

SUNDAY, October 14, 2018

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am USBC 213th Celebration Service
12:30 pm Pot Luck Dinner

WEDNESDAY, October 17, 2018

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

SATURDAY, October 20, 2018

11:00 am Damascus Harvest Festival
6:00 pm USBC Harvest Festival @ the Doody's

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Oct. 15	Tues., Oct. 16	Wed., Oct. 17	Thurs., Oct. 18
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



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

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

October 14, 2018

*Hymn "When We Pray" Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

USBC 213th Celebration Brian Altman, Sandy Rogers & Mae Settles

*Hymn #493 "Revive Us Again" Congregation

Offertory

*Hymn #44 "He Knows My Name" Congregation

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Special "Inseparable" Choir

*Hymn #571 "This Is The Day" Congregation

Children's Message Adele Stokes

**Message Pastor Dennis

"LEAVING YOUR FIRST LOVE"

Revelation 2:1-4

*Hymn of Commitment Congregation

"Create In Me a Clean Heart"

*Closing Hymn #286 Congregation

"There Is a Savior"

*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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Sunday, October 14 - 17, MBA 2018 Revival
Wednesday, October 17, Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, October 17, After the Sermon
Wednesday, October 17, Choir Practice
Saturday, October 20, Damascus Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 20, USBC Harvest Festival @ the Doody's
Sunday, October 21, Dive Deeper Bible Study

213th Homecoming Celebration



USBC is celebrating its 213th anniversary today. In recognition of this milestone, USBC is having a very special celebration service followed by a delicious Potluck Dinner in the Fellowship Hall. Join us for this special and rememberable celebration.

Appreciation Sunday

On **October 28**, USBC is planning a very special **Appreciation Service**. During our 11 a.m. worship service, our time will be devoted to recognizing the amazing service and dedication of our church family. Not only will we express our gratitude, there will be a **BIG REVEAL** on that Sunday. Stay tuned!



"Leaving Your First Love"



Revelation 2:1-4

“Leaving Your First Love”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

October 14, 2018

Sermon Title: “Leaving Your First Love”

Scripture: Revelation 2:1-4 (NIV)

Synopsis: When a person distances themselves from the one that they love, heartache sets in for both. Jesus brings this charge against the church. A church can easily find itself doing the work of the Lord, but not loving the Lord. When this happens, Jesus tells us that we have left our first love.

Revelation 2:1-4 – *To the angel of the church in Ephesus write: These are the words of him who holds the seven stars in his right hand and walks among the seven golden lampstands: I know your deeds, your hard work and your perseverance. I know that you cannot tolerate wicked men, that you have tested those who claim to be apostles but are not, and have found them false. You have persevered and have endured hardships for my name, and have not grown weary. Yet I hold this against you: You have forsaken your first love.*

Four great aspects of the church.

- Their service.
- Their separation.
- Their strictness.
- Their stamina.

Signs of Leaving Your First Love:

I. You forget your _____.

When you do something out of love, you do not complain about the task at hand.

1 Corinthians 13:1-13 – *If I speak in the tongues of men and of angels, but have not love, I am only a resounding gong or a clanging cymbal. If I have the gift of prophecy and can fathom all mysteries and all knowledge, and if I have a faith that can move mountains, but have not love, I am nothing. If I give all I possess to the poor and surrender my body to the flames, but have not love, I gain nothing. Love never fails. ... And now these three remain: faith, hope and love. But the greatest of these is love.*

II. You lose your _____.

The church needs to be change agents, but to become a change agent we must be willing to change and change can make us feel uncomfortable.

Luke 8:37 – *Later, a great many people from the Gerasene countryside got together and asked Jesus to leave - too much change, too fast, and they were scared. So Jesus got back in the boat and set off. (MSG)*

When was the last time you did something out of the ordinary for Jesus?

III. You lose your _____.

You may be in the family of God, but may not have an intimate relationship with Christ.

Psalm 139:23 – *Search me, O God, and know my heart; test me and know my anxious thoughts.*

True love never skips on Jesus.

Sermon Notes:

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

Action Plan

Church Council Action Plan: Adopted Sept. 10th to create new strategies to help strengthen the church. If you have additional questions about this **Action Plan**, please consult with the Pastor or a member of the Church Council.

Action Plan

- Implement *Giving Strategies* to address the 20% deficient in the church budget.
- Implement *Electronic Giving* (Launch Date: Nov. 2018).
- Create opportunities for service by using the *Spiritual Inventories*.
- Have a *Think-Tank* meeting to discuss future methods to help strengthen and empower the church (Meeting Date: Sept. 24th).
- Council Members will be visiting other local churches to better understand how to reach our community for Christ and discover new ways to do church ministry.

Damascus Harvest Festival



On **October 20**, USBC will be participating in the *Damascus Harvest Festival*. Very similar to the Damascus Community Fair, we will have our own designated spot to converse with people about our church and give out freebies. The *Damascus Harvest Festival* will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It

will be held at the Damascus Fire Department Activities Center located at 10211 Lewis Drive, Damascus, Maryland. This is the same place where we had our table for the Damascus Community Fair.

MBA 2018 Revival

The Montgomery Baptist Association 2018 Annual Fall Revival will be held **October 14 - 17**, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., at *Colesville Baptist Church in Silver Spring*.



USBC Harvest Festival at the Doody's



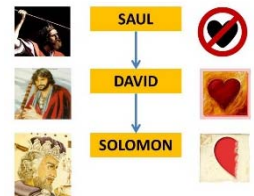
On Saturday, **October 20** at 6 p.m., USBC would like to invite you to attend our *Harvest Festival* that will be hosted at Richard and Mary Doody's house. We will join each other's company around the campfire, roast hot dogs, make s'mores, play games, and enjoy an adventurous hayride. This event is for all ages, but we ask that you bring your own chair so that you can warm yourself around the cozy campfire. All food will be provided by the church. If you are planning on attending, please sign up at church. The Doody's address is 11304 Mountain View Road, Damascus, MD 20872.

If it is raining on the evening of Oct. 20th, the Harvest Festival will take place at the church.

Dive Deeper Bible Study

On **October 21**, you are invited to attend our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. The title of our discussion is "*We Three Kings*". During our study time, we will discuss the first three kings that shaped the new nation of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon). These three men came to power under different circumstances, each one ruled with differing values and morals, and each one had their own issues and flaws. During our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*, we will closely examine how God used these three powerful political figures to accomplish His purpose for His people.

Kings of Israel



Spiritual Inventory

Through the month of October, I am challenging every member of our church family to complete a *Spiritual Inventory*. The *Spiritual Inventory* is available for pickup at the church or you can print it from the church's website. If you need help in completing the *Spiritual Inventory*, please let me know. The desire is to make this important task easy, rewarding, and beneficial to yourself and the kingdom of God.

