

SUNDAY, December 9, 2018

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

MONDAY, December 10, 2018

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, December 11, 2018

12:00 Noon Forever Young @ IHop

WEDNESDAY, December 12, 2018

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. 10	Tues., Dec. 11	Wed., Dec. 12	Thurs., Dec. 13
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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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

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

December 9, 2018

*Hymn "Light of the Stable" Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Hymn #212 "Gentle Mary Laid Her Child" Congregation

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Special Wednesday Evening Boys
"Go Tell It On the Mountain"

*Hymn #571 "This Is The Day" Congregation
Children's Message Adele Stokes

**Message Pastor Dennis
"MARY'S BOMBSHELL"
Luke 1:26-38

*Hymn of Commitment #199 Congregation
"O Come, All Ye Faithful"

*Closing Hymn #201 "Emmanuel" Congregation

*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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Monday, December 10, Church Council Meeting
Tuesday, December 11, Forever Young @ IHop
Sunday, December 16, Children/Youth Christmas Party
Sunday, December 23, Christmas Cantata "Good News from Home"
Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service

Poinsettias



It's time to place your order for poinsettias. Sign-up and help make the church decorated attractively for Christmas with a red poinsettia. The cost this year is \$8.00 for a 6-inch pot.

Forever Young

The Super Seniors will be having their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **December 11**, at the IHop in Mt. Airy, MD at 12:00 noon. Please contact the office for more information.



Children/Youth Christmas Party

On **December 16** immediately following our Worship Service, we invite all of our children and youth to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a special **Christmas Party**. The **Christmas Party** will be filled with plenty of food, games, and prizes.



Year End

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, 2018**.



“Mary’s Bombshell”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

December 9, 2018

Sermon Title: “Mary’s Bombshell”

Scripture: Luke 1:26-38 (NIV)

Synopsis: In life, most of us have experienced a bombshell. A bombshell is a shocking and an unexpected event that changed our life forever. Mary, the mother Jesus, received such a bombshell when the angel told her that she was going to give birth to Jesus although she was a virgin. Through Mary’s bombshell, we can learn a lot in how to deal with a bombshell when it hits our life.

Bombshell (Web. Dictionary) – any shocking surprise.

When a Bombshell Hits:

I. Your _____ go out the window.

Luke 1:26-33 – *In the sixth month of Elizabeth’s pregnancy, God sent the angel Gabriel to Nazareth, a town in Galilee, to a virgin pledged to be married to a man named Joseph, a descendant of David. The virgin’s name was Mary. The angel went to her and said, “Greetings, you who are highly favored! The Lord is with you.” Mary was greatly troubled at his words and wondered what kind of greeting this might be. But the angel said to her, “Do not be afraid, Mary; you have found favor with God. You will conceive and give birth to a son, and you are to call him Jesus. He will be great and will be called the Son of the Most High. The Lord God will give him the throne of his father David, and he will reign over Jacob’s descendants forever; his kingdom will never end.”*

A bombshell in life will change your direction forever.

Bombshells comes in all types of forms and does not discriminate.

God intentionally disrupts over lives so that we will stop to totally focus on Him.

Hebrews 12:1-2a – *Therefore, since we are surrounded by such a great cloud of witnesses, let us throw off everything that hinders and the sin that so easily entangles. And let us run with perseverance the race marked out for us, fixing our eyes on Jesus, ...*

When a bombshell hits, there will be many questions that will flood your mind.

II. You _____ for answers.

Luke 1:34-36 – *“How will this be,” Mary asked the angel, “since I am a virgin?” The angel answered, “The Holy Spirit will come on you, and the power of the Most High will overshadow you. So the holy one to be born will be called the Son of God. Even Elizabeth your relative is going to have a child in her old age, and she who was said to be unable to conceive is in her sixth month.*

When a bombshell hits your life, you will immediately start asking questions in search for answers.

When a bombshell hits your life, do not focus on the “Why”, but the “How”.

When a bombshell hits, you may feel that you are going out of your mind.

III. You try to find your _____.

Christmas Cheer!

Luke 1:37-38 – “For no word from God will ever fail.” “I am the Lord’s servant,” Mary answered. “May your word to me be fulfilled.” Then the angel left her.



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 participation 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!*



When a bombshell strikes your world, nothing seems to make sense.

When a bombshell crashes on our life, there is a feeling of complete inadequacy.

If you never let God take total control of your life, there will always be doubt if He can really help.

If you are accustomed of giving God control of life and you know that He works every time, then you will never question His capability.

When a bombshell is dropped and you have always walked with God, you know He will come through.

Sermon Notes:

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

Christmas Musical



On **December 23**, the *USBC Choir* will be presenting a cantata entitled “*Good News From Home*” (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!

Christmas Eve Service

On **December 24** at 6:30 p.m., we invite you to attend our *Christmas Eve Service*. During this special service, we will honor the birth of Christ through song, Scripture reading, and prayer. The service will conclude with a beautiful ceremony of everyone lighting a candle. The lit candles will symbolize the Light coming into the world who is Jesus Christ.



Christmas Memorial Tree



Christmas is considered to be a joyous time of year. However, for some who had a loved one that has died, it can be a time of loneliness and grief. So, to help keep their wonderful memory alive during the Christmas season, we will have a *Christmas Memorial Tree* in the church foyer. If you have a loved one who has passed, we invite you to place a Christmas ball on the *Christmas Memorial Tree* to remember them.

When you walk into the church’s foyer the *Christmas Memorial Tree* will be standing in place. Beside the tree will be colorful Christmas balls. If you would like to honor or remember your loved one(s), take one of the Christmas balls and write their name(s) on it with markers provided. Then hang it on the *Christmas Memorial Tree*.

On Sunday, **December 23**, following our worship service, we will gather in the foyer for a special remembrance prayer. Then on Sunday, December 30th, we ask that you take home your Remembrance Christmas Ball and place them in safe keeping.

Christmas Cards



If you would like to give *Christmas Cards* to members of your church family, we invite you to bring them to church for distribution and collection. Church directories will be available at church so that you can label your cards appropriately.

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.

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

Les Yeatts, in memory of his Father