

**SUNDAY, March 10, 2019**

11:00 am      Worship Service  
12:00 Noon    Ministry Team Meeting

**MONDAY, March 11, 2019**

7:00 pm      Church Council Meeting

**TUESDAY, March 12, 2019**

12:00 Noon    Forever Young @ "iHop"

**WEDNESDAY, March 13, 2019**

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., March 11</b>	<b>Tues., March 12</b>	<b>Wed., March 13</b>	<b>Thurs., March 14</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.
- **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 cancellations. 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



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



# “Returning to Your First Love”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

March 10, 2019

Scripture: Philippians 2:1-8 (NIV)

## Returning to your First Love involves:

### I. Making Jesus \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:1-2 – *Therefore if you have any encouragement from being united with Christ, if any comfort from his love, if any common sharing in the Spirit, if any tenderness and compassion, then make my joy complete by being like-minded, having the same love, being one in spirit and of one mind.*

**We make Christ happy by meeting the needs of others.**

1 Thessalonians 5:11 – *Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing.*

**The building block of encouragement starts with love.**

John 13:34-35 – *“A new command I give you: Love one another. As I have loved you, so you must love one another. By this everyone will know that you are my disciples, if you love one another.”*

**We are called to lay down our life for another.**

John 15:13 – *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one’s life for one’s friends.*

### II. Humbling \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:3-4 – *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves, not looking to your own interests but each of you to the interests of the others.*

**Remember, it is not about you!**

**One of the greatest threats in the church is a person with self-centered attitude.**

Philippians 2:3 – *Do nothing out of selfish ambition or vain conceit. Rather, in humility value others above yourselves,*

**The only way a church can remain strong and be blessed by God is for its people to walk in a spirit of humility.**

### III. Being like \_\_\_\_\_.

Philippians 2:5-8 – *In your relationships with one another, have the same mindset as Christ Jesus: Who, being in very nature God, did not consider equality with God something to be used to his own advantage; rather, he made himself nothing by taking the very nature of a servant, being made in human likeness. And being found in appearance as a man, he humbled himself by becoming obedient to death—even death on a cross!*

**Jesus is the greatest example of what humility looks like.**

**To be like Christ we must empty ourselves.**

Hebrews 2:16-18 – *For surely it is not angels he helps, but Abraham’s descendants. For this reason he had to be made like them, fully human in every way, in order that he might become a merciful and faithful high priest in service to God, and that he might make atonement for the sins of the people. Because he himself suffered when he was tempted, he is able to help those who are being tempted.*

**Use your life to help others.**

**If you want to be like Christ, then your life must be active like Christ.**

**Ephesians 5:1-2** – Follow God’s example, therefore, as dearly loved children and walk in the way of love, just as Christ loved us and gave himself up for us as a fragrant offering and sacrifice to God.

**How far will you go for Jesus?**

**Sermon Notes:**

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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).

### Church Chat



We have started something brand new at USBC. It is called *Church Chat*. *Church Chat* is a wonderful way of providing a means to communicate what is happening in the life of USBC. On **March 31**, we will be having our next *Church Chat*.

## Ministry Team Meetings



It is now time for another round of *Ministry Team Meetings*. Today, I will be asking the ones who are signed up for the following *Ministry Teams* to meet with me immediately following our worship service. During our meeting, assignments and instructions will be given to the *Ministry Teams* so that we can plan and implement activities, projects, and ministries. Listed below are the *Ministry Teams* that I would like to meet with **Today**.

### Ministry Teams

- *Children’s Ministry Team*
- *Mission Team*
- *Vacation Bible School (VBS)*

In the next few weeks, I will be scheduling additional meetings with different *Ministry Teams*.

## Forever Young

Our last *Forever Young Luncheon* was canceled due to inclement weather, but hopefully bad weather will not hinder our next special gathering. On **March 12** at 12 noon, we will be meeting at the **IHop** located in Mt. Airy.



## Dive Deeper Bible Study



On **March 24**, our *Dive Deeper Bible Study* will be entitled, “*Divine Dreams*”. Both in the Old Testament and New Testament God gave people dreams to help convey His message. These dreams consisted of warnings, revelations, and prophecies. During our discussion we will seek to understand if God still speaks through dreams today. And if so, how should these dreams be interpreted in light of Scripture? So, join us Sunday, **March 24**, immediately following our worship service for an informative Bible study. This is one study that you will be allowed to daydream.