

SUNDAY, October 29, 2017

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Dive Deeper

WEDNESDAY, November 1, 2017

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

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Oct. 30 9:30 am – 1 pm	Tues., Oct. 31 9:30 am – 1 pm	Wed., Nov. 1 9:30 am – 1 pm	Thurs., Nov. 2 9:30 am – 1 pm
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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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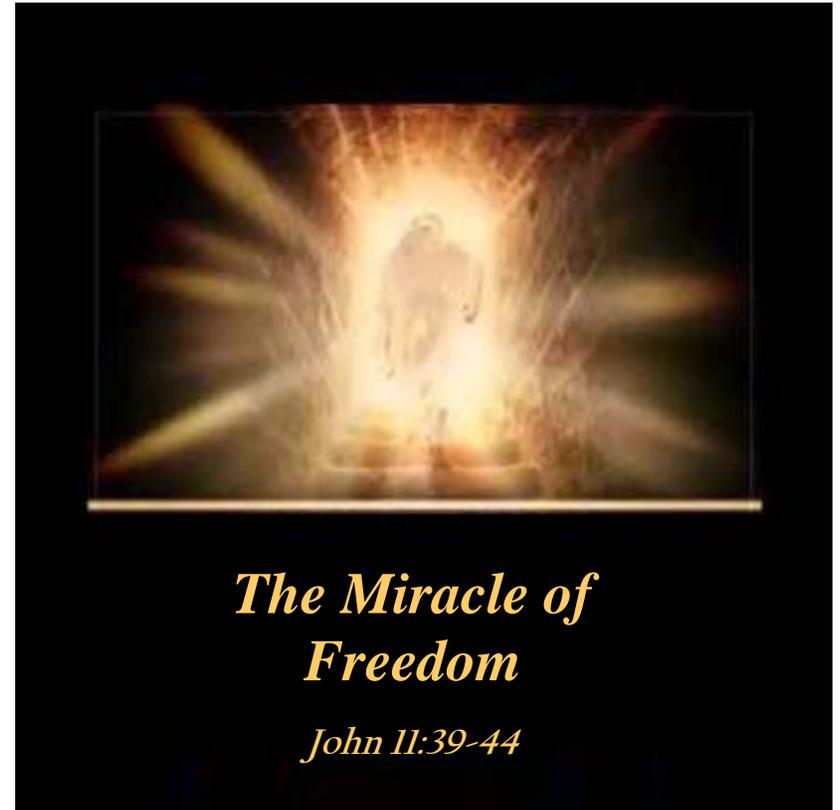
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Upper Seneca Baptist Church



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

“The Miracle of Freedom”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

October 29, 2017

Scripture: John 11:39-44 (NIV)

Freedom (def.) – “The ability to live without restraints”.

The miracle of freedom is:

I. Achieved through _____.

John 11:39-40 – “Take away the stone,” he said. “But, Lord,” said Martha, the sister of the dead man, “by this time there is a bad odor, for he has been there four days.” Then Jesus said, “Did I not tell you that if you believe, you will see the glory of God?”

Freedom comes through absolute surrender.

When you surrender (reduced to nothing), you have become something very special in the heart of God.

When you pray and God does not respond, it does not mean that He’s forgotten about you.

Jesus waited until Lazarus was dead, reduced to nothing because God can get glory out of nothing.

It is when we are reduced to nothing is when God can work a miracle.

If you have been reduced to nothing, you are in the perfect position to receive a miracle from the Lord.

If you need a miracle of freedom, then be willing to become nothing so that God can mold you into something.

II. Achieved through _____.

John 11:41-42 – So they took away the stone. Then Jesus looked up and said, “Father, I thank you that you have heard me. I knew that you always hear me, but I said this for the benefit of the people standing here, that they may believe that you sent me.”

Lazarus was raised from the dead with a prayer of thanksgiving.

If you need a miracle of freedom, you start by offering up a prayer of thanksgiving.

If you want to get God’s attention, then pray with a heart of thanksgiving.

James 1:2 – Consider it pure joy, my brothers, whenever you face trials of many kinds,

Thanksgiving is not an emotion, it is a decision.

1 Thessalonians 5:18 – Give thanks in all circumstances, ...

III. Achieved through overcoming _____.

John 11:43 – When he had said this, Jesus called in a loud voice, “Lazarus, come out!”

The world tries to promote real living with the four “E’s”:

- EXAMPLE
- ENCOURAGEMENT
- ENVIRONMENT
- EDUCATION

The only way a dead person can come to life is to come into direct contact with the giver of life, which is Jesus Christ.

IV. Achieved through _____.

John 11:44 – *The dead man came out, his hands and feet wrapped with strips of linen, and a cloth around his face. Jesus said to them, “Take off the grave clothes and let him go.”*

There are four reasons why people are bound.

- They are bound by their **PAST**.

Jeremiah 31:34 – *For I will forgive their wickedness and will remember their sins no more.*

- They are bound by **FEAR**.
- They are bound by **PROBLEMS** that seem insurmountable.

If Jesus Christ can raise Lazarus from the dead, He can solve any problem you have.

- They are bound by **UNFORGIVENESS**.

Every believer has been forgiven by Jesus Christ of the awesome debt of sin.

Matthew 6:14-15 – *For if you forgive other people when they sin against you, your heavenly Father will also forgive you. But if you do not forgive others their sins, your Father will not forgive your sins.*

Sermon Notes:

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

Super Seniors



The Super Seniors will begin their monthly luncheons on Tuesday, **November 14**, 12 noon at the “I-Hop” in **Mt. Airy, MD**. For more information, contact the church office.

Chair Prayer

Prayer has been one of the main focal points that the church has emphasized in 2017. At the Damascus Community Fair, we made available a *Prayer Wall* for fair goers to write a prayer request or praise on the wall. It was touching to see the responses of all the written messages that were placed on the *Prayer Wall*. To keep this spirit of prayer alive in our church, I want to invite you to participate in the **Chair Prayer**. The **Chair Prayer** is a unique opportunity to participate in praying for all who will ever enter into our sanctuary. On Saturday, November 18, 2017, the church will be open from 9am to 4pm so that you can participate in this unique prayer ministry.



This is how the **Chair Prayer** ministry will work. You will sign-up for a designated time slot(s) to be at the church on November 18th. The church will be opened from 9am to 4pm and you can schedule yourself to be there in increments of 30 minutes. You can select more than just one 30-minute segment. During your assigned time, you enter into the church’s sanctuary and pray over every chair. I will encourage you to sit in each chair and pray for that person that will be sitting in that particular seat. You will not know who the next person will be coming to sit in that chair, but God certainly does.

Once you have completed your time slot(s), the next person will enter and repeat the same process. Each prayer warrior will pray how God leads them. Also, if you would like, you can read Scripture and sit in each chair. Please don’t forget the choir loft.

There will be a sign-up sheet in the lobby. So, please take time to participate in the **Chair Prayer** and be prayed up before you arrive.

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, 2017, from 7pm-8pm, 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!

Dive Deeper

How will the world end? Will you be here when the world ends? Are there signs that predict the time when Christ will return? These are all questions that center around the book of Revelation. Our next **Dive Deeper Bible Study** will deal with popular questions that people ask about Revelation. Please join the **Dive Deeper Bible Study Today** following the service as we seek answers to such intriguing questions regarding the end times.

