

**SUNDAY, November 25, 2018**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 28, 2018**

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

**CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:**

<b>Mon., Nov. 26</b>	<b>Tues., Nov 27</b>	<b>Wed., Nov. 28</b>	<b>Thurs., Nov. 29</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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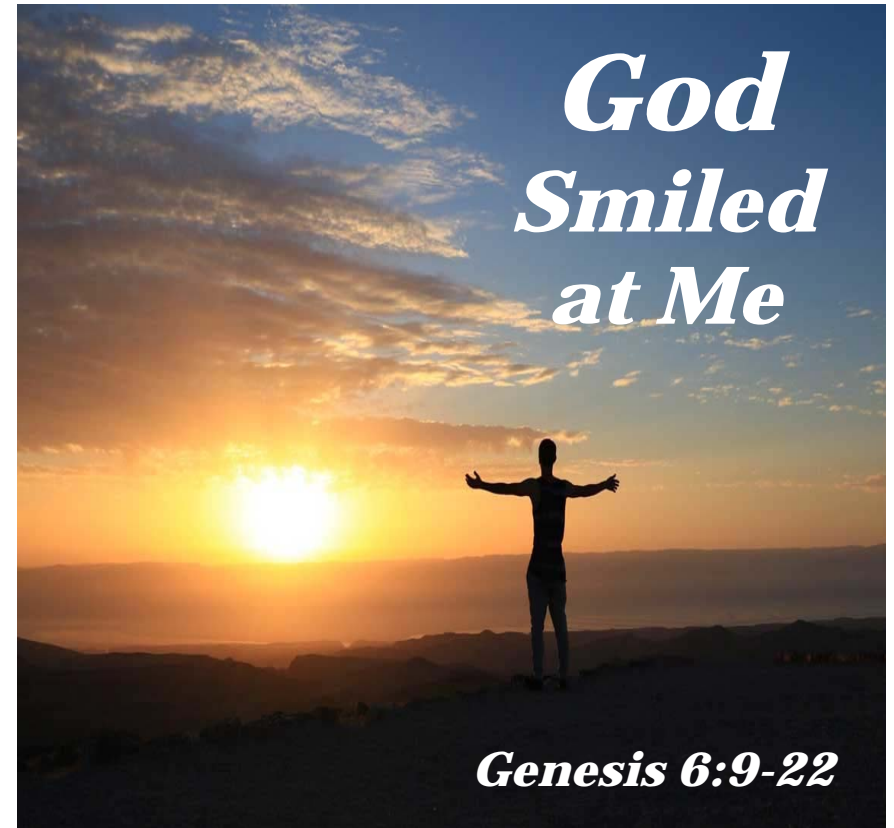


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**Weather Policy**

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 cancelations. 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



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

# Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

November 25, 2018

\*Hymn #99                      *“Forever”*                      Congregation

Prayer/Welcome                      Pastor Dennis

\*Hymn                      *“In The Eye of the Storm”*                      Congregation

Offertory

## Giving of Tithes and Offerings

\*Special                      *“What a Glorious Night”*                      Praise Team

\*\*Message                      Pastor Dennis

***“GOD SMILED AT ME”***

Genesis 6:9-22

\*Hymn of Commitment #555                      Congregation

*“I Love You, Lord”*

\*Closing Hymn #96                      Congregation

*“Great Is Thy Faithfulness”*

\*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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Sunday, December 2, Museum of the Bible trip  
Saturday, December 8, The Menorah  
Monday, December 10, Church Council Meeting  
Tuesday, December 11, Forever Young @ IHop  
Sunday, December 16, Children/Youth Christmas Party  
Sunday, December 23, Christmas Cantata “Good News from Home”  
Monday, December 24, Christmas Eve Service

## Poinsettias



It's time to place your order for poinsettias. Sign-up and help make the church decorated attractively for Christmas with a red poinsettia. The cost this year is \$8.00 for a 6-inch pot.

## Forever Young

The Super Seniors will be having their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **December 11**, at the IHop in Mt. Airy, MD at 12:00 noon. Please contact the office for more information.



## Children/Youth Christmas Party



On **December 16** immediately following our Worship Service, we invite all of our children and youth to gather in the Fellowship Hall for a special *Christmas Party*. The *Christmas Party* will be filled with plenty of food, games, and prizes.

# **“God Smiled at Me”**

**By Pastor Dennis Felder**

**November 25, 2018**

**Scripture:** Genesis 6:9-22 (NIV)

*This is the account of Noah and his family. Noah was a righteous man, blameless among the people of his time, and he walked faithfully with God. Noah had three sons: Shem, Ham and Japheth. Now the earth was corrupt in God’s sight and was full of violence. God saw how corrupt the earth had become, for all the people on earth had corrupted their ways. So God said to Noah, “I am going to put an end to all people, for the earth is filled with violence because of them. I am surely going to destroy both them and the earth. So make yourself an ark of cypress wood; make rooms in it and coat it with pitch inside and out. This is how you are to build it: The ark is to be three hundred cubits long, fifty cubits wide and thirty cubits high. Make a roof for it, leaving below the roof an opening one cubit high all around. Put a door in the side of the ark and make lower, middle and upper decks. I am going to bring floodwaters on the earth to destroy all life under the heavens, every creature that has the breath of life in it. Everything on earth will perish. But I will establish my covenant with you, and you will enter the ark—you and your sons and your wife and your sons’ wives with you. You are to bring into the ark two of all living creatures, male and female, to keep them alive with you. Two of every kind of bird, of every kind of animal and of every kind of creature that moves along the ground will come to you to be kept alive. You are to take every kind of food that is to be eaten and store it away as food for you and for them.” Noah did everything just as God commanded him.*

**Synopsis:** When someone displays a smile, it is usually a sign of happiness and approval. We don’t often think about it, but God likes to smile. His smile is displayed when we are obedient. When Noah was faithful in building the massive ark, God smiled on him. Today, God wants to smile on us, but to obtain that smile, we too must learn to be obedient and faithful.

## **I. Noah’s Testimony.**

- *His Love*
- *His Trust*
- *His Obedience*
- *His Thankfulness*

## **II. God smiled at Noah because:**

- *Noah worshipped Him.*
- *Noah loved Him.*
- *Noah trusted Him.*
- *Noah obeyed Him.*
- *Noah praised and thanked Him.*

## **Keeping God pleased and smiling was Noah’s primary purpose in all the work that he did.**

- He had to have a greater purpose than just building the ark.
- In the face of terrible opposition, he needed a higher purpose.
- His purpose was to make God smile.
- Today, our purpose is to make God smile also.

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

## Christmas Musical

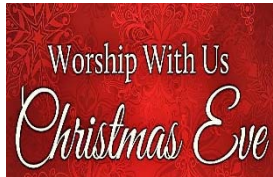


On **December 23**, the **USBC Choir** will be presenting a cantata entitled “*Good News From Home*” (Arranged by Russell Mauldin). The choir has practiced long and hard in order to sing praises to God for sending His Son to be born in Bethlehem.

Come and hear the Christmas message in music. You will be reminded that the best gift of all is Jesus!

## Christmas Eve Service

On **December 24** at 6:30 p.m., we invite you to attend our **Christmas Eve Service**. During this special service, we will honor the birth of Christ through song, Scripture reading, and prayer. The service will conclude with a beautiful ceremony of everyone lighting a candle. The lit candles will symbolize the Light coming into the world who is Jesus Christ.



## Christmas Memorial Tree



Christmas is considered to be a joyous time of year. However, for some who had a loved one that has died, it can be a time of loneliness and grief. So, to help keep their wonderful memory alive during the Christmas season, we will have a **Christmas Memorial Tree** in the church foyer. If you have a loved one who has passed, we invite you to place a Christmas ball on the **Christmas Memorial Tree** to

remember them.

When you walk into the church’s foyer the **Christmas Memorial Tree** will be standing in place. Beside the tree will be colorful Christmas balls. If you would like to honor or remember your loved one(s), take one of the Christmas balls and write their name(s) on it with markers provided. Then hang it on the **Christmas Memorial Tree**.

On Sunday, **December 23**, following our worship service, we will gather in the foyer for a special remembrance prayer. Then on Sunday, December 30<sup>th</sup>, we ask that you take home your Remembrance Christmas Ball and place them in safe keeping.

## Christmas Cheer!



This Christmas season, **USBC** will be launching a very special outreach ministry entitled, **Christmas Cheer!** **Christmas Cheer** involves financial donations, gift cards, and the distribution of the **Christmas Cheer** packet.

### Below is how Christmas Cheer works:

- During the month of December, the church will be collecting financial donations. These donations will be used to purchase \$10 gift cards from Safeway.
- These gift cards will be placed in a package like our *Share Packets*, but with a Christmas emphasis.
- Then you are invited to take a **Christmas Cheer Packet** and give it to someone else. This person can be a family member, a friend, or a total stranger. The purpose of the **Christmas Cheer Packet** is to share the true meaning of Christmas with others.

In participating in the **Christmas Cheer**, you will accomplish two very important things. First, you will experience a blessing spreading a little Christmas Cheer. Second, you will bless someone else with the Good News along with a gift card that can be used. Your participation in the **Christmas Cheer** will produce a lasting impression in your life and in the life of the person who receives it.

Once you give the **Christmas Cheer Packet** to someone, please come back to the church and share your story of spreading a little **Christmas Cheer!**



## Museum of the Bible



On Sunday, **December 2**, we will be visiting the *Museum of the Bible* in Washington, D.C. Following our worship service, we will have a quick lunch, carpool to the Shady Grove Metro Station, and arrive at the museum around 2 p.m. The cost will be \$10 per person and you will be responsible for purchasing your fare to ride Metro. However, lunch will be provided by the church. If you would like to attend, please sign up in the church's foyer.

Here is a brief description of the museum: "Museum of the Bible aims to be among the most technologically advanced and engaging museums in the world. Showcasing rare artifacts spanning 3,500 years of history, the museum offers visitors an immersive and personalized experience with the Bible, and its ongoing impact on the world around us." If you would like more information about the *Museum of the Bible*, please visit their website at [www.museumofthebible.org](http://www.museumofthebible.org).

## The Menorah

Within the Jewish faith, it is very common to light a *Menorah* during the Jewish holiday of Hanukkah. This Jewish holiday is observed during the Christian celebration of Christmas. Often, in certain public displays you will see a *Menorah* next to a Christmas Tree. For many Christians, we do not understand the purpose or meaning of the *Menorah*. On **December 8** at 4 p.m., our very own Brian Altman will be sharing with our church the history, the meaning, and the purpose of the *Menorah*. Brian will teach us the significance of the *Menorah* in the Jewish faith and how it has been observed and celebrated. In addition, we will learn how the Christian faith can embrace its meaning. To celebrate the lighting of the *Menorah*, we will observe this special occasion just like Jewish families will be doing. When lighting the *Menorah* they also celebrate by eating fried foods. So, we also will be serving up some delicious fried desserts to satisfy our taste buds following the lighting of our *Menorah*



To love God  
is the  
greatest virtue;  
to be loved by  
God is the  
greatest of  
blessings.

