

SUNDAY, February 18, 2018

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:00 Noon *HIStory Café* Dedication

WEDNESDAY, February 21, 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., Feb. 19	Tues., Feb. 20	Wed., Feb. 21	Thurs., Feb. 22
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. ~ OR ~
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church. ~ OR ~
- **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 cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church



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

“The Stairway to Heaven”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

February 18, 2018

Scripture: Genesis 28:10-20 (NIV)

Jacob’s dream draws three pictures:

I. Picture #1 – The sinner: _____.

Genesis 28:10-11 – *Jacob left Beersheba and set out for Harran. When he reached a certain place, he stopped for the night because the sun had set. Taking one of the stones there, he put it under his head and lay down to sleep.*

A person who lives in spiritual darkness is a person without the light of Christ.

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.”*

There is a remedy for spiritual darkness and that is the light of Jesus Christ.

A person living in the state of sin is like living in the desert.

Isaiah 41:18 – *I will make rivers flow on barren heights, and springs within the valleys. I will turn the desert into pools of water, and the parched ground into springs.*

Genesis 27:41 – *Esau held a grudge against Jacob because of the blessing his father had given him. He said to himself, “The days of mourning for my father are near; then I will kill my brother Jacob.”*

When we sin, we run from God.

II. Picture #2 – The Savior: _____.

Genesis 28:12 – *He had a dream in which he saw a stairway resting on the earth, with its top reaching to heaven, and the angels of God were ascending and descending on it.*

John 1:48-51 – *“How do you know me?” Nathanael asked. Jesus answered, “I saw you while you were still under the fig tree before Philip called you.” Then Nathanael declared, “Rabbi, you are the Son of God; you are the king of Israel.” Jesus said, “You believe because I told you I saw you under the fig tree. You will see greater things than that.”⁵¹ He then added, “Very truly I tell you, you will see ‘heaven open, and the angels of God ascending and descending on’ the Son of Man.”*

Jesus Christ is the one who connects heaven and earth.

THE REALITIES OF THE LADDER

- *The REACH of the ladder.*

There is only one ladder that will reach to the top and that is Jesus Christ.

John 14:6 – *Jesus answered, “I am the way and the truth and the life. No one comes to the Father except through me.*

- *The RELIABILITY of the ladder.*

Genesis 28:13a – *There above it stood the Lord, ...*

- *The RESOURCES of the ladder.*

Hebrews 1:14 – *Are not all angels ministering spirits sent to serve those who will inherit salvation?*

Not only is Jesus the way we go to God, but Jesus is the way God comes to us.

III. Picture #3 – The Spirit: _____.

Genesis 28:16-17 – *When Jacob awoke from his sleep, he thought, “Surely the Lord is in this place, and I was not aware of it.” He was afraid and said, “How awesome is this place! This is none other than the house of God; this is the gate of heaven.”*

The most miserable person in the world is a Christian out of fellowship with God.

Psalm 51:3 – *For I know my transgressions, and my sin is always before me.*

When you have sin in your life, you cannot shake it and you cannot run from it until you allow Christ to take it away.

God picks us all, contaminated by our sinful ways and disobedient heart and invites us to the throne of grace.

Galatians 4:7 – *So you are no longer a slave, but God's child; and since you are his child, God has made you also an heir.*

When one yields to the prompting of the Holy Spirit, their life is changed forever.

The Holy Spirit brings you comfort.

Genesis 28:20a – *Then Jacob made a vow, saying, "If God will be with me ..."*

Deuteronomy 31:8 – *The Lord himself goes before you and will be with you; he will never leave you nor forsake you. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged.*

Matthew 28:20b – *And surely I am with you always, to the very end of the age.*

How can we handle the hurts and pains in life? Because God is with us – Emmanuel!

Sermon Notes:

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

Holy Rollers



The church invites everyone to join us **March 11** to enjoy the fun and fellowship of bowling. We will meet at 1 pm at the Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes. Even if you are not going to bowl, we still encourage you to come and be a cheerleader. The bowling alley only accepts cash. So, please make sure that you have the cash in hand to pay for your food and bowling fees. The cost is \$5.00 per bowler plus \$3.50 for shoes. Children 7 and under may wear tennis shoes. The address to the bowling alley is 304 Center St, Mt Airy, MD 21771. Sign up in the hallway to join in on the fun!

Thank You Card

Our USBC family would like to express our thankfulness and appreciation to Tammie Messer (Pastor Dennis' Sister) for her phenomenal job in decorating for our Adult Valentine's Banquet. The theme that she created was a Western concept that included beautiful cowboy and cowboy props that would make anyone feel as if they were living in the Old West. To extend our gratitude to Tammie, we have a special card that we would like for you to sign to express your gratitude for her hard work.



And SURELY
I AM with you
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MATTHEW 28:20