

**SUNDAY, November 26, 2017**

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

**WEDNESDAY, November 29, 2017**

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. 27</b>	<b>Tues., Nov. 28</b>	<b>Wed., Nov. 29</b>	<b>Thurs., Nov. 30</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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# *Upper Seneca Baptist Church*

## *Don't Serve God Your Leftovers*



**Deuteronomy 26:1-10**

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

# **Upper Seneca Baptist Church**

**11:00 am Sunday Worship**

**November 26, 2017**

**\*Hymn #176** *Congregation*  
*“Come, Thou Long-Expected Jesus”*

**Prayer/Welcome** *Pastor Dennis*

**\*Hymn #175** *Congregation*  
*“O Come, O Come, Emmanuel”*

**Offertory**

**Giving of Tithes and Offerings**

**\*Special**

**\*\*Message** *Pastor Dennis*  
*“Don’t Serve God Your Leftovers”*  
**Deuteronomy 26:1-10**

**\*Hymn of Commitment #597** *Congregation*  
*“Let It Be Said of Us”*

**\*Closing Hymn #202** *Congregation*  
*“How Great Our Joy”*

\*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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**Looking Ahead**

Wednesday, Nov. 29, Choir Practice  
Wednesday, Nov. 29, Women’s Bible Study  
Wednesday, Nov. 29, After the Sermon  
Saturday, Dec. 9, USBC Christmas Caroling  
Monday, Dec. 11, Church Council  
Tuesday, Dec. 12, Super Seniors @ “Cracker Barrel”  
Saturday, Dec. 16, USBC Christmas Party  
Sunday, Dec. 24, Children’s Christmas Program/Christmas Cantata

## **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. 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 about \$10,000. At first, this figure may be, sort of a sticker shock. However, let me share with you about how God is already providing for such an endeavor. First, God put in place an outside donor that contributed \$5,000 for the coffee shop. Second, there is another person who will equally match every gift that is given. For example, if you give \$100, the matching donor will put an additional \$100 toward your contribution. In other words, your gift of \$100 immediately turns into a \$200 donation. So remember, any gift you give, large or small, will be doubled. You see, God is already at work, but we must all step up and do our part financially. Currently, we are about \$1,250 away from reaching our \$10,000 goal. It is amazing what we have done with God’s blessing to make the **HISTORY Caf ** a reality. So, please keep giving sacrificially so that we can reach this worthy goal.

# **“Don’t Serve God Your Leftovers”**

By Pastor Dennis Felder

November 26, 2017

Scripture: Deuteronomy 26:1-10 (NIV)

**Deuteronomy 26:1-10** – *When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name and say to the priest in office at the time, "I declare today to the LORD your God that I have come to the land the LORD swore to our forefathers to give us." The priest shall take the basket from your hands and set it down in front of the altar of the LORD your God. Then you shall declare before the LORD your God: "My father was a wandering Aramean, and he went down into Egypt with a few people and lived there and became a great nation, powerful and numerous. But the Egyptians mistreated us and made us suffer, putting us to hard labor. Then we cried out to the LORD, the God of our fathers, and the LORD heard our voice and saw our misery, toil and oppression. So the LORD brought us out of Egypt with a mighty hand and an outstretched arm, with great terror and with miraculous signs and wonders. He brought us to this place and gave us this land, a land flowing with milk and honey; and now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me." Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.*

## **What are our first fruits?**

I. Our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 26:1-2** – *When you have entered the land the LORD your God is giving you as an inheritance and have taken possession of it and settled in it, take some of the firstfruits of all that you*

*produce from the soil of the land the LORD your God is giving you and put them in a basket. Then go to the place the LORD your God will choose as a dwelling for his Name.*

**The Israelites would have had nothing if God had not provided.**

**The one thing all people have equal, is time.**

**When a Christian does not have time to do the will of God, he/she is offering God the leftovers.**

II. Our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Money cannot get you into debt and money cannot get you out of debt.**

**The real issue is that you probably do not need more money, but you need more of God’s power to help you manage the money you have.**

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**God is saying to put your resources into His hands and see what God can do.**

**When we short-change God, we short-change ourselves.**

III. Our \_\_\_\_\_.

**Deuteronomy 26:10** – *And now I bring the firstfruits of the soil that you, O LORD, have given me.” Place the basket before the LORD your God and bow down before him.*

**God has no desire to receive our leftovers.**

**Jesus is the gift that keeps on giving, but do we?**

**It is only when we let go of our selfishness can God truly bless  
us.**

**God has something better to give us, but we must let go of our  
selfish ways and give ourselves to God.**

**The most important *first fruit* that God wants is us.**

**Sermon Notes:**

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

## Christmas Caroling



USBC will be going *Christmas Caroling* at *Lorien Assisted Living* in Mt. Airy on Saturday afternoon, **December 9**, (time to be determined). Following our cheerful singing, we will go to a local restaurant for some good food and warm fellowship. Sign-up and we will bring Christmas cheer wherever we go.

## USBC Christmas Party

I love a good Christmas party and USBC will be hosting such a celebration. We invite all to attend the church's *Christmas Party* on Saturday, **December 16** at 5pm. To feed the hungry, the church will provide light refreshments and drinks. In addition to the good food, we will play some fun Christmas games, make crafts with the kids, and sing some joyous Christmas music.



## Children's Christmas Program



On **December 24**, the *USBC Children* will be presenting a program before the choir's cantata. The kids will be doing a play and will sing songs about the birth of our Savior Jesus Christ. Please come and encourage our young people as they share God's love.

Our kids are the future of our church and I know that you will enjoy seeing them on stage!

## Christmas Musical

On **December 24**, the *USBC Choir* will be presenting a cantata entitled "*Best Gift of All*" (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!

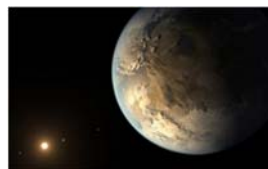


## Poinsettias



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 \$7.00 for a 6 inch pot.

## Dive Deeper Bible Study



Our Dive Deeper Bible Study **Today** 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

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



## Super Seniors



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