

SUNDAY, September 30, 2018

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

WEDNESDAY, October 3, 2018

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. 1	Tues., Oct. 2	Wed., Oct. 3	Thurs., Oct. 4
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
September 30, 2018

*Hymn #330 *“Spirit of the Living God”* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome *Pastor Dennis*

*Hymn *“When We Pray”* Congregation

Offertory

*Hymn #450 *“Precious Lord, Take My Hand”* Congregation

Giving of Tithes and Offerings

*Special *“Bless the Lord, O My Soul”* Choir

**Message *Pastor Dennis*

“YOUR WORST NIGHTMARE”
Galatians 5:16-18

*Hymn of Commitment #105 Congregation
“Grace Greater Than Our Sin”

*Closing Hymn #667 Congregation
“As We Go”

*Denotes Congregation standing

**Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message).
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Wednesday, October 3, Women’s Bible Study
Wednesday, October 3, After the Sermon
Wednesday, October 3, Choir Practice
Sunday, October 14, 213th Homecoming Celebration
& Potluck Dinner
Sunday, October 14 - 17, MBA 2018 Revival
Saturday, October 20, Damascus Harvest Festival
Saturday, October 20, USBC Harvest Festival @ the
Doody’s
Sunday, October 21, Dive Deeper Bible Study

Book Give-A-Way

USBC is giving away the books on the shelves in the adult Sunday School room and the books between the children's classrooms. Feel free to browse and take some home with you! Our **Book Give-A-Way** is desired for the purpose of putting written Christian material in the hands of others. By initiating this **Book Give-A-Way**, the Word of the Lord will be going into the world rather than sitting hidden on a shelf. Let these books be a light unto the world.



213th Homecoming Celebration



USBC will be celebrating its 213th anniversary this year. In recognition of this milestone, USBC will be having a very special celebration service on **October 14th**. 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. Please invite your family and friends to join us for this very 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!



“Your Worst Nightmare”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

September 30, 2018

Scripture: Galatians 5:16-18

Synopsis: No one wants to have a nightmare because they are terrifying and frightening. How we live our life can bring upon us unexpected nightmares. We can create personal nightmares in our life because of our choices and decisions. This message will teach us how to avoid the nightmares of life by resisting the temptations of this world.

How to avoid a nightmare:

I. Walk with the right _____.

Galatians 5:16a – *So I say, walk by the Spirit, ...*

Nothing else will give you freedom and peace from the trouble of life than by following the Spirit.

Every step that you take, Jesus is with you.

Isaiah 41:10 – *So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand.*

Psalm 23:4 – *Even though I walk through the darkest valley, I will fear no evil, for you are with me; your rod and your staff, they comfort me.*

Tell the devil to get out of your dream.

II. Don't rely on _____.

Galatians 5:16b-17 – *... and you will not gratify the desires of the flesh. For the flesh desires what is contrary to the Spirit, and the Spirit what is contrary to the flesh. They are in conflict with each other, so that you are not to do whatever you want.*

When trying to correct a problem, the first place you start is with yourself.

There will be obstacles to cross, barriers to break, but don't give up.

James 1:4 – *Let perseverance finish its work so that you may be mature and complete, not lacking anything.*

Matthew 5:12 – *Rejoice and be glad, because great is your reward in heaven, for in the same way they persecuted the prophets who were before you.*

III. Realize that you are _____.

Galatians 5:18 – *But if you are led by the Spirit, you are not under the law.*

John 8:32 – *Then you will know the truth, and the truth will set you free.*

You do not have to live in your nightmare.

The law imprisons you, but grace frees you.

Jesus Christ can change you.

2 Corinthians 5:17 – *Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!*

So, wake up because your nightmare is over.

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



The first Think Tank Meeting will be held on Monday, **September 24** at 7:00 pm at the La Villa Restaurant (18701 North Frederick Ave, Gaithersburg) to discuss future methods to help strengthen and empower the church

On October 20th, 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 20th** 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.