

SUNDAY, January 21, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, January 24, 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., Jan. 22	Tues., Jan 23	Wed., Jan. 24	Thurs., Jan. 25
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

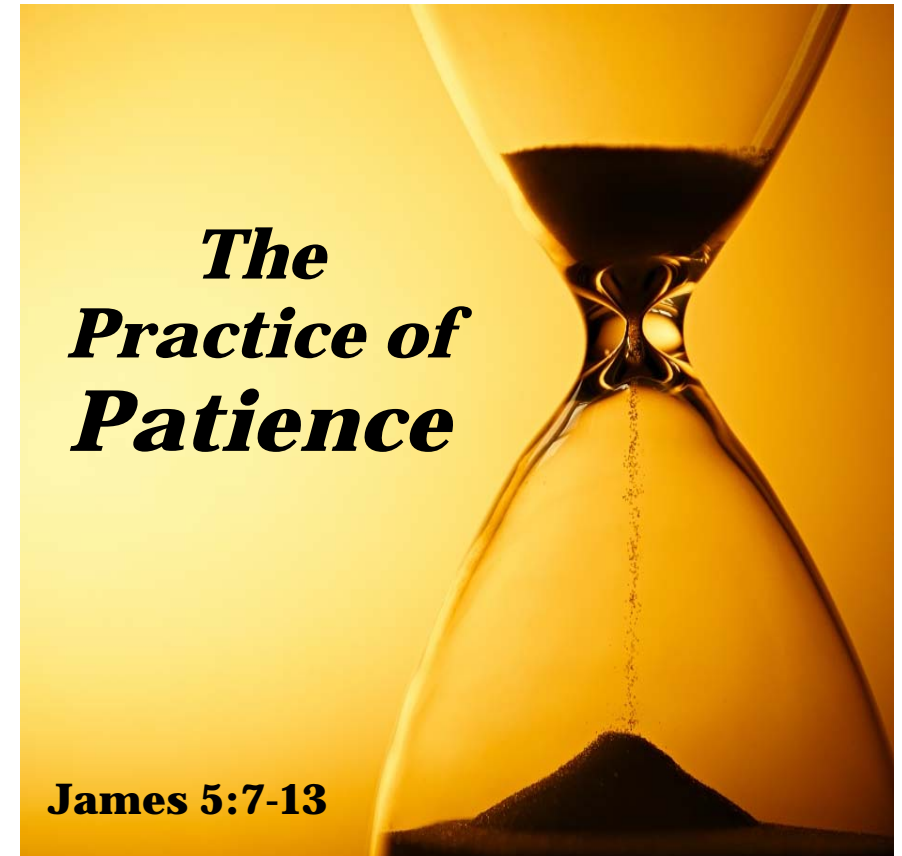
- **By Salvation** ~ By professing faith in Jesus Christ and following Him in believer's baptism.
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church.
- **By Statement of Faith** ~ By statement of **faith in Jesus Christ.**

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



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

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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.

“The Practice of Patience”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

January 21, 2018

Scripture: James 5:7-13 (NIV)

Being patient involves:

I. Understanding your _____.

James 5:7-9 – *Be patient, then, brothers and sisters, until the Lord’s coming. See how the farmer waits for the land to yield its valuable crop, patiently waiting for the autumn and spring rains. You too, be patient and stand firm, because the Lord’s coming is near. Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!*

Perfect justice will occur when Christ returns to judge this world.

The judgement of the Lord will not rest forever.

Proverbs 12:16 – *Fools have short fuses and explode all too quickly; the prudent quietly shrug off insults. (MSG)*

If you do not have a long fuse when it comes to patience, your life will blow up in front of your eyes.

When you exemplify patience, you are reflecting the very nature of God.

Psalm 103:8 – *The Lord is compassionate and gracious, slow to anger, abounding in love.*

God may not be blessing you because you are not planting the crop God wants you to plant.

Patience involves doing your part and waiting for God to do His part.

A weak heart does not go very far during difficult times.

James 5:9 – *Don’t grumble against one another, brothers and sisters, or you will be judged. The Judge is standing at the door!*

If believers are to endure suffering, they should encourage one another; not complain against one another.

Your trial will only worsen when you try and make yourself feel better at the expense of others.

II. Learning from _____.

James 5:10-11 – *Brothers and sisters, as an example of patience in the face of suffering, take the prophets who spoke in the name of the Lord. As you know, we count as blessed those who have persevered. You have heard of Job’s perseverance and have seen what the Lord finally brought about. The Lord is full of compassion and mercy.*

1 Kings 19:14-15 – *He replied, “I have been very zealous for the Lord God Almighty. The Israelites have rejected your covenant, torn down your altars, and put your prophets to death with the sword. I am the only one left, and now they are trying to kill me too. The Lord said to him, “Go back the way you came, and go to the Desert of Damascus. When you get there, anoint Hazael king over Aram.*

During your most difficult trial, God is always there.

Job’s perseverance developed patience.

- First stage – *Job’s devastation.*
- Second stage – *Job’s defense.*
- Third stage – *Job’s deliverance.*

Job 42:1-6 – Then Job replied to the Lord: “I know that you can do all things; no purpose of yours can be thwarted. You asked, ‘Who is this that obscures my plans without knowledge?’ Surely I spoke of things I did not understand, things too wonderful for me to know. “You said, ‘Listen now, and I will speak; I will question you, and you shall answer me.’ My ears had heard of you **but now my eyes have seen you.** Therefore I despise myself and repent in dust and ashes.”

You desperately need God during your trial because He is the only one who can administer real compassion and mercy.

III. Adjust your _____.

James 5:12 – Above all, my brothers and sisters, do not swear—not by heaven or by earth or by anything else. All you need to say is a simple “Yes” or “No.” Otherwise you will be condemned.

Within the fellowship of believers, one’s conduct is largely determined by what one says.

When going through a trial it is easy to say things that you do not really mean.

If we kept our covenant promises that we made during our trials, the church would be packed with faithful servants.

Our word should be as good as gold without having to qualify it with swearing.

God will use a trial to squeeze a Christian so that they can see what is really inside.

The longer it takes to get out of a trial, when you are doing the best you can, the greater the harvest is at the end of the season.

James 5:13a – Is anyone among you in trouble? Let them pray. ...

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.



Treasures From Heaven

USBC has launched a new informative witnessing tool to reach our community for Christ. This new tool is entitled, **Treasure From Heaven**. We are placing informational cards, Scripture cards, and a dollar bill into a clear zip lock bag. These bags will be strategically placed around our community for people to find. We will encourage everyone to take a (**share packet**) handful of these witnessing tools and help spread the good news of Jesus Christ in an easy and simplistic way. I will provide more information and directions in how this new witnessing tool will be an exciting way to share one’s faith. So, be ready to play your part in reaching people for Christ.

