

SUNDAY, October 8, 2017

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

MONDAY, October 9, 2017

7:00 pm Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, October 10, 2017

12:00 Noon Super Seniors @ "Golden Corral"

WEDNESDAY, October 11, 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. 9	Tues., Oct. 10	Wed., Oct. 11	Thurs., Oct. 12
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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WHEN TRAGEDY STRIKES



Psalm 46:1-11

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

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

October 8, 2017

*Hymn #498 *“I Will Call Upon the Lord”* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Hymn #287 *“My Savior, My God”* Congregation

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Special *“One Day”* Choir

Children Message Adele Stokes

**Message *“When Tragedy Strikes”* Pastor Dennis
Psalm 46:1-11

*Hymn of Commitment #125 Congregation
“You Are My Hiding Power”

*Closing Hymn #447 Congregation
“It Is Well with My Soul”

*Denotes Congregation standing

**Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message).
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Monday, Oct. 9, Church Council
Tuesday, Oct. 10, Super Seniors @ “Golden Corral”

Wednesday, Oct. 11, Choir Practice
Wednesday, Oct. 11, Women’s Bible Study

Wednesday, Oct. 11, After the Sermon

Sunday, Oct. 15, 212th Homecoming
Celebration/Lunch

Sunday, Oct. 15, MBA Annual Meeting/Revival

Saturday, Oct. 21, Harvest Festival

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. In the month of September, we will be providing you with more information in how you can make a financial contribution to this worthy cause.

“When Tragedy Strikes”

Pastor Dennis Felder

October 8, 2017

Scripture: Psalm 46:1-11

In times of tragedy, what words of comfort does God give to His people?

The source of our strength cannot be in our government, our economy, our buildings, or anything else that is temporary.

In times of tragedy:

I. We see God’s _____.

Psalm 46:1-3 – *God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble. Therefore we will not fear, though the earth give way and the mountains fall into the heart of the sea, though its waters roar and foam and the mountains quake with their surging. Selah.*

In the midst of whatever you are feeling today, God desires to be your refuge, your strength, and your help.

God is calling us to not live in fear because He is our refuge, strength and help.

II. We see God’s _____.

Psalm 46:4-7 – *There is a river whose streams make glad the city of God, the holy place where the Most High dwells. God is within her, she will not fall; God will help her at break of day. Nations are in uproar, kingdoms fall; he lifts his voice, the earth melts. The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah.*

Have you noticed that during the time of tragedy, people earnestly seek the presence of God.

We don’t have to run far to find God, because His presence is right here with us.

No matter how bad life gets, God’s presence means that He will always be there to help us.

When we wake up to start a brand-new day, God is there when everything else has failed.

III. We see God’s _____.

Psalm 46:8-11 – *Come and see the works of the LORD, the desolations he has brought on the earth. He makes wars cease to the ends of the earth; he breaks the bow and shatters the spear, he burns the shields with fire. “Be still, and know that I am God; I will be exalted among the nations, I will be exalted in the earth.” The LORD Almighty is with us; the God of Jacob is our fortress. Selah.*

God knows that we need Him and He has put Himself in a position to help.

Jesus Christ is God and Lord of history.

Though there is tragedy, though the mountains fall into the sea, those who know Jesus Christ have hope.

Whether nature wreaks havoc, or people rage against one another, God is our refuge.

We do not have to wait for tragedy to strike to call upon the name of the Lord.

Joshua 1:9 – *Have I not commanded you? Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the LORD your God will be with you wherever you go.*

Today, you can prepare yourself spiritually to weather any life storm that may blow your way.

Super Seniors



The Super Seniors will have their monthly luncheon on Tuesday, **October 10**, 12 Noon at “Golden Corral” in Frederick, MD. Contact the office for more information.

212th Homecoming Celebration

USBC will be celebrating its 212 anniversary this year. In recognition of this milestone, USBC will be having a very special celebration service on **October 15**. Following a very inspirational service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious Potluck Dinner. Also, there is an opportunity for you to bring a covered dish or a dessert. You can use the designated slips in the bulletin to sign-up.



Pumpkin Patch Giveaway



It's almost time! God has been doing His part in helping the Pumpkin Patch to grow. On **October 21** and from 10 am to 12 Noon, we will be welcoming families from our community as they stop by our church and receive a free pumpkin. If you are interested in helping with this special ministry, please use the sign-up sheet located in the church's foyer.

Harvest Festival

On Saturday, **October 21** at 6 pm, 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 around the campfire, roast hotdogs, 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 warmth of the 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.



Bible Study Classes



The Wednesday Night Bible Study classes will not meet on **October 18** (Praise Team will be leading the MBA Revival). For more information contact the office.

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* on Sunday, **October 29** at 12:30 pm as we seek answers to such intriguing questions regarding the end times.



Pastor's Appreciation Love Offering

It has been USBC's custom to give our pastor a love offering, as a special thanks for all of the work and sacrifice given by them and their families as they minister to us in our times of need and times of joy. This gives each person an opportunity to give from their own hearts and share their love in a very personal and meaningful way and our means to remember Pastor Dennis, and his wife, Lana, for all the love they share with us. If you wish to contribute to this special offering, please make sure to identify the purpose of your gift on your envelope or check. You may place it in the offering plate on Sunday or send it in the mail to the church.



THE MBA 2017 ANNUAL MEETING & REVIVAL of Business and Worship

Sunday, October 15, 2017

**Georgia Avenue Baptist Church
12525 Georgia Avenue
Silver Spring MD 20906**

**Registration at 4:00 pm
Meeting 4:30 - 6:30 pm**

