

**SUNDAY, December 30, 2018**

9:45 am Sunday School  
11:00 am Worship Service  
12 Noon Children/Youth Christmas Party

**WEDNESDAY, January 2, 2019**

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

**Mon., Dec. 31** 9:30 am – 1 pm  
**Tues., Jan. 1** Closed  
**Wed., Jan. 2** 9:30 am – 1 pm  
**Thurs., Jan. 3** 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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**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.

# Upper Seneca Baptist Church



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



# “How to Start a New Year”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

December 30, 2018

**Scripture:** Philippians 3:13-14 (NIV)

**Synopsis:** As a new year begins, it presents itself with the opportunity to evaluate our past, our present, and our future. The Bible gives us some sound advice in how to accomplish this task of self-evaluation. We all need a new start and it always starts with our focus on Christ.

## How to Start a New Year:

I. Forget the \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 3:13a – *Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind*

...

**We all have things in our past that we are not proud of.**

Romans 7:18-19 – *For I know that good itself does not dwell in me, that is, in my sinful nature. For I have the desire to do what is good, but I cannot carry it out. For I do not do the good I want to do, but the evil I do not want to do—this I keep on doing.*

**Stop allowing your past to drag you into the gutter of depression.**

Psalms 118:24 (KJV) – *This is the day which the Lord hath made; we will rejoice and be glad in it.*

**Sin can be a rope that can keep you tied to your past.**

1 John 1:9 – *If we confess our sins, he is faithful and just and will forgive us our sins and purify us from all unrighteousness.*

Ephesians 4:32 – *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

II. Move \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 3:13b-14a – *... and straining toward what is ahead, I press on ...*

**It can be a struggle to forget and move on, but it can be done.**

**You can still run a great race despite your circumstances.**

1 John 4:4 – *You, dear children, are from God and have overcome them, because the one who is in you is greater than the one who is in the world.*

**You can tell the true size of a Christian's faith by what it takes to stop him or her.**

Galatians 6:9 – *Let us not become weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*

1 Corinthians 9:24 – *Do you not know that in a race all the runners run, but only one gets the prize? Run in such a way as to get the prize.*

III. Reach the \_\_\_\_\_.

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

**You will never win the prize if you do not know where the finish line is.**

**What is this prize? To be like Jesus!**

Matthew 25:23a – *Well done, good and faithful servant. ...*

## I Serve Meeting



On **January 6**, USBC will have a brief 30-minute meeting following our worship service for *I Serve*. This meeting will provide an update and guidance for all who seek to serve at USBC. So, following our worship service on **January 6**, please remain in the sanctuary for our *I Serve* meeting.

## Forever Young

The Super Seniors are beginning the New Year with lunch at the Golden Corral in Frederick, MD, on Tuesday, **January 8** at 12:30 pm. Since the Senior Lunch discount begins at 12:30 p.m., we will meet at the *Golden Corral* at 12:30 p.m. See you there!



## Proposed 2019 Church Budget



The church will be voting to approve the **2019** Church Budget on **January 13**, immediately following our worship service. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the church's main lobby **January 6**.

## Church Chat

Like the New Year, we are starting something brand new at **USBC**. It is called *Church Chat*. *Church Chat* is a wonderful way of providing a means to communicate what is happening at **USBC**.



**How It Works** – The last Sunday of each month, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop for a 10-minute informal meeting following our worship service. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and to receive vital input from our church family. *Church Chat* will be a great way of keeping everyone informed about all the activities and church events that will be taking place.

January 27<sup>th</sup> will be our very first *Church Chat*. So, following our worship service, grab a donut and coffee

## Christmas Cheer!



This Christmas season, **USBC** will be launching a very special outreach ministry entitled, *Christmas Cheer!* *Christmas Cheer* involves financial donations, gift cards, and the distribution of the *Christmas Cheer* packet.

### Below is how Christmas Cheer works:

- During the month of December, the church will be collecting financial donations. These donations will be used to purchase \$10 gift cards from Safeway.
- These gift cards will be placed in a package like our *Share Packets*, but with a Christmas emphasis.
- Then you are invited to take a *Christmas Cheer Packet* and give it to someone else. This person can be a family member, a friend, or a total stranger. The purpose of the *Christmas Cheer Packet* is to share the true meaning of Christmas with others.

In participating in the *Christmas Cheer*, you will accomplish two very important things. First, you will experience a blessing spreading a little Christmas Cheer. Second, you will bless someone else with the Good News along with a gift card that can be used. Your participate in the *Christmas Cheer* will produce a lasting impression in your life and in the life of the person who receives it.

Once you give the *Christmas Cheer Packet* to someone, please come back to the church and share your story of spreading a little *Christmas Cheer!*

## Help Needed

Help us take down Christmas Decorations **Today**, immediately following the worship service.



## Christmas Memorial Tree



**Today**, we ask that you take home your Remembrance Christmas Ball and place them in safe keeping.



## 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 31**.

### Poinsettia's Given by the Following:



*Connie Harding, in honor of my new Great-grandsons.*

*Carol Mullinix, in memory of loved ones.*

*Dick & Sandy Rogers, in memory & honor of our parents Paul & Hazel Woodfield, Dick Sr. & Grace Rogers.*

*Les Yeatts, in memory of his Father*

