

SUNDAY, December 31, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, January 3, 2018

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

SATURDAY, January 6, 2018

10:00 Am Take down Christmas Decorations

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Jan. 1	Tues., Jan 2	Wed., Jan. 3	Thurs., Jan. 4
Closed	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



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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.

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

“One More Christmas Gift”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

December 31, 2017

Scripture: 1 Corinthians 13:1-13 (NIV)

The greatest gift that you could give anyone during the Christmas season is the gift that God gave; unconditional love.

John 3:16 – For God so loved the world that he gave his one and only Son, that whoever believes in him shall not perish but have eternal life.

What I know about love:

I. Love has _____.

1 Corinthians 13:1-3 – If I speak in the tongues of men or of angels, but do not have love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but do not have love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and give over my body to hardship that I may boast, but do not have love, I gain nothing.

- Love is greater than speech.
- Love is greater than prophecy.
- Love is greater than faith.
- Love is greater than sacrifice.
- Love is greater than suffering.

II. Love has _____.

1 Corinthians 13:4-5 – Love is patient, love is kind. It does not envy, it does not boast, it is not proud. It does not dishonor others, it

is not self-seeking, it is not easily angered, it keeps no record of wrongs.

- Love is patient.
- Love is kind.
- Love does not envy.
- Love does not boast.

1 Corinthians 1:31 – Therefore, as it is written: “Let the one who boasts boast in the Lord.”

Galatians 6:14 – May I never boast except in the cross of our Lord Jesus Christ, through which the world has been crucified to me, and I to the world.

- Love is not proud.
- Love does not hurt others.

James 4:12 – There is only one Lawgiver and Judge, the one who is able to save and destroy. But you—who are you to judge your neighbor?

- Love is not self-seeking.
- Love is not easily angered.
- Love keeps no record of wrongs.

III. Love has _____.

1 Corinthians 13:8 – Love never fails. But where there are prophecies, they will cease; where there are tongues, they will be stilled; where there is knowledge, it will pass away.

- Love never fails.

Without love, our gifts are worthless.

Help Needed



Help us take down Christmas Decorations on Saturday, **January 6** at 10 am. For more information contact the office. USBC will be taking down Christmas Decorations at 10 am.

Super Seniors

The Super Seniors are beginning the New Year with lunch at the Golden Corral in Frederick, MD, on Tuesday, **January 9** at 12 Noon. All are welcome! Contact the office for more information.



Proposed 2018 Church Budget



The church will be voting to approve the **2018** Church Budget on **January 14**, immediately following our worship service. Copies of the proposed budget will be available in the church's main lobby **January 7**.

Pizza With the Pastor

It is that time again to have *Pizza with the Pastor*. On Sunday, **January 14**, immediately following our Sunday morning worship, we will meet at Ledo Pizza in Damascus for some good food, fun, and fellowship. If you are planning on attending, please sign up so that we can give an accurate count to Ledo Pizza. Like before, each person or family will be responsible for their portion of the bill. See you there!



Dive Deeper Bible Study



On Sunday, **January 28**, immediately following our 11am worship service, we will gather for our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. The title for our discussion is 'Where is Heaven?' At our last *Dive Deeper Bible Study*, several questions surfaced about references in the Bible to the third heaven and where heaven is actually located. Since heaven is a spiritual place, there are many views as to where heaven exists. Join us on **January 28** as we gain a Biblical understanding when it comes to heaven.

USBC Offering Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up a box of **2018** offering envelopes for the New Year in the foyer. Make sure you write your box # and name on the sign-up sheet. If you have any leftover envelopes from 2017, please bring them back in as they can be recycled for 2018.



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 **Today**.

*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**.*