

SUNDAY, March 18, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, March 21, 2018

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study
6:30 pm Special Easter Bible Study
7:30 pm Choir Practice

FRIDAY, March 23, 2018

6:00 pm Youth Easter Extravaganza

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., March 19 9:30 am – 1 pm **Tues., March 20** 9:30 am – 1 pm **Wed., March 21** 9:30 am – 1 pm **Thurs., March 22** 9:30 am – 1 pm

How Do I Join Upper Seneca Baptist Church

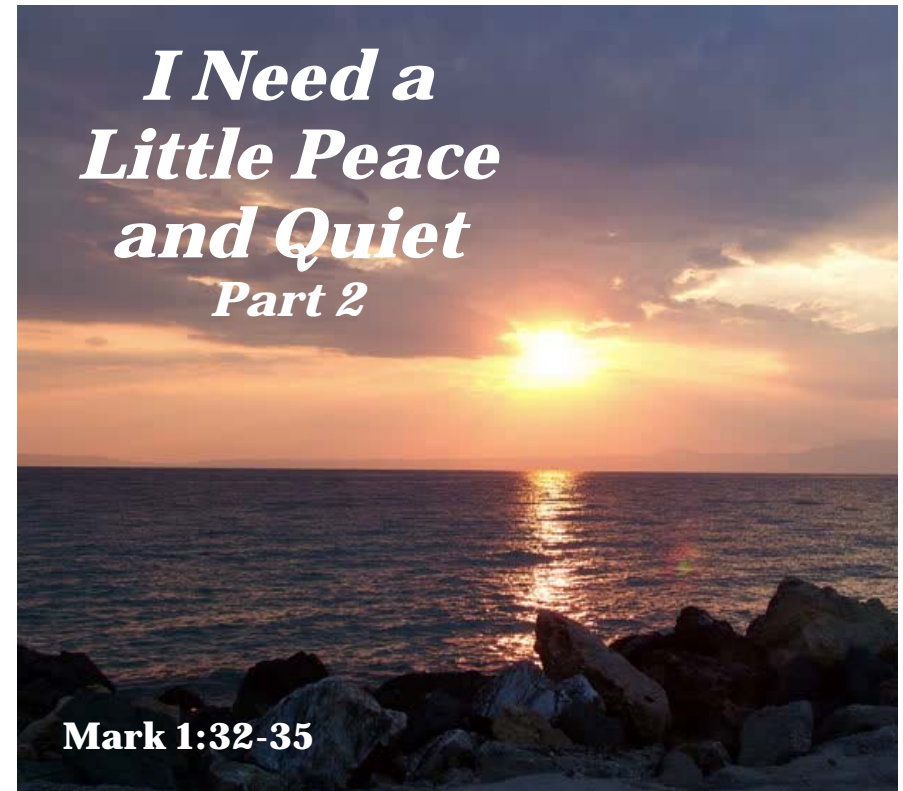
- **By Salvation** ~ By professing faith in Jesus Christ and following Him in believer's baptism. ~ OR ~
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church. ~ OR ~
- **By Statement of Faith** ~ By statement of **faith in Jesus Christ.**

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.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church



Impacting The Kingdom Of God One Person At A Time

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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

11:00 am Sunday Worship

March 18, 2018

*Hymn #30 “Come, Now Is the Time to Worship” Congregation

*Hymn #4 “Almighty” Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Hymn #514 “Be Still, My Soul” Congregation

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Special “In the Quiet” Choir

**Message “I Need a Little Peace and Quiet”
(Part 2)
Mark 1:32-35 Pastor Dennis

*Hymn of Commitment #458 Congregation
“Near to the Heart of God”

*Closing Hymn #667 Congregation
“As We Go”



Wednesday, March 21, Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, March 21, Special Easter Bible Study
Wednesday, March 21, Choir Rehearsal
Friday, March 23, Youth Easter Extravaganza
Sunday, March 25, Palm Sunday Service
Sunday, March 25, Dive Deeper Bible Study
Friday, March 30, Passover Seder
Sunday, April 1, Easter Communion

Dive Deeper Bible Study

On Sunday, **March 25** immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will be having a thought provoking *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. Our study will be entitled, “*You’re Not From Here*”. This topic is often discussed within political circles. However, the Bible deals directly with this issue. At our next study, we will discover that the Bible is not shy in addressing this important topic. However, it must be remembered that the Bible does not try to answer this question from a political position. The Bible seeks to reveal the heart of God when it comes to dealing with people from other places.



Annie Armstrong Easter Offering



USBC will be collecting for our *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* during the month of April. This offering is named for a faithful missionary who dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel of Jesus. 100% of the offering will go to support our local missionaries as they too carry out the Great Commission. Our church-wide goal is \$1,000.

*Denotes Congregation standing

**Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message).

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“I Need a Little Peace and Quiet – Part 2”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

March 18, 2018

Scripture: Mark 1:32-35 (NIV)

One of the best ways to grow more like Jesus is to have a quiet time.

Why have a quiet time?

I. Every day brings _____.

Mark 1:32-33 – *That evening after sunset the people brought to Jesus all the sick and demon-possessed. The whole town gathered at the door,*

You plan your day, but circumstances beyond your control can change your life instantly.

James 4:14a – *Why, you do not even know what will happen tomorrow. What is your life? ...*

There are many uncertainties in life.

If Jesus could not control the disruptions in His life, neither can you.

Because of the uncertainties in life, you definitely need a quiet time with the Lord.

II. A busy _____ will wear you out.

Mark 1:34 – *And Jesus healed many who had various diseases. He also drove out many demons, but he would not let the demons speak because they knew who he was.*

The demands that this world places on us can wear us out.

The world has an agenda for your life, but so does God.

Matthew 11:28-30 – *“Come to me, all you who are weary and burdened, and I will give you rest. Take my yoke upon you and learn from me, for I am gentle and humble in heart, and you will find rest for your souls. For my yoke is easy and my burden is light.”*

It is your quiet time with the Lord that lets you distinguish between the world’s agenda and God’s agenda.

A believer cannot experience true peace and quiet apart from Christ.

John 15:5 – *“I am the vine; you are the branches. If you remain in me and I in you, you will bear much fruit; apart from me you can do nothing.”*

III. God wants to spend _____ with you.

Mark 1:35 – *Very early in the morning, while it was still dark, Jesus got up, left the house and went off to a solitary place, where he prayed.*

When you are under great pressure, you need a quiet time.

The devil will do anything to distract you from accomplishing God’s plan for your life.

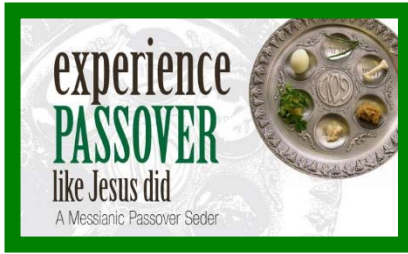
I believe God’s heart *aches* when we ignore Him.

Jeremiah 2:32 – *Does a young woman forget her jewelry, a bride her wedding ornaments? Yet my people have forgotten me, days without number.*

You need to have a quiet time with the Lord to be re-energized.

James 4:8a – *Come near to God and he will come near to you. ...*

Passover Seder



On Friday, **March 30** at 7 pm, USBC will be hosting a *Passover Seder*. Below is a traditional explanation of the *Passover Seder* celebrated by the Jewish faith from Wikipedia.

The Passover Seder is a Jewish ritual feast that marks the beginning of the Jewish holiday of Passover. ... The Seder is a ritual performed by a community or by multiple generations of a family, involving a retelling of the story of the liberation of the Israelites from slavery in ancient Egypt. This story is in the Book of Exodus (Shemot) in The Hebrew Bible. The Seder itself is based on the Biblical verse commanding Jews to retell the story of the Exodus from Egypt: "You shall tell your child on that day, saying, 'It is because of what the LORD did for me when I came out of Egypt.'" (Exodus 13:8) Traditionally, families and friends gather in the evening to read the text of the Haggadah, an ancient work derived from the Mishnah (Pesachim 10). The Haggadah contains the narrative of the Israelite exodus from Egypt, special blessings and rituals, commentaries from the Talmud, and special Passover songs.

Seder customs include telling the story, discussing the story, drinking four cups of wine, eating matza, partaking of symbolic foods placed on the Passover Seder Plate, and reclining in celebration of freedom. The Seder is performed in much the same way by Jews all over the world. The Seder is the most commonly celebrated of Jewish rituals.

The Passover holds special prominence in the Christian faith. For one, on the night Jesus was betrayed, He was observing the Passover meal with His disciples. Second, the Bible tells us that Jesus was the ultimate Passover Lamb that was sacrificed for the atoning of our sins (**1 Corinthians 5:7** – *Get rid of the old yeast, so that you may be a new unleavened batch—as you really are. For Christ, our Passover lamb, has been sacrificed.*).

To keep in step with Jewish traditional and to combine the Christian faith of Jesus as being the perfect Passover Lamb, our church invites you to attend this special observance of the *Passover Seder*. Our very own Brian Altman will be leading our *Passover Seder* and will be combining his Jewish tradition with His Christian faith. During the

Seder presentation, we will learn about the importance of the Seder, partake in the Seder, and understand the importance of the Passover Lamb.

On this memorable night, we will have several tables set up with their own Seder plates, we will eat of the Seder meal, we will participate in the Seder rituals, and we will learn about the Seder with hands-on involvement.

Since the Seder is a family observance, we invite all, young and old, to be in attendance. If you are planning on attending, please sign up in our foyer so that we can make room for everyone. Also, if you would like to help setup or read a prayer during the Seder, please indicate on the sign up sheet.

Special Easter Bible Study



On Wednesday, **March 21** at 6:30 pm, the Pastor will be leading a special Bible study entitled, "*The Cultural Beginnings of Easter*". During this informative study, the origin of the word **Easter** will be discussed, how the observance of Easter started, and the history of the Easter egg.

Youth Easter Extravaganza

Friday, **March 23** from 6-8 pm, USBC will be having a fun-filled *Youth Easter Extravaganza*. All youth are invited to attend this special night at the church for delicious food, fun games, and an exciting Bible lesson.



Palm Sunday Service



On Sunday, **March 25** at 11:00 am this service will prepare your heart as we focus on the life of Christ a week before His crucifixion. This worship service will lift your spirit as we prepare for our Savior's death and resurrection.

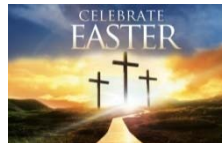
Easter Communion



On **April 1**, USBC wants you to experience communion in an intimate way. Therefore, on Easter Sunday, you are invited to participate in the taking of communion. Instead of having the Lord's Supper as a congregational event, you will have the opportunity to partake of communion in a personal and private time of reflection. During the time from 9:30 am -1:00 pm, communion will be set up in the Adult Sunday School classroom. When you arrive at church on Easter morning, please make your way to this designated area to take of the cup and bread. If you are unable to take communion prior to the 11:00 am worship service, you will still have an opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper following the service. The room will be set up with a comfortable, quiet environment with subtle background music playing. Either in the room or prior to entering the room, you will be given a Reflection Guide with verses and prayers. Take this guide and read it. Upon reading the guide, the communion elements will be available for partaking. Since this communion is designed for a more intimate time for personal reflection, the Pastor will not be present. If the Lord is leading you, it is encouraged that you invite your family or someone else with you to celebrate the Lord's Supper.

Easter Sunday

On Sunday, **April 1** at 11:00 am. During our Easter celebration service, we will sing His praises, we share His Word, we will proclaim His great name, and we will respond with a faithful heart.



Easter Lilies



If you would like to donate an Easter Lily in memory or honor of someone for Easter, please put your name on the sign-up sheet in the foyer. The cost is \$8.00. Checks should be made payable to USBC and clearly noted for 'Easter Lily'.

Coffee Shop



Each Sunday, the *HISTORY Café* will be open for your enjoyment and fellowship. Also, to help make certain that the Café is well stocked for refreshments, we invite you to bring some tasty treats. In doing so, please remember that some people have specific allergies regarding certain foods (Examples: nuts, peanut butter, dyes, etc.). If you wish to bring refreshments for a particular Sunday, please sign up in the foyer.

The official rules for the *HISTORY Café* are as follows:

Only adults are allowed to fix hot beverages in the Café. If a child is in need of a hot beverage, they need to seek the assistance of an adult.

Coffee, tea or water may be taken into the sanctuary by adults as long as the cup has a lid – no food please.

We have a “*clean-up bucket*” with supplies in case of a spill. A clean-up crew will be assigned each Sunday to assist with spills so that there is minimal disruption of the worship service.

Other rules may be added as needed.

Mae Settles will be the lead person for the coffee shop each Sunday. She will be happy to help with anything you need in the coffee shop and she will always welcome others to help assist with setup and cleanup. We hope that you will enjoy this new area of our church. Please encourage visitors to make use of the coffee shop as well. It will be a welcoming space to visitors and members alike.

I am the vine,
you are the branches.
John 15:5