

SUNDAY, September 3, 2017

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

WEDNESDAY, September 6, 2017

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

FRIDAY, September 8, 2017

9:00 am USBC @ Damascus Community Fair

SATURDAY, September 9, 2017

9:00 am USBC @ Damascus Community Fair

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Sept. 4	Tues., Sept. 5	Wed., Sept. 6	Thurs., Sept. 7
Closed	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

The Problem of Partiality



James 2:1-13

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

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

September 3, 2017

*Hymn #624 “Since Jesus Came into My Heart” Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Hymn #499 “Victory in Jesus” Congregation

*Special “I’m a Winner Either Way” Adam Hannon

Offertory

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Special Adam Hannon
“Heaven Gets Sweeter the Closer You Get”

**Message “The Problem of Partiality” Pastor Dennis
James 2:1-13

*Hymn of Commitment #634 Congregation
“Lord, I’m Coming Home”

*Closing Hymn #610 Congregation
“If We Never Meet Again”

*Denotes Congregation standing

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

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Wednesday, Sept. 6, Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, Sept. 6, After the Sermon
Wednesday, Sept. 6, Choir Practice Begins
Friday – Sunday, Sept. 8-10, USBC @ Damascus
Community Fair
Monday, Sept. 11, Church Council
Tuesday, Sept. 12, Super Seniors @ “Bob Evans”
Sunday, Sept. 17, Dive Deeper Bible Study
Saturday, Sept. 30, Women’s Tea Party

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.

“The Problem of Partiality”

Pastor Dennis Felder

September 3, 2017

Scripture: James 2:1-13 (NIV)

The Reality of Partiality:

I. Partiality is _____.

James 2:1 – My brothers and sisters, believers in our glorious Lord Jesus Christ must not show favoritism.

The criteria to judge others, is by means of the “glorious Lord Jesus Christ”.

We cannot profess faith in Jesus Christ and at the same time be a spiritual snob.

James 2:2-4 – Suppose a man comes into your meeting wearing a gold ring and fine clothes, and a poor man in filthy old clothes also comes in. If you show special attention to the man wearing fine clothes and say, “Here’s a good seat for you,” but say to the poor man, “You stand there” or “Sit on the floor by my feet,” have you not discriminated among yourselves and become judges with evil thoughts?

Don’t think for a second that a church cannot be guilty of partiality, discrimination, or racism.

The sin of partiality, discrimination, or racism is grounded in one’s motive.

II. Partiality is _____.

James 2:5 – Listen, my dear brothers and sisters: Has not God chosen those who are poor in the eyes of the world to be rich in faith and to inherit the kingdom he promised those who love him?

If you want to find out where God is hanging out, He is hanging out among the believers who are poor.

At the judgement seat you will be measured by your commitment to God and not how much you accumulated on earth.

A poor person is certainly looked down upon in certain churches, and yet that person may be the richest person spiritually.

James 2:6-7 – But you have dishonored the poor. Is it not the rich who are exploiting you? Are they not the ones who are dragging you into court? Are they not the ones who are blaspheming the noble name of him to whom you belong?

If you want to see soil that is receptive to the gospel of Jesus Christ, then go to the streets and to the shelters, not Wall Street.

III. Partiality can be _____.

James 2:8 – If you really keep the royal law found in Scripture, “Love your neighbor as yourself,” you are doing right.

What is the Royal Law? - Love your neighbor as yourself.

Leviticus 19:18 – Love your neighbor as yourself.

Matthew 22:39 – Love your neighbor as yourself.

Romans 13:10 – Love does no harm to a neighbor. Therefore love is the fulfillment of the law.

If we would let the Royal Law govern our lives, then the other laws would not be needed.

James 2:9-11 – But if you show favoritism, you sin and are convicted by the law as lawbreakers. For whoever keeps the whole law and yet stumbles at just one point is guilty of breaking all of it. For he who said, “You shall not commit adultery,” also said, “You shall not murder.” If you do not commit adultery but do commit murder, you have become a lawbreaker.

Damascus Community Fair



Coming in September, **USBC** will have a wonderful opportunity to share with our community about the love of Christ. From **September 8th – 10th**, our church will have a booth at the Damascus Fair. During this time, we will be distributing Biblical material, information about our church, and engaging with prospective families. Another important focus will be sharing the gospel of Christ in a comfortable and accepting manner.

In addition, we will have a Memorial Wall at our booth. The purpose of the Memorial Wall is to give attendees the opportunity to write a loved one's name on the wall. Since September 11th will be the day following the close of the Damascus Fair, we will invite people to write a person's name on the Memorial Wall to honor loved ones who have served in our military, past or present. Also, if they have a family member or friend who is or was a first responder, we will encourage them to write their name on the wall. As a church, we will lift up all the names that appear on the wall in prayer.

Since this is large undertaking for our church in providing outreach to our community, I am asking that all sign up to participate in this event. In the church's foyer, there will be a **signup** sheet where you can select a specific time to volunteer at our booth. Even if you can provide just one hour of your time, it can greatly impact the kingdom of God in a powerful way.

Thanks Adam Hannon!

If you have not heard, Adam Hannon, our pianist, will be moving to the Atlanta, Georgia area to start a new job in September. His last Sunday with us is **Today**.



On behalf of **USBC**, I want to express our gratitude for all that Adam has done. For the last few years, he has strengthened our church with his musical talents. From playing to singing, he has touched the hearts of many. In addition to serving the church through music, he has been a true servant for the Lord. When the church needed help in any area of ministry, Adam never hesitated to give of his time.

Adam, we are forever grateful!

Hurricane Harvey



Hurricane Harvey, a Category 4 storm that has caused catastrophic floods and damage along the Gulf Coast of Texas and Louisiana, is the first major hurricane to make landfall in the United States since 2005. In what FEMA director Brock Long called “the worst disaster” in Texan history, recovery is expected to take many years. **USBC** is taking donations to help. Simply note on your check or envelope “Hurricane Harvey”. Donations will be processed through the Baptist Convention of Maryland/Delaware.

Super Seniors

The Super Seniors will begin their monthly luncheons on Tuesday, **September 12**, 12 noon at “Bob Evans” in Germantown, MD. For more information, contact the church office.



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.



September 6
7:30 pm

Contact Priscilla Knicley for more information.