

SUNDAY, May 27, 2018

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
1:00 pm Spring Bible Study

MONDAY, May 28, 2018

6:30 pm Spring Bible Study

TUESDAY, May 29, 2018

6:30 pm Spring Bible Study

WEDNESDAY, May 23, 2018

6:30 pm Spring Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., May 28	Tues., May 29	Wed., May 30	Thurs., May 31
Closed	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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Upper Seneca Baptist Church



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

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship
May 27, 2018

*Hymn #26 *"Blessed Be Your Name"* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Hymn #126 *"Rock of Ages"* Congregation

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

Special *"Song of Redemption"* Choir

Message ***"Following Jesus"***
John 21:18-22 Pastor Dennis

*Hymn of Commitment Congregation
"Humble Thyself in Sight of the Lord"

*Closing Hymn #434 Congregation
"I Have Decided to Follow Jesus"

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

Sun.-Wed., May 27 - 30, Spring Bible Study
Saturday, June 2, Frederick Keys Game
Sunday, June 3, Treasure from Heaven, Share 101
Wednesday, June 6, Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, June 6, After the Sermon
Wednesday, June 6, Choir Rehearsal
Sunday, June 10, High Attendance Sunday
And Potluck Dinner
Tuesday, June 12. Super Seniors @ Wegmans

Vacation Bible School

Our *Vacation Bible School* will be here before we know it! This year it will be **July 9 – 13, 6:30 – 8:30 pm**. This year's theme is **Game On!** *Theme Verse - His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and goodness. 2 Peter 1:3 Gear up! Get Ready! Game on!"* 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, please see Donna Limparis.



Baseball Fever



Batter up! We will have the opportunity to hear those exciting words on Saturday, **June 2**. *USBC* will be going to watch the Frederick Keys take on the Lynchburg-Hillcats at 6 pm. The ticket prices are as follows: *Youth* (3-16) - **\$7**; *Adult* - **\$10**; and *Seniors* - **\$7**. There is a sign-up sheet in the church's foyer if you are interested in attending.

Special Music

Do you have a special hymn or reading you would like to share over the summer during the morning worship service? If so, please sign up on the sheet located on the bulletin board. For more information, contact Priscilla Knicley.



“Following Jesus”
By Pastor Dennis Felder
May 27, 2018

Scripture: John 21:18-22 (NIV)

Following Jesus involves:

I. A personal _____.

John 21:18-22 – *Very truly I tell you, when you were younger you dressed yourself and went where you wanted; but when you are old you will stretch out your hands, and someone else will dress you and lead you where you do not want to go.*” Jesus said this to indicate the kind of death by which Peter would glorify God. Then he said to him, “Follow me!” Peter turned and saw that the disciple whom Jesus loved was following them. (This was the one who had leaned back against Jesus at the supper and had said, “Lord, who is going to betray you?”) When Peter saw him, he asked, “Lord, what about him?” Jesus answered, “If I want him to remain alive until I return, what is that to you? You must follow me.”

Follow (def.) – to come after.

God does not have the same plan for you that He has for others.

To follow Christ means that Jesus becomes the all encompassing center of your life.

Following Jesus is a non-negotiated commitment.

The only way you can follow Jesus is to be close enough to Him to know where He is going.

II. A daily _____.

Philippians 3:5-15 – *I want to know Christ—yes, to know the power of his resurrection and participation in his sufferings, becoming like him in his death, and so, somehow, attaining to the resurrection from the dead. Not that I have already obtained all this, or have already arrived at my goal, but I press on to take hold of that for which Christ Jesus took hold of me. Brothers and sisters, I do not consider myself yet to have taken hold of it. But one thing I do: Forgetting what is behind and straining toward what is ahead, I press on toward the goal to win the prize for which God has called me heavenward in Christ Jesus.*

You have to make to make a commitment everyday to follow Christ.

Whenever a person truly follows Christ, you will always find passion.

It takes a compassionate commitment everyday to come before God and say, “Lord, make me what you want me to be.”

Your best years are in front of you if you follow Christ.

Maturity is when you humbly and compassionately submit to the leadership of God.

III. A humbling _____.

Luke 5:3-11 – *He got into one of the boats, the one belonging to Simon, and asked him to put out a little from shore. Then he sat down and taught the people from the boat. When he had finished speaking, he said to Simon, “Put out into deep water, and let down the nets for a catch.” Simon answered, “Master, we’ve worked hard all night and haven’t caught anything. But because you say so, I will let down the nets.” When they had done so, they caught such a large number of fish that their nets began to break. So they signaled their partners in the other boat to come and help them, and they came and filled both boats so full that they began to sink. When Simon Peter saw this, he fell at Jesus’ knees and said, “Go away from me, Lord; I am a sinful man!” For he and all his companions were astonished at the catch of fish they had taken, and so were James and John, the sons of*

Zebedee, Simon's partners. Then Jesus said to Simon, "Don't be afraid; from now on you will fish for people." So they pulled their boats up on shore, left everything and followed him.

If you are planning to follow Jesus, then you must humble yourself before the Lord.

It is painful to be stripped of your self sufficiency.

It is hard to do what Jesus says when you believe that you are right.

If you ever let Jesus show you what you don't know, He can show you what He can do.

VI. An excuse free _____.

Luke 9:57-62 – *As they were walking along the road, a man said to him, "I will follow you wherever you go." Jesus replied, "Foxes have dens and birds have nests, but the Son of Man has no place to lay his head." He said to another man, "Follow me." But he replied, "Lord, first let me go and bury my father." Jesus said to him, "Let the dead bury their own dead, but you go and proclaim the kingdom of God." Still another said, "I will follow you, Lord; but first let me go back and say goodbye to my family." Jesus replied, "No one who puts a hand to the plow and looks back is fit for service in the kingdom of God."*

Jesus wants you to follow with no guarantees and that is the reason why He asks you to follow first before He ever reveals His plan to you.

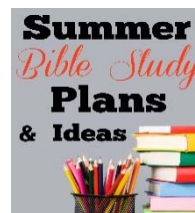
There are many Christians that are still hanging out in the graveyard because they are not following Christ.

We spend too much time wandering in the desert rather than cutting a straight line and go to the Promise Land.

Sermon Notes:

If you would like to listen to the sermon on-line, please visit our website at www.USBChurch.org.

Summer Bible Study



From June 19-21st, 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 17th. However, please understand that we may not be able to address all suggested topics due to our limited time.

Schedule:

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

Wednesday, June 20th from 11-1:30 pm

Thursday, June 21st 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.

Spring Bible Study



From **May 27-30**, USBC will be having our **Spring Bible Study**. The study is entitled, "*Complacency Exposed: A Study of the Book of Malachi*." This informative study will be led by Pastor Gayle Clifton. Study material will be provided in advance to help familiarize yourself

with the studies content. Although this Bible study consists of 4 days, it is not required that you have to commit to all four days to participate. Please attend as your schedule permits.

Schedule:

- *Sunday*, May 27 from 1-3 pm
(lunch will be provided)
- *Monday*, May 28 from 6:30-8:30 pm
- *Tuesday*, May 29 from 6:30-8:30 pm
- *Wednesday*, May 30 from 6:30-8:30 pm

Treasure from Heaven

On **June 3**, at 1 pm, we will meet at Burger King in Damascus to start our official **Treasure From Heaven** kickoff that is entitled *Share 101*. The **Treasure from Heaven** consists of a dollar bill, informational cards, and Scripture cards placed in a clear zip lock bag. Each of these *Share Packets* will be placed in various locations within the communities near the church. When a person comes by and sees this dollar bill visibly shining through the clear zip lock bag, they will inevitably pick it up. Upon opening the zip lock bag to examine what else is in the *Share Packet*, they will realize that it is all for them. That is their **Treasure from Heaven**. Throughout the summer, you will also be invited to participate in *Share 102* and *Share 103* which builds upon *Share 101*.



Super Seniors



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

High Attendance and Potluck Dinner

On **June 10**, come join us for our **High Attendance Sunday and Potluck Dinner**. Before the summer gets into full swing, let us come together for an exciting time of worship and delicious food afterwards. To make this a special Sunday of worship, we encourage you to be in attendance and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. Our goal is to have 100 people in attendance. Immediately following our worship time, we will gather in our Fellowship Hall for a Potluck Dinner. Please fill out the slip in today's bulletin. Please join us for an afternoon filled with fun, food, and fellowship on **June 10**.



Volunteers Needed



Looking for volunteers to receive food items before the dinner on Sunday, **June 10**, and several people to help clean up after the meal. If you can help, please sign up on the sheet in the foyer.

