

SUNDAY, February 17, 2019

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Dive Deeper Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, February 20, 2019

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

FRIDAY, February 22, 2019

6:30 pm Movie Night "Woodlawn"

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Feb. 18	Tues., Feb. 19	Wed., Feb. 20	Thurs., Feb. 21
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 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 cancelation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

Leaving Your

FIRST



LOVE

**Revelation
2:1-4**

Impacting The Kingdom Of God One Person At A Time

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

February 17, 2019

*Hymn #29 “You’re Worthy of My Praise” Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Hymn “Stand In Your Love” Congregation

Offertory

*Hymn #100 “Hallelujah”
(Your Love Is Amazing) Congregation

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Special “O For a Thousand Tongues” Choir

**Message Pastor Dennis

“LEAVING YOUR FIRST LOVE”

Revelation 2:1-4

*Hymn of Commitment #555 Congregation
“I Love You, Lord”

*Closing Hymn “All My Hope” Congregation

*Denotes Congregation standing

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

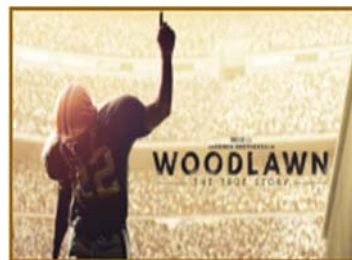
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Upcoming Events

Sunday, February 17, Dive Deeper Bible Study
Friday, February 22, Movie Night “Woodlawn”
Sunday, February 24, Church Chat

Movie Night



On Friday, **February 22**, USBC will be hosting a very special **Movie Night** that will start at 6:30 p.m. The church will be showing the Christian movie entitled, *Woodlawn*. Below is a synopsis of this real-life based movie. This movie is rated PG and is an inspirational movie for all ages. So, join us for **Movie Night**

on **Feb. 22** at 6:30 pm to watch how God works in the midst of life’s struggles. Also, during our movie time, we will have popcorn, hot dogs, light refreshments, and cold drinks. If you are planning to attend, please sign up in the church’s foyer.

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. Following our worship service, grab a donut and coffee. Our next **Church Chat** will be on **February 24**.

“Leaving Your First Love”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

February 17, 2019

Sermon Title: “Leaving Your First Love”

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-4 (NIV)

Synopsis: When a person distances themselves from the one that they love, heartache sets in for both. Jesus brings this charge against the church. A church can easily find itself doing the work of the Lord, but not loving the Lord. When this happens, Jesus tells us that we have left our first love.

Revelation 2:1-4 – *To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.*

Four great aspects of the church.

- Their service.
- Their separation.
- Their strictness.
- Their stamina.

Signs of Leaving Your First Love:

I. You forget your _____.

When you do something out of love, you do not complain about the task at hand.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not 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 have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love never fails. ... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

II. You lose your _____.

The church needs to be a change agent, but to become a change agent we must be willing to change and change can make us feel uncomfortable.

Luke 8:37 – *Later, a great many people from the Gerasene countryside got together and asked Jesus to leave - too much change, too fast, and they were scared. So Jesus got back in the boat and set off. (MSG)*

When was the last time you did something out of the ordinary for Jesus?

III. You lose your _____.

You may be in the family of God, but may not have an intimate relationship with Christ.

Psalm 139:23 – *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

True love never skips on Jesus.

Sermon Notes:

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

Dive Deeper Bible Study



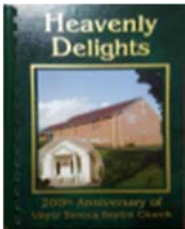
Today, our *Dive Deeper Bible Study* will address the question, “*What Does the Bible Say About Angels?*” There are a lot of misconceptions about angels in the Bible. During our study, we will discuss the reality of angels according to Scripture. We will discover what angels can and cannot do. In addition, we will learn the difference and similarities that we have with angels. So, join us, **today** immediately following our worship service for an informative Bible study.

USBC Offering Envelopes

Don't forget to pick up a box of **2019** offering envelopes in the foyer. Make sure you write your box # and name on the sign-up sheet. If you have any leftover envelopes from 2018, please bring them back in as they can be recycled for 2019.



Church Cookbook



For the church's 200th anniversary that took place 11 years ago, **USBC** commissioned a *Church Cookbook* that contains the delicious recipes submitted by our church family. As we were cleaning, we discovered that we had about 50 copies still available. If you would like to have one of these historical *USBC's Cookbooks*, they will be available in the church's foyer for free.

