

**SUNDAY, November 19, 2017**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 22, 2017**

7:00 pm      Thanksgiving Eve Service

**SATURDAY, November 25, 2017**

10:00 am      USBC Christmas Decorating

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., Nov. 20</b>	<b>Tues., Nov. 21</b>	<b>Wed., Nov. 22</b>	<b>Thurs., Nov. 23</b>
9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	Closed	Closed

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**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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# Upper Seneca Baptist Church



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

# **Upper Seneca Baptist Church**

**11:00 am Sunday Worship**

**November 19, 2017**



Wednesday, Nov. 22, Thanksgiving Eve Service  
Saturday, Nov. 25, USBC Christmas Decorating  
Sunday, Nov. 26 Dive Deeper  
Wednesday, Nov. 29, Choir Practice  
Wednesday, Nov. 29, Women's Bible Study  
Wednesday, Nov. 29, After the Sermon

\*Hymn #575 *Congregation*  
"My Heart Is Filled with Thankfulness"

Prayer/Welcome *Pastor Dennis*

\*Hymn #576 "Give Thanks" *Congregation*

Offertory

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

\*Special "Praise God Who Reigns On High" *Choir*

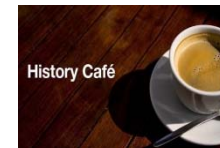
\*\*Message "How to Keep a Thankful Heart"  
Thessalonians 5:16-18 *Pastor Dennis*

\*Hymn of Commitment #517 *Congregation*  
"Day by Day"

\*Closing Hymn #582 *Congregation*  
"Thank You, Lord"

## Coffee Shop

USBC is excited to announce that we are going into the coffee business. This Fall, the church will be creating and building a special coffee bar in the lobby/foyer. The coffee bar will provide coffee, juice, and refreshments for all church attendees on Sunday mornings. The coffee bar will be appropriately named the **HISTORY CAFÉ**.



Although, the **HISTORY CAFÉ** will be modern and up-to-date with equipment and furnishings, it will also reflect the history of USBC. Throughout the **HISTORY CAFÉ**, there will be mementos and historical artifacts on display to celebrate the wonderful history of USBC. As one sips on their beverage and nibbles on their Danish, they can be reminded of the commitment that so many have made to make USBC a lasting presence in our community.

However, for the **HISTORY CAFÉ** to become a reality, USBC needs your support. First, I encourage you to lift this new endeavor up in prayer. This specialized café will afford us a wonderful opportunity to have important fellowship with one another and with our guests that God brings to our church. Second, I ask that you volunteer to be a special greeter in the café and to help keep it well stocked with coffee, juice, and refreshments. Third, I ask that you help with the construction of the café. Lastly, I am asking that you help financially.

To renovate the church lobby/foyer to make the **HISTORY CAFÉ** a reality, it will take sacrificial giving. The projected cost to make these meaningful and needed additions will be \$5,000. Therefore, I am asking all to make a sacrificial gift above and beyond your regular church tithe.

If you feel that God is leading you to invest in this amazing opportunity, please designate your special offering to the coffee shop. However, I also stress the fact that this special offering should be above and beyond your regular tithe.

\*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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# “How to Keep a Thankful Heart”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

November 19, 2017

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 (NIV)

**God has called His people to always have a thankful heart.**

1 Thessalonians 5:16-18 – *Be joyful always; pray continually; give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

## **How to Keep a Thankful Heart:**

I. Have daily \_\_\_\_\_.

Psalm 68:19 - *Praise be to the Lord, to God our Savior, who daily bears our burden.*

**We should never be afraid to praise the Lord because Christ is the one “who daily bears our burden.”**

**We have a tendency to take the necessities of life for granted.**

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – *Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God’s will for you in Christ Jesus.*

II. Have regular worship and \_\_\_\_\_ attendance.

Hebrews 10:25 – *Not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another—and all the more as you see the Day approaching.*

**Having regular worship and church attendance is an important element to keep a thankful heart.**

**Thankful people worship because worship sustains a spirit of thanksgiving.**

**Jesus Christ died for the church and we express our thankfulness by being faithful to the church.**

**An unhappy person cannot be thankful.**

**Worshiping publicly generates electricity that cannot be produced privately.**

III. Express \_\_\_\_\_ to others.

**Expressing gratitude to others reinforces the thankful heart.**

Luke 17:11-19 – *Now on his way to Jerusalem, Jesus traveled along the border between Samaria and Galilee. As he was going into a village, ten men who had leprosy met him. They stood at a distance and called out in a loud voice, “Jesus, Master, have pity on us!” When he saw them, he said, “Go, show yourselves to the priests.” And as they went, they were cleansed. One of them, when he saw he was healed, came back, praising God in a loud voice. He threw himself at Jesus’ feet and thanked him—and he was a Samaritan. Jesus asked, “Were not all ten cleansed? Where are the other nine? Was no one found to return and give praise to God except this foreigner?” Then he said to him, “Rise and go; your faith has made you well.”*

**Thanksgiving has healing power.**

IV. Refuse to grumble and \_\_\_\_\_.

**Grumbling destroys the spirit of gratitude and makes everyone miserable.**

Isaiah 53:7 – *He was oppressed and afflicted, yet he did not open his mouth; he was led like a lamb to the slaughter, as a sheep before her shearers is silent, so he did not open his mouth.*

**Luke 23:24** – *Father forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.*

**If you are in the business of complaining, you cannot be in the business of thanksgiving.**

**1 Thessalonians 5:18** – *Give thanks in all circumstances, for this is God's will for you in Christ Jesus.*

**Thankful people are the happiest people in the world.**

**V. Accept hardships, misfortunes, and \_\_\_\_\_  
in the right spirit.**

**Romans 12:11-12** – *Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayer.*

**Many of us would appreciate our present bounty more by remembering the hardships that preceded it.**

**1 Peter 5:9-10** – *Resist him, standing firm in the faith, because you know that the family of believers throughout the world is undergoing the same kind of sufferings. And the God of all grace, who called you to his eternal glory in Christ, after you have suffered a little while, will himself restore you and make you strong, firm and steadfast.*

**Some of the most thankful people are the ones who experienced great suffering.**

**You are in the will of God when you; REJOICE ALWAYS, PRAY WITHOUT CEASING, and GIVE THANKS IN EVERYTHING.**

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

## Thanksgiving Eve Service



One thing that I enjoy about Thanksgiving is getting together with friends and family, sharing our blessings, and eating good food. Well, USBC's *Thanksgiving Eve Service* this year will not only fulfill these three Thanksgiving traditions, it will exceed them.

On Wednesday, **November 23**, from 7 pm-8 pm, our USBC family will be creating new memories to share with others. For our *Thanksgiving Eve Service*, we will gather in the church's Fellowship Hall. During this hour of reflection and celebration, we will create yummy desserts to share with one another, share Thanksgiving memories, sing festive music, and express our thankfulness for one another and for our Lord and Savior. The church will be providing all food/dessert supplies for each person to create a crafty dessert. All the recipes will be simple to make. Once completed, we will share the sweet treats with one another. As we make our tasty treats, everyone will have the opportunity to share stories involving Thanksgiving memories. We will sing songs and read Scriptures that will help to develop and maintain a heart of Thanksgiving during this special season. The only thing that you will need to bring is yourself. Everyone one is invited!

## Decorate Our Sanctuary

Join us on Saturday, **November 25**, at 10:00 am to decorate our church and sanctuary for the Christmas Season. This is an excellent beginning to celebrate the birth of our Savior. If you have any questions, please contact Priscilla Knicley.



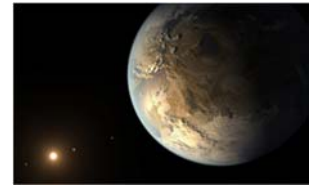
## Bible Study Classes

The Wednesday Night Bible Study classes will not meet on **November 22** (Due to our Thanksgiving Eve Service). For more information contact the office.



## Dive Deeper Bible Study

Our next Dive Deeper Bible Study on Sunday, **November 26** will be entitled, "*Life on Other Planets*". During our study, we will discuss the possibility if human life can or does exist on other planets. If human life does exist on other planets, there are numerous Biblical questions that will surface. First, does the Bible address the fact that life can exist on other planets? Second, does the saving grace of Christ's sacrifice on planet earth cover their sins. Third, could God provide another form of atonement for people on other planets? Fourth, when Christ returns to rule on earth, will others on different planets be left out? Last, do Christians have an obligation to carry out the Great Commission to other planets? Questions, such as these, will be addressed at our next Dive Deeper Bible Study. So, please make every effort to be in attendance.



## Treasures From Heaven



In November, USBC will be launching a new informative witnessing tool to reach our community for Christ. This new tool is entitled, *Treasure From Heaven*.

We will be placing informational cards, Scripture cards, and a dollar bill into a clear zip lock bag. These bags will be strategically placed around our community for people to find. We will encourage everyone to take a handful of these witnessing tools and help spread the good news of Jesus Christ in an easy and simplistic way.

As we get closer to the launch date of the *Treasure From Heaven*, I will be providing more information and directions in how this new witnessing tool will be an exciting way to share one's faith.

More details to come. So, be ready to play your part in reaching people for Christ.