

**SUNDAY, May 7, 2017**

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

**MONDAY, May 8, 2017**

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

**TUESDAY, May 9, 2017**

12 Noon Super Seniors @ "Golden Corral"

**WEDNESDAY, April 10, 2017**

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., May 8</b>	<b>Tues., May 9</b>	<b>Wed., May 10</b>	<b>Thurs., May 11</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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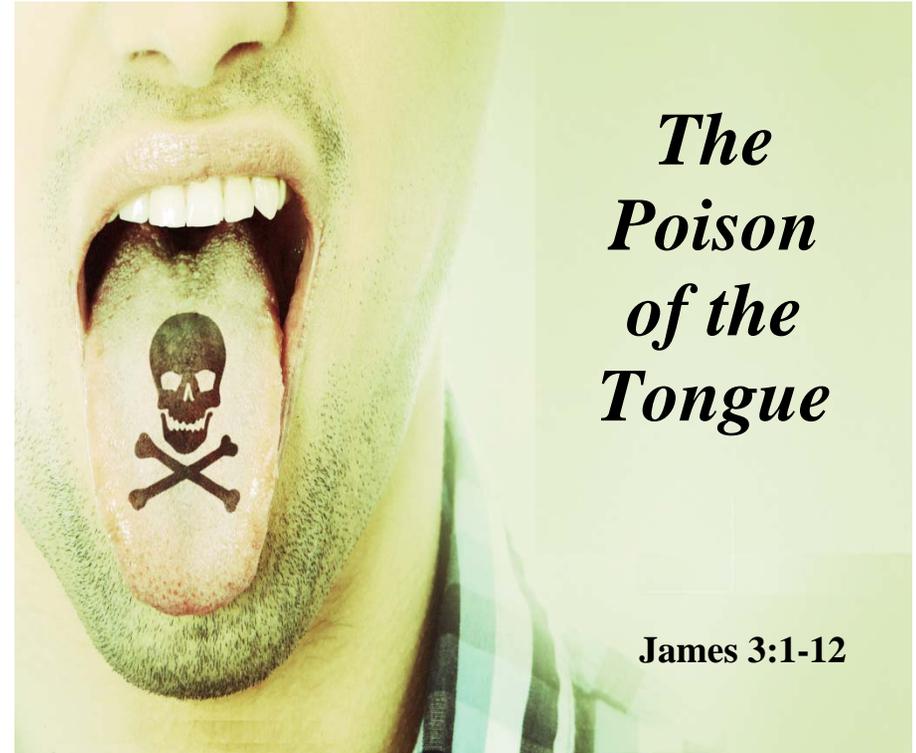
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# Upper Seneca Baptist Church



**To Re-Present Jesus Christ  
In Our Community  
And Beyond**



# “The Poison of the Tongue”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

May 7, 2017

Scripture: James 3:1-12 (NIV)

## **The Reality of the Tongue:**

I. It speaks for \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 3:1** – *Not many of you should become teachers, my fellow believers, because you know that we who teach will be judged more strictly.*

**Once you speak on behalf of God, God writes it down.**

**Matthew 7:10** – *For in the same way you judge others, you will be judged, and with the measure you use, it will be measured to you.*

**God places a higher standard, or greater responsibility on the ones who are teachers.**

II. It is \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 3:2-4** – *We all stumble in many ways. Anyone who is never at fault in what they say is perfect, able to keep their whole body in check. When we put bits into the mouths of horses to make them obey us, we can turn the whole animal. Or take ships as an example. Although they are so large and are driven by strong winds, they are steered by a very small rudder wherever the pilot wants to go.*

**Your biggest problem is your tongue.**

**If you want to achieve perfection in your life, it must first start with the tongue.**

**Proverbs 6:16-17** – *There are six things the Lord hates, seven that are detestable to him: haughty eyes, lying tongue, ...*

**If you gain control of the tongue then you can gain control of everything else.**

III. It has \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 3:5-8** – *Likewise, the tongue is a small part of the body, but it makes great boasts. Consider what a great forest is set on fire by a small spark. The tongue also is a fire, a world of evil among the parts of the body. It corrupts the whole body, sets the whole course of one's life on fire, and is itself set on fire by hell. All kinds of animals, birds, reptiles and sea creatures are being tamed and have been tamed by mankind, but no human being can tame the tongue. It is a restless evil, full of deadly poison.*

**If the tongue could remove itself from the body, it would brag about its power.**

**When the tongue speaks inappropriately it can do a tremendous amount of damage.**

**The tongue is a bundle of fire that has the power to destroy everything within its path.**

**We have failed to tame the tongue because we have not let God be the tamer.**

**If you want to make it as a victorious Christian then learn to control your tongue.**

#### IV. It is two \_\_\_\_\_.

**James 3:9-10** – *With the tongue we praise our Lord and Father, and with it we curse human beings, who have been made in God's likeness. Out of the same mouth come praise and cursing. My brothers and sisters, this should not be. Can both fresh water and salt water flow from the same spring? My brothers and sisters, can a fig tree bear olives, or a grapevine bear figs? Neither can a salt spring produce fresh water.*

**At times, the tongue praises God and in the next breath it curses other.**

**Matthew 12:34** – ... *For out of the overflow of the heart the mouth speaks.*

**We need to confess our tongue to God.**

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### May's Sermon Schedule

**May 7, 2017**

**Sermon Title:** "The Poison of the Tongue"

**Scripture:** James 3:1-12

**May 14, 2017**

**Sermon Title:** "Decisions of a Mother"

**Scripture:** Exodus 2:1-4

**May 21, 2017**

**Sermon Title:** "The Promise that Changed the World"

**Scripture:** Genesis 17:1-8

**May 28, 2017**

**Sermon Title:** "Life's Battles"

**Scripture:** 2 Chronicles 20:10-12, 15-18

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

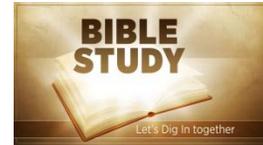
## Super Seniors



The Super Seniors is having their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **May 9**, at the "Golden Corral" in Frederick, MD, at 12 noon. For more information, contact the office.

## Dive Deeper Bible Study

On **May 21** 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



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.

**Church Cleanup Day is rescheduled until June.**