

SUNDAY, September 17, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, September 20, 2017

7:30 pm Choir Practice

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Sept. 18	Tues., Sept. 19	Wed., Sept. 20	Thurs., Sept. 21
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



Genesis 29:16-26

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

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11:00 am Sunday Worship

September 17, 2017



Wednesday, Sept. 20, Choir Practice Begins
Wednesday, Sept. 27, Women's Bible Study
Wednesday, Sept. 27, After the Sermon
Saturday, Sept. 30, Women's Tea Party
Saturday, Oct. 7, Church Yard Sale
Sunday, Oct. 15, 212 Homecoming Celebration
Saturday, Oct. 21, Harvest Festival

*Hymn #30 *"Come, Now Is the Time to Worship"* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome *Pastor Dennis*

*Hymn *"10,000 Reasons"* Congregation
(Bless the Lord)

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Special *"Amazing Grace"* Lana & Meagan Felder
(My Chains Are Gone)

**Message *"Cheap Shots"* Pastor Dennis
Genesis 29:16-26

*Hymn of Commitment #629 Congregation
"Through It All"

*Closing Hymn #570 Congregation
"The Trees of the Field"

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 tithes. 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.

*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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“Cheap Shots”
Pastor Dennis Felder
September 17, 2017

Scripture: Genesis 29:16-26 (NIV)

What I know about cheap shots:

I. They come without _____.

Cheap shots happens when you lest expect it.

Genesis 29:22-25 – *So Laban brought together all the people of the place and gave a feast. But when evening came, he took his daughter Leah and brought her to Jacob, and Jacob made love to her. And Laban gave his servant Zilpah to his daughter as her attendant. When morning came, there was Leah! So Jacob said to Laban, “What is this you have done to me? I served you for Rachel, didn’t I? Why have you deceived me?”*

A cheap shot can be painful and change your life forever.

II. They are _____.

Imagine the pain that Jacob felt when he realized that he had been tricked.

Genesis 29:16-21 – *Now Laban had two daughters; the name of the older was Leah, and the name of the younger was Rachel. Leah had weak eyes, but Rachel had a lovely figure and was beautiful. Jacob was in love with Rachel and said, “I’ll work for you seven years in return for your younger daughter Rachel.” Laban said, “It’s better that I give her to you than to some other man. Stay here with me.” So Jacob served seven years to get Rachel, but they seemed like only a few days to him because of his love for her.*

If we focus on the expectations we have from others, we will definitely be disappointed.

When someone hits you with a cheap shot, keep focused on your true love, Jesus Christ.

III. Cheap shots will come back to _____ you.

Genesis 27:36 – *Esau said, “Isn’t he rightly named Jacob? He has deceived me these two times: He took my birthright, and now he’s taken my blessing!”*

Galatians 6:7 – *Do not be deceived: God cannot be mocked. A man reaps what he sows.*

How to deal with cheap shots.

1. Do not retaliate.

Our first reaction when someone hurts us is to get even.

Romans 12:19 – *Do not take revenge, my dear friends, but leave room for God’s wrath, for it is written: “It is mine to avenge; I will repay,” says the Lord.*

2. Have a spirit of forgiveness.

If you have a heart of unforgiveness, you will be a slave to your own hatred.

Ephesians 4:32 – *Be kind and compassionate to one another, forgiving each other, just as in Christ God forgave you.*

If someone has given you a cheap shot, it is time to forgive them.

Although Jacob was hurt and deceived, he still was willing to forgive.

Dive Deeper Bible Study



If Jesus were the President of the United States of America, what would His political agenda look like? On **today**, immediately following our Sunday morning worship, we will be having our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. The topic for this intriguing study is entitled, “*Jesus’ Political Agenda*”. During this study, we will evaluate the social positions, the political positions, and religious positions that Jesus displayed and how these positions would be reflected in our governmental system today. So, join us on September 17th for our *Dive Deeper Bible Study* and for a delicious lunch

Ladies Tea Time

Ladies, when was the last time you went to a proper tea party? Well, thanks to Mae Settles, you are cordially invited to a women’s tea at Upper Seneca Baptist Church! It will be held on Saturday, **September 30**, from 11:30 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the church’s fellowship hall. Finger foods and great fellowship will be provided. Each lady is encouraged to make a fancy hat to wear to the party. Pictures will be taken of us in our beautiful “creations” and prizes will be awarded. If you have a favorite tea or tea cup, please bring those with you and invite a friend or neighbor.



Church Yard Sale



On **Saturday, October 7**, we will be having a **Yard Sale** from 8 am-12 pm. The **Yard Sale** is for the sole purpose of raising funds to help financially support community families with Thanksgiving groceries beginning in November.

Please start setting aside **Yard Sale** items that you would like to donate to the church.

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.

Bible Study Classes

The Wednesday Night Bible Study classes will not meet on **September 20**. For more information contact the office.

