

SUNDAY, January 12, 2025

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, January 14, 2025

12:30 pm Forever Young @ "Golden Corral"
6:00 pm After the Sermon
7:00 pm Phone-In Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, January 16, 2025

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Jan. 13	Tues., Jan. 14	Wed., Jan. 15	Thurs., Jan. 16
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.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church



Impacting The Kingdom Of God One Person At A Time

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Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

“Testing 1,2,3”
By Pastor Dennis Felder
January 12, 2025

Scripture: James 1:2-12 (NIV)

Synopsis: In life, you cannot avoid trials. Therefore, believers need to maintain an unwavering faith to persevere in such times. One needs to recognize such trials as opportunities for growth, maturity, and ultimately, a closer relationship with God.

The anatomy of trials:

I. They are _____.

James 1:2 – *Consider it pure joy, my brothers and sisters, whenever you face trials of many kinds,*

You cannot avoid trials.

Trials put you on public display.

Job 5:7 – *Yet man is born to trouble as surely as sparks fly upward.*

Trials are designed to give you knowledge.

Trials are designed to test your faith.

James 1:3b – *... the testing of your faith ...*

Trials are designed to give you endurance.

James 1:3c – *... produces perseverance.*

Trials are designed to produce patience.

James 1:4 – *Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

II. They invoke a _____.

To find joy.

James 1:2a – *Consider it pure joy, ...*

To seek prayer.

James 1:5-8 – *If any of you lacks wisdom, you should ask God, who gives generously to all without finding fault, and it will be given to you. But when you ask, you must believe and not doubt, because the one who doubts is like a wave of the sea, blown and tossed by the wind. That person should not expect to receive anything from the Lord. Such a person is double-minded and unstable in all they do.*

III. They are _____.

James 1:12 – *Blessed is the one who perseveres under trial because, having stood the test, that person will receive the crown of life that the Lord has promised to those who love him.*

You will pass the test.

You will be blessed.

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

BUSINESS MEETING

Each and every year, we mark an important milestone in the life of USBC. As each new year begins, we as a church have the important and awesome responsibility to adopt a church budget that will be our guide in how we give and why we give.

On Sunday, **January 5**, the **2025 Proposed Church Budget** will be available for your review and careful consideration. Copies of the budget will be placed in the back of the sanctuary so that you will have time to pray over it before adopting it on Sunday, **January 19**.

This budget is more than a financial document. It is a statement of faith. The affirmation of this budget is a wonderful testimony and witness of how we as God's family will support the financial needs of the church.

If you are planning on using **offering envelopes** for your tithes and offerings for 2025, the new offering envelopes will be available in the church's foyer. Upon picking up your box of envelopes, please place your name next to the envelope box number on the signup sheet. If you have leftover envelopes from 2024, you can continue to use them in 2025.



The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, **January 14** at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.

On Sunday, **January 19**, we will be having a meeting immediately following our worship service to talk about organizing the **Blessing Bags**. ("**Blessing Bags**" are bags that contain personal necessities, toiletries, food, and some extras that you can handout when you come across an individual dealing with poverty.)



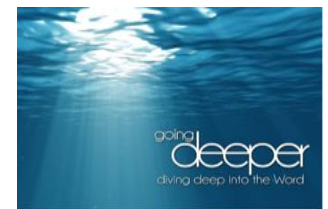
Don't forget to mark your calendar for **January 26th** for our next **Church Chat**. As usual, immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop for a 10-minute informal meeting. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and receiving vital input from our church family. **Church Chat** is a great way of keeping everyone informed about all the activities and church events that will be taking place.

Lucas Felder's address at boot camp

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DO NOT SEND FOOD OF ANY KIND

On Sunday, **January 26**, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be "**Are Birthday Celebrations a Pagan Ritual?**". Within the Bible, there are only three references to birthdays and all three are mention in a negative connotation. So, should we celebrate birthdays? Initially, birthdays were celebrated along with witchcraft and is still used today with the practice of horoscopes. So why have we adopted this tradition which has never been in any way or form, a Jewish ritual?



So, join us Sunday, **January 26** immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.