

**SUNDAY, June 17, 2018**

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

**TUESDAY, June 19, 2018**

11:00 am Summer Bible Study

**WEDNESDAY, June 20, 2018**

11:00 am Summer Bible Study  
6:30 pm Women's Bible Study  
6:30 pm After the Sermon

**THURSDAY, June 21, 2018**

11:00 am Summer Bible Study

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., June 18</b>	<b>Tues., June 19</b>	<b>Wed., June 20</b>	<b>Thurs., June 21</b>
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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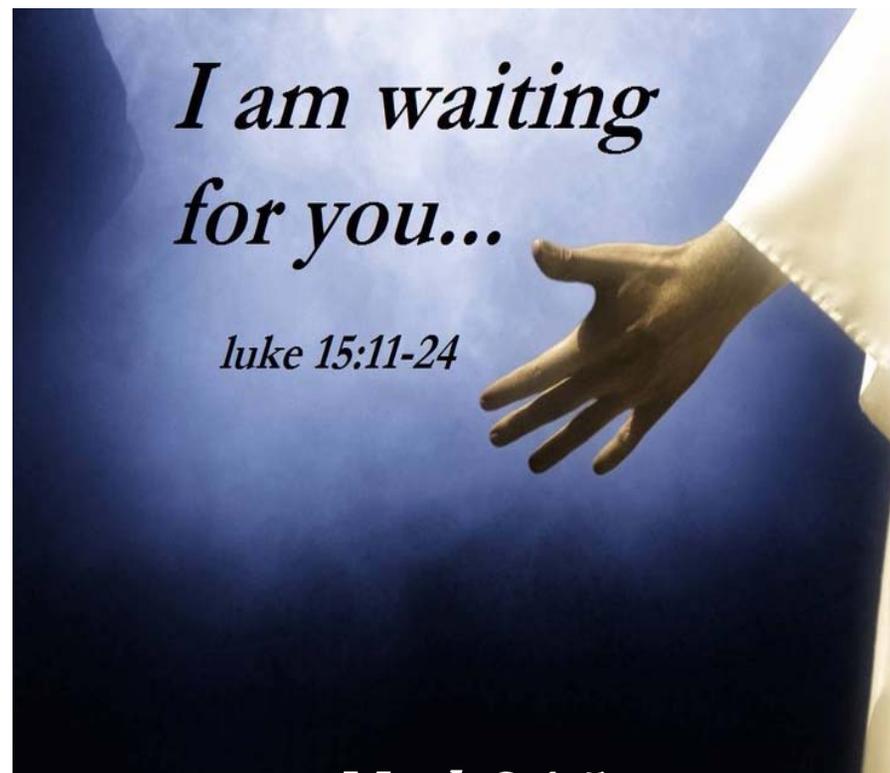
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# Upper Seneca Baptist Church



## Impacting The Kingdom Of God One Person At A Time



# “The Father of a Prodigal”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

June 17, 2018

Scripture: Luke 15:11-32 (NIV)

## A father of a prodigal:

I. Is willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:11-12 – Jesus continued: “There was a man who had two sons. The younger one said to his father, ‘Father, give me my share of the estate.’ So he divided his property between them.

**Your attitude will determine your destiny.**

**God allows you to live your life the way you want too.**

Joshua 24:15 – But if serving the Lord seems undesirable to you, then choose for yourselves this day whom you will serve, whether the gods your ancestors served beyond the Euphrates, or the gods of the Amorites, in whose land you are living. But as for me and my household, we will serve the Lord.

II. Is willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:13-16 – “Not long after that, the younger son got together all he had, set off for a distant country and there squandered his wealth in wild living. After he had spent everything, there was a severe famine in that whole country, and he began to be in need. So he went and hired himself out to a citizen of that country, who sent him to his fields to feed pigs. He longed to fill his stomach with the pods that the pigs were eating, but no one gave him anything.

**As a parent, we do not always know what our children are going through, but God does.**

**We need to pray, pray, pray.**

Philippians 4:6 – Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God.

III. Is willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:17-19 – “When he came to his senses, he said, ‘How many of my father’s hired servants have food to spare, and here I am starving to death! I will set out and go back to my father and say to him: Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son; make me like one of your hired servants.’

**God patiently waits for you to change.**

Psalms 145:8 – The Lord is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and rich in love.

**As His child, God does not throw you away.**

IV. Is willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

Luke 15:20-21 – So he got up and went to his father. “But while he was still a long way off, his father saw him and was filled with compassion for him; he ran to his son, threw his arms around him and kissed him. “The son said to him, ‘Father, I have sinned against heaven and against you. I am no longer worthy to be called your son.’

**Jesus wants to embrace you, but you must come near.**

Psalms 34:18 – The Lord is close to the brokenhearted and saves those who are crushed in spirit.

## V. Is willing to \_\_\_\_\_.

**Luke 15:22-32** – *“But the father said to his servants, ‘Quick! Bring the best robe and put it on him. Put a ring on his finger and sandals on his feet. Bring the fattened calf and kill it. Let’s have a feast and celebrate. For this son of mine was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’ So they began to celebrate. “Meanwhile, the older son was in the field. When he came near the house, he heard music and dancing. So he called one of the servants and asked him what was going on. ‘Your brother has come,’ he replied, ‘and your father has killed the fattened calf because he has him back safe and sound.’ “The older brother became angry and refused to go in. So his father went out and pleaded with him. But he answered his father, ‘Look! All these years I’ve been slaving for you and never disobeyed your orders. Yet you never gave me even a young goat so I could celebrate with my friends. But when this son of yours who has squandered your property with prostitutes comes home, you kill the fattened calf for him!’ “‘My son,’ the father said, ‘you are always with me, and everything I have is yours. But we had to celebrate and be glad, because this brother of yours was dead and is alive again; he was lost and is found.’”*

**God will completely restore you and bless you.**

**Numbers 6:24-26** – *The Lord bless you and keep you; the Lord make his face shine on you and be gracious to you; the Lord turn his face toward you and give you peace.*

**2 Corinthians 5:17** – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

**God will clean you up and throw you a party!**

### **Sermon Notes:**

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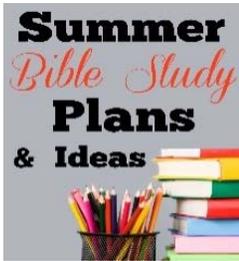
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*If you would like to listen to the sermon on-line, please visit our website at [www.USBChurch.org](http://www.USBChurch.org).*



## Summer Bible Study



From **June 19-21**, starting at 11 am, USBC will be having our *Summer Bible Study*. The study is entitled, “*You Pick the Topic*”. This study will be very different from all other studies. The reason why this study is different is because *you* will have an opportunity to select the topics of discussion and study. If you are planning to attend, please start thinking about what you would like to discuss. No topic is off the table. The topic can center around a cultural, social, or Biblical truth, or any intriguing subject. All discussion will have a Biblical component, but the sky is the limit.

If you have a topic of interest, please let me know by **June 17**. However, please understand that we may not be able to address all suggested topics due to our limited time.

### Schedule:

Tuesday, June 19 from [11-1:30 pm](#)

Wednesday, June 20 from 11-1:30 pm

Thursday, June 21 from 11-1:30 pm

We will have a light lunch for everyone who attends. If you are planning to attend, please sign up in the foyer.

## Special Music



Do you have a reading you share over the the morning service? If so, on the sheet bulletin board.



special hymn or would like to summer during worship **please sign up** located on the For more

information, contact Priscilla Knicley.

## Dive Deeper Bible Study



On Sunday, **June 24**, immediately following our 11 am worship service, we will gather for our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. The title for our discussion is “*How Does the Trinity Work?*” Throughout church history, and even today, there is a lot of discussion and debate regarding the concept and teaching of the *trinity*. As a matter of

fact, the word *trinity* is not even mentioned in the Bible, but yet it is a key foundational truth in the Christian faith. The concept of the *trinity* is often misunderstood and often challenging to explain such a deep Christian belief.

Join us as we tackle this intriguing subject to gain clarity about the triune Godhead. As always, lunch will be served.

## Cookout and Game Night



Do you enjoy a good cookout and a good game? On Tuesday, **July 3** at 6:30 pm, you will have an opportunity to experience them both at our *Cookout and Game Night*.



Please join us for the fun and food on this festive evening. Bring your favorite board game or card game and the church will provide the hamburgers, hotdogs, and all the tasty trimmings. If you are planning on attending, please let the church know by signing up in the foyer.