#### SUNDAY, May 21, 2017

9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service 1:00 pm Dive Deeper

#### WEDNESDAY, May 24, 2017

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

#### CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., May 22 Tues., May 23 Wed., May 24 Thurs., May 25 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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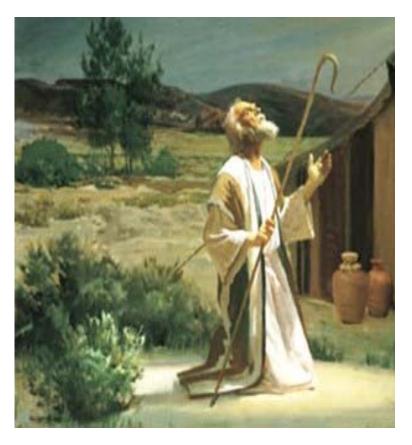
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# Upper Seneca Baptist Church



The Promise That Changed the World

Genesis 17:1-8

To Re-Present Jesus Christ In Our Community And Beyond

### **Upper Seneca Baptist Church**

11:00 am Sunday Worship May 21, 2017

\*Hymn #498

"I Will Call Upon the Lord"

Congregation

Prayer/Welcome

Pastor Dennis

\*Hymn #368

Congregation

"I'll Tell the World That I'm a Christian"

**Offertory** 

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings** 

**Special** 

"If You Trust in God"

Choir

\*\*Message

Pastor Dennis

"The Promise that Changed the World"
Genesis 17:1-8

\*Hymn of Commitment #224

Congregation

"There Is a Fountain"

\*Closing Hymn #146

"Praise You"

Congregation



Wednesday, May 24, Women's Bible Study Wednesday, May 24, After the Sermon Wednesday, May 24, Choir Rehearsal Sunday, May 28, Frederick Keys Game Saturday, June 10, Church Clean Up Day Sunday, June 11, High Attendance Sunday & Lazy Lunch

# Help Needed

Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! This year it will be July 17 through July 21. This year's theme is Galactic Starveyors!



In order to make this wonderful experience available for the children in our community, we need LOTS of help! Help is needed for teaching, assistants, crafts, snacks, recreation, music, registration, and more! If you are available to help, sign up on the sheet on the bulletin board or please see Donna Limparis.

# Dive Deeper Bible Study

**Today** at 1 pm, I will be leading our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. The topic is entitled, "Are Biblical Laws Still Relevant Today?" We will



take a close look at Old Testament and New Testament laws that are found in the Bible. As we do this examination, we will ask ourselves a very important question. Why don't we today, uphold

the laws that are portrayed in Scripture? Do we have a right to excluded certain laws and add additional laws that are not contained in Scripture? Therefore, I want to invite you to join us for this intriguing study.

# Frederick Keys Game

**REMINDER!** Batter up! We will have the opportunity to hear those exciting words on Sunday, **May 28**. *USBC* will be going to watch the Frederick Keys take on the Buies Creek Astros at 6 pm. The ticket prices are as follows: *Youth* (3-12) - \$7; *Adult* - \$10; and *Seniors* - \$7. There is a sign-up sheet in the church's foyer if you are interested in attending.

<sup>\*</sup>Denotes Congregation standing

<sup>\*\*</sup>Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message). Words to hymn music printed by permission CCLI License #1159459

# "The Promise that Changed the World"

By Pastor Dennis Felder May 21, 2017

**Scripture:** Genesis 17:1-8 (*NIV*)

# The Promise to Israel, Centers Around:

I.	An	commitmen	t
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A. It is an unconditional promise.

Genesis 17:1-2 – When Abram was ninety-nine years old, the Lord appeared to him and said, "I am God Almighty; walk before me faithfully and be blameless. Then I will make my covenant between me and you and will greatly increase your numbers."

# The promise can never be broken because God never breaks His promise.

B. The promise was only made to Israel.

Genesis 17:3-7 – Abram fell facedown, and God said to him, "As for me, this is my covenant with you: You will be the father of many nations. No longer will you be called Abram; your name will be Abraham, for I have made you a father of many nations. I will make you very fruitful; I will make nations of you, and kings will come from you. I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

Genesis 17:21 – But my covenant I will establish with Isaac, ...

It was through Isaac's linage that the Jewish race was established.

It was through Ishmael that the Arab race was established.

C. The promise is an everlasting commitment.

Genesis 17:7 – I will establish my covenant as an everlasting covenant between me and you and your descendants after you for the generations to come, to be your God and the God of your descendants after you.

#### God's promise with Israel, will stand until the end of time.

D. The promise involved land.

Genesis 17:8 – The whole land of Canaan, where you now reside as a foreigner, I will give as an everlasting possession to you and your descendants after you; and I will be their God.

# What God will do with the Jewish race, will affect all nations including the U.S.A.

II.	The	_ of Israel.
<b>A.</b>	It is the geographical center.	
	Ezekiel 5:5 – This is what the Sove Jerusalem, which I have set in the countries all aro	center of the nations, with
<b>B</b> .	It is the revelation center.	
<i>C</i> .	It is the spiritual center.	
D.	It is the prophetic center.	
E.	It is the storm center.	
F.	It is the peace center.	
	Psalm 122:6a – Pray for the	peace of Jerusalem:
G.	It is the glory center.	
II	I. The	of Israel (4 miracles).

#### A. The miracle of her generation.

Genesis 18:9-14 — "Where is your wife Sarah?" they asked him. "There, in the tent," he said. Then one of them said, "I will surely return to you about this time next year, and Sarah your wife will have a son." Now Sarah was listening at the entrance to the tent, which was behind him. Abraham and Sarah were already very old, and Sarah was past the age of childbearing. So Sarah laughed to herself as she thought, "After I am worn out and my lord is old, will I now have this pleasure?" Then the Lord said to Abraham, "Why did Sarah laugh and say, 'Will I really have a child, now that I am old?' Is anything too hard for the Lord? I will return to you at the appointed time next year, and Sarah will have a son."

#### B. The miracle of her preservation.

Jeremiah 31:35-37 – This is what the Lord says, he who appoints the sun to shine by day, who decrees the moon and stars to shine by night, who stirs up the sea so that its waves roar—the Lord Almighty is his name: "Only if these decrees vanish from my sight," declares the Lord, "will Israel ever cease being a nation before me." This is what the Lord says: "Only if the heavens above can be measured and the foundations of the earth below be searched out will I reject all the descendants of Israel because of all they have done," declares the Lord.

#### C. The miracle of her restoration.

Amos 9:14-15 – And I will bring my people Israel back from exile. "They will rebuild the ruined cities and live in them. They will plant vineyards and drink their wine; they will make gardens and eat their fruit. I will plant Israel in their own land, never again to be uprooted from the land I have given them," says the Lord your God.

- Military miracle.
- Sociological miracle.
- Agricultural miracle.
- Linguistic miracle.

#### D. The miracle of her regeneration.

#### Genesis 17:8 – ... I will be their God.

Zechariah 12:2-3 – I am going to make Jerusalem a cup that sends all the surrounding peoples reeling. Judah will be besieged as well as Jerusalem. 3 On that day, when all the nations of the earth are gathered against her, I will make Jerusalem an immovable rock for all the nations. All who try to move it will injure themselves.

Zechariah 12:9-10 – On that day I will set out to destroy all the nations that attack Jerusalem. "And I will pour out on the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem a spirit of grace and supplication. They will look on me, the one they have pierced, and they will mourn for him as one mourns for an only child, and grieve bitterly for him as one grieves for a firstborn son.

Zechariah 13:1 – On that day a fountain will be opened to the house of David and the inhabitants of Jerusalem, to cleanse them from sin and impurity.

Romans 11:26a – And in this way all Israel will be saved ...

Romans 10:13 – For, "Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."

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<u>Sermon Notes.</u>		

# USBC Clean up Day



**REMINDER:** USBC will be having a cleanup day Saturday, **June 10** at 9 am. Please take time out to help brighten the church. Please **sign up** on the sheet in the narthex. For more information, contact the church

office.

# High Attendance Sunday

HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY will take place on June 11. Our attendance goal is 100 people. Therefore, we need your commitment to be in attendance and to invite someone else to be your guest. Following our service, we will be having a Lazy Lunch on the church's grounds. Fill out the slip in your bulletin and place it is



grounds. Fill out the slip in your bulletin and place it in the offering plate. Bring a friend and your favorite dessert!

### Super Seniors



The Super Seniors is having their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **June 13**, at the "Bob Evans" in Germantown, MD, at 12 noon. For more information, contact the office.







# Congratulations! Kevin & Laura Mayer



Noah Kevin Mayer May 7, 2017 9 lbs. 2.3 ounces 20 inches long

Proud Parents: Kevin & Laura Mayer