12:00 noon. Please contact the office for more information.



## Angel Tree



As we celebrate the wonderful birth of Jesus Christ, we have decorated our church to reflect this joyous Christmas season. The colorful lights are strung, the poinsettias are in bloom, and the nativity scene is in place. However, there is something else that is of great importance during this Christmas celebration. Remembering the children who are in need. In the main lobby of the church we will once again have our *Angel Tree*. The *Angel Tree* will have information about children who are seeking to have a wonderful Christmas. Please take an angel from the tree and help make a child experience the joy of Christmas. The angel will have information pertaining to your specific child (Example: Boy or girl, age, clothes size, or toy.). Purchase the gift, gift wrap the present, tape your angel to the wrapped gift, and return the gift no later than **December 17**.

*If you would like to make a year-end charitable tax contribution to USBC, please make sure that your financial gift is received by the church, no later than **December 31, 2017**.*