



OUR MISSION: “To Re-Present Jesus Christ
In Our Community And Beyond”

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USBC News

LOVE LIFTED ME!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



In life, each of us will experience real moments when darkness and even depression may set in. When you experience such challenging times, how do you overcome it? Depending on who you ask, you can and will get differing opinions and direction. If you are looking for a viable and realistic solution to such a condition, then let me offer you a very simple remedy. That remedy is LOVE.

Throughout my early years in church, we often sang an inspiring hymn that helped me put my life in proper focus. This hymn is entitled, “*Love Lifted Me*” and the chorus rings out with wonderful hope and comfort: “*Love lifted me! Love lifted me! When nothing else could help, Love lifted me!*” What an encouraging word!

*I was sinking deep in sin, Far from the peaceful shore,
Very deeply stained within, sinking to rise no more;
But the Master of the sea
heard my despairing cry,
from the waters lifted me, now safe am I.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Loved lifted me!*

*All my heart to Him I give, ever to Him I'll cling;
In His blessed presence live, ever His praises sing.
Love so mighty and so true merits my soul's best songs;
Faithful, loving service, too, to Him belongs.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Loved lifted me!*

*Souls in danger, look above, Jesus completely saves;
He will lift you by His love out of the angry waves.
He's the Master of the sea, billows His will obey;
He your Savior wants to be, be saved today.
Love lifted me! Love lifted me!
When nothing else could help,
Loved lifted me!*

As we approach Valentine's Day, let this beautiful hymn be a gentle reminder that when life is down and you feel hopeless, there is a compassionate Savior waiting to love you. Not only let this hymn comfort you, but let the Word of God warm your heart knowing that God's love gives you infinite power to conquer your despair.

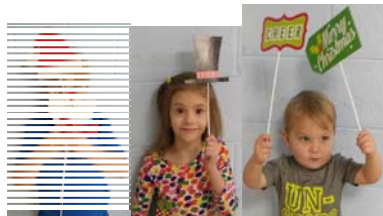
We see this Biblical truth shining brightly in **Romans 8:37-39** which reads, “*No, in all these things we are more than conquerors through him who loved us. For I am convinced that neither death nor life, neither angels nor demons, neither the present nor the future, nor any powers, neither height nor depth, nor anything else in all creation, will be able to separate us from the love of God that is in Christ Jesus our Lord.*” So, the next time you are feeling down, remember that the love of Christ will lift you up.

YOUTH AND CHILDREN'S CHRISTMAS PARTY

By Lana Felder



Our children and youth groups combined together to celebrate the birth of Christ at a Christmas party. We had prayer and food together and then split into groups for crafts, games, trivia and fun. If you haven't had the chance to look around our church and see the beautiful young faces of our children and youth, take a moment to thank God for these young people. Pray for our children and their teachers because these young people are the future of Upper Seneca Baptist Church.



Enjoying lunch together at the Bob Evans in Germantown last month are

THAT'S GREEK TO ME!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



In biology, we learn about the bodies amazing cardiovascular system. When one is experiencing heart pain and/or discomfort, one goes to a cardiologist. As one studies the Bible, especially the New Testament, you will encounter the word **heart**.

The English word *cardio* means **heart**. The English word **heart** derives its meaning from the New Testament Greek word, *kardia*. The Bible says in **Matthew 22:37**, "Jesus replied: 'Love the Lord your God with all your **heart** (*kardia*/καρδιά) and with all your soul and with all your mind.'"

PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

By Lana Felder



After church on Sunday, January 22nd, 25 people went out to have "Pizza with the Pastor." It was such a joy to gather together over lunch and fellowship with each

other. We got to share food, joy, laughter and prayer. It was wonderful to have so many in attendance – especially so many children. If you weren't able to join us this time, please plan ahead and attend the next one. You will truly be uplifted and blessed!



2017 SERMON SCHEDULE:

In the month of February, I want to focus our attention on **WORSHIP**. I will be sharing a four-part sermon series entitled, "*The Knowhow of Worship*". When we understand the importance of **WORSHIP** and how to **WORSHIP**, we then will be able to praise our Lord and Savior with greater passion.

February 5, 2017

Sermon Title: "The Concept of Worship"

Scripture: John 4:20-24

February 12, 2017

Sermon Title: "The Content of Worship"

Scripture: Exodus 24:1-11

February 19, 2017

Sermon Title: "The Context of Worship"

Scripture: 1 Peter 2:4-9

February 26, 2017

Sermon Title: "The Compensation of Worship"

February EVENTS

USBC THEME FOR 2017

Prayer, Praise, and Participation!

Dive Deeper Bible Study – On February 12th at 1pm at the church, lunch will be served for all participants. (Topic: “*Why Have Just 66 Books in the Bible*”). At our last **Dive Deeper Bible Study** we had 17 people in attendance.

Church Council – February 13th at 7pm.

Super Senior Luncheon – February 14th at **Bob Evans** at 12:00 Noon in Germantown, MD.

Church Soup & Chili Luncheon – February 19th, immediately following our worship service, everyone is invited to bring your favorite soup and/or chili to share with your church family. Contact Phyllis Watkins for more information.

JESUS' ANCESTORS

By Mary King

The miraculous Christmas Story is written in two of the four Gospels—Matthew and Luke. There is a genealogy line in both of these passages. Did you realize they were different? Ever wonder why?

The Matthew 1:1-16 account is Joseph's lineage—the Royal/Kingly Line. Starting with the Patriarchs of Abraham, Isaac, Jacob, the lineage continues to King David. Staying with the Kings of Israel/Judah, Solomon is next in line and continues through King Jehoiachin who was King until Judah was captured by Nebuchadnezzar, king of Babylon. By this time Judah and its leaders were extremely wicked and worshipped many idols.

Jeremiah 22:24-30 states that King Jehoiachin (King Coniah) would never have an heir to sit on David's throne. Therefore, the Messiah could not have been born into this line. The lineage continues on through Joseph, Mary's husband.

In fact, verse 16 states that Jacob was the father of Joseph, the husband of Mary. Mary was the mother of Jesus, who is called the Messiah.

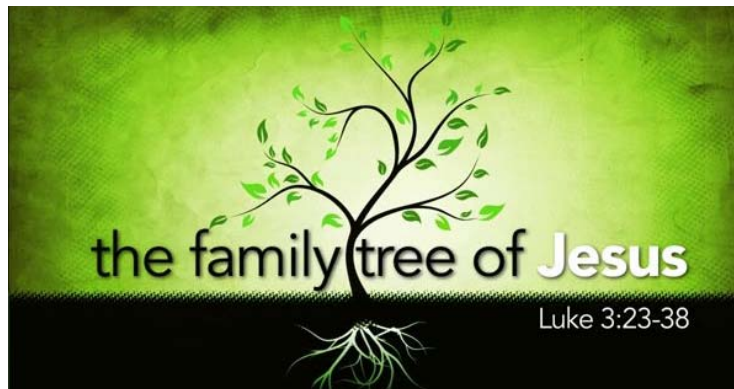
Now, let's look at Luke 3:23-38. This is the Legal Line—Mary's ancestors. It starts with Mary's father and goes backward to David's son, Nathan, King David, the Patriarchs of

Jacob, Isaac and Abraham to Adam and finally, God. Verse 23b states that Jesus was known as the son of Joseph, Joseph was the son of Heli. This Joseph was Mary's husband so we have the written lineage of Mary.

This lineage goes back through Nathan, the son of King David. Nathan was David's son after he was King over all of Israel. God told David that the Messiah would be his descendent. The lineage continues through Jacob, Isaac and Abraham. The generations continue on to Adam who was created by God and even to God Himself!

God predicted that His Son, the Messiah, our Savior, Jesus Christ, would come at the appointed time in this family line. That's why the genealogy line was written in the Bible and the Jews (to this day) are so particular in knowing their Jewish heritage. The Messiah was promised to Abraham, Isaac and Jacob. King David was the man after God's heart and he, too, was promised the Messiah would come through his seed.

This is truly miraculous that God, Himself, took on human form as a little baby born in a stable manger who would be our glorious Savior and Lord! God even provided a covering for Mary through her marriage to Joseph. God had everything all planned out (even before the foundation of the world) which was fulfilled according to His will. God's ways are always the best!



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God's Plan Of Salvation

Trust Jesus Christ today! Here's what you must do:

1. Admit you are a sinner.

For all have sinned, and come short of the glory of God; (Romans 3:23)

2. Be willing to turn from sin (repent).

Jesus said: "I tell you, Nay: but, except ye repent, ye shall all likewise perish." (Luke 13:5)

3. Believe that Jesus Christ died for you, was buried, and rose from the dead.

For God so loved the world, that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life. (John 3:16)

4. Through prayer, invite Jesus into your life to become your personal Savior.

For whosoever shall call upon the name of the Lord shall be saved. (Romans 10:13)

What to pray:

Dear God, I am a sinner and need forgiveness. I believe that Jesus Christ shed His **precious blood** and died for my sin. I am willing to turn from sin. I now invite Christ to come into my heart and life as my personal Savior.

Next Newsletter Deadline
February 19, 2017

Weather Policy

If the church cancels any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a message will be placed on the church's voice recorder to inform you of such changes or cancellations. If you are in doubt if a particular service or activity is canceled, please call the church before you travel to the event. If no message is stated notifying you of any changes, this means the service or activity remains as scheduled. We will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

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