



OUR MISSION: Impacting The Kingdom Of
God One Person At A Time

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USBC News

MOVING ON UP!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



From 1975 to 1985, there was a popular TV show called The Jeffersons. The show focused on George and Louise Jefferson, a prosperous African-American couple who have been able to move from Queens to Manhattan due to the success of George's dry-cleaner chain. Each episode of The Jeffersons began with a catchy and memorable theme song – *Well we're movin' on up, To the east side. To a deluxe apartment in the sky. Movin' on up, to the east side. We finally got a piece of the pie.* This upward move afforded the Jeffersons an opportunity to start a new and adventurous life.

Just a few weeks ago, Lana, Laney, Lucas, and I made a wonderful move to a new home in Damascus. Although we were truly blessed by having our previous home, we certainly moved up. The house is a perfect place for our family, it has a large yard for play and entertainment, and it is only a few minutes from the church.

We often strive to better our lives by moving up. We want our next move to be better than our previous one, but there are no guarantees that our life will improve with each new move. For some, a new move in life can feel as if it is a setback. You see, this world can leave you disillusioned and disappointed.

However, there is one move that will always move you up. That move is accepting Christ as your Lord and Savior. The Bible says in **Romans 10:13**, *"Everyone who calls on the name of the Lord will be saved."* Once saved, you become an heir to the kingdom of God. (**Romans 8:17** – *Now if we are children, then we are heirs—heirs of God and co-heirs with Christ ...*). And then it gets better. The final and most glorious move takes place once we have accomplished God's purpose for life on earth. That ultimate move is to an eternal place called heaven.

The Bible assures us of this new move in **John 14:2-3**, *"My Father's house has many rooms; if that were not so, would I have told you that I am going there to prepare a place for you? And if I go and prepare a place for you, I will come back and take you to be with me that you also may be where I am."* This new residence will be like no other place we have ever lived before. In **Revelation 21:10-27**, the Bible gives us a stunning and beautiful description of heaven. Heaven will be decorated with every kind of precious stone, the streets will sparkle with pure gold, there will be fortified gates of stunning pearl, and heaven's walls will be indestructible. Personally, I believe these earthly descriptions of heaven will completely surpass our every expectation. Heaven will be grander than our infinite minds can visualize.

I can't wait to make that final move, but until then I will keep faithfully serving the Lord. Because I know that one day, I will be **MOVING ON UP!**

MISSION'S SUNDAY

By Pastor Dennis Felder



During our 11 am worship service on August 5th, we will transform our sanctuary and worship time into a ministry field. The goal of this special *Mission Sunday* is

to remind us of **The Great Commission** found in **Matthew 28:19** – *Therefore go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit.*

Also, to show our mission spirit in helping others, we will be having a free church-wide carwash. This event will take place immediately following our August 19th worship service. If you would like to have your car washed for free, you will be directed to a designated area on the church's parking lot following our 11 am worship service.

To make this mission outreach a sparkling success, we need all hands and sponges on deck. If you would like to participate in helping with washing cars, please sign up in the church's foyer.

MUSIC SUNDAY

By Lana Felder



Our special music Sunday took place on July 8th during our 11 am worship service. Many people submitted a hymn or song that was special to them. The Praise Team led the hymns and Beth Clifton led a special set of children's songs. It was great to sing some of the old hymns and to hear from people why the songs have a special place in their hearts. We will have another music Sunday in the near future so start thinking about your favorite hymn or praise song!

SUPER SENIORS

By Lana Felder



On Tuesday, July 17th, the Seniors met at the Germantown IHOP. 14 people attended and enjoyed the \$.60 short stack of pancakes in honor of IHOP's 60th

anniversary as well as other food.

It was suggested that since some of the people who attend are technically not seniors, the name of the group should be changed. The new name is **The Forever Young Group**. That way anyone who can come to the luncheon will be included in the name!

The next **Forever Young** luncheon will take place on August 14th at the Golden Corral in Frederick at 12 pm. Please make plans to come and enjoy the food and fellowship!

DAMASCUS DAYS

By Pastor Dennis Felder



USBC had a wonderful opportunity to leave *Share Packets* on the parade route for **Damascus Days** that took place on July 13th. As people were looking for sweet treats, we were able to introduce them to our sweet Savior by means of our *Share Packets*. Next year, our goal is to be more active and to have a greater impact in sharing the gospel of Christ during **Damascus Days**.

To better understand the meaning and purpose of our *Share Packets*, please refer to the article in this Newsletter entitled, **Treasure From Heaven**.

VBS WAS A BIG SUCCESS!

By Lana Felder



Vacation Bible School took place from July 9th – 12th. Each night began at 6:30 pm and concluded at 8:30 pm. The ages for *VBS* were Pre-K through 5th grade. This year's theme was **Game On!** There were 22 children in attendance this year.

The kids learned the *Theme Verse* – “His divine power has given us everything required for life and godliness through the knowledge of him who called us by his own glory and

goodness.” 2 Peter 1:3 and the Motto – “Gear up! Get Ready! Game on!”

In order to make this wonderful experience available for the children in our community, we had LOTS of help! Actually, there were a total of 23 adults and youth who taught or helped this year!

Donna Limparis did a great job as Director. Beth Clifton manned the registration table and made sure each child had a name tag. Lacey Shifflett, Mary King, Carol Mullinix, Barbara Laudwein, and Noah Wilson helped in the kitchen putting together snacks and drinks for the kids. Mary Doody and Noah Reynolds helped the children make beautiful crafts which went with the lessons they had in class each night. Richard Doody and Blake Reynolds were in charge of recreation and had a blast playing games and throwing water balloons with the kids.

Sandy Rogers and Terry Shuggars taught the Pre-K through Kindergarten class. Adele Stokes and Molly Boswell taught the 1st – 2nd grade class. John Ingram, Mack Boswell and Erin Bruch taught the 3rd – 5th grade class. Les Yeatts built the backdrop for the stage. Chuck Limparis ran the computer and sound. Lana Felder and Mae Settles led the Worship Rally and Pastor Dennis filled in wherever he was needed.

Thank you to all the teachers and helpers for making the time to help share the gospel with these wonderful children. I'm certain that the adults AND the children were truly blessed!

50's BANQUET

By Pastor Felder



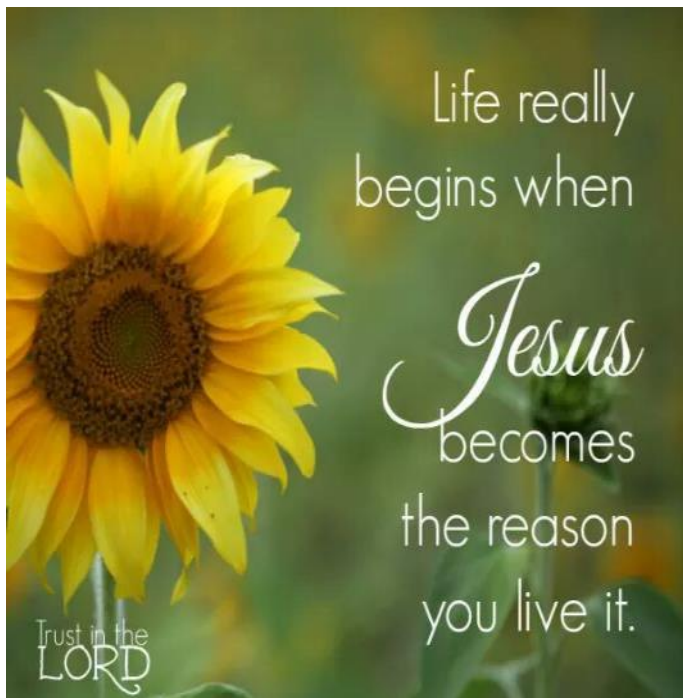
On Saturday, September 22nd at 4 pm, **USBC** will be having our first themed *Adult 50's Banquet*. To keep with the 50's theme, the church's Fellowship Hall will be decorated to reflect that era. Also, the food that will be served will be like a menu from a traditional 50's carhop (hamburgers, cheeseburgers, hotdogs, and ice cream floats). For our entertainment, will have a stage setup to perform Karaoke with songs from the 50's. To make this theme fun filled, we invite you to dress to reflect the 50's time period.

So that all adults with children can attend and enjoy the fellowship, we will be providing childcare for children aged Pre-K through 5th grade. All children from 6th grade and above can attend the banquet.

To help supplement the cost of childcare, the cost of food, and the cost of decorations, we are asking that all attending make a financial donation at the door.

If you are planning to attend, please use the slip in your bulletin to make your reservations.

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Next Newsletter Deadline
August 19, 2018

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.

Editor's Note:

Included in this newsletter is the **USBC Church Birthday Calendar** showing the dates of birthdays of our church family, but we don't always have the information to include. So, if we miss YOUR date, we are sorry! Why not fill out a connect card and place it in the offering plate with your name and birthday noted so that it can be included in our calendar.

Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a cartoon....we are always looking for information and new ideas!

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TREASURE FROM HEAVEN

By Pastor Dennis Felder

On August 5th at 1 pm, we will meet at Burger King in Damascus to start our official ***Treasure from Heaven*** kickoff that is entitled ***Share 101***.

The ***Treasure from Heaven*** consists of a dollar bill, informational cards, and Scripture cards placed in a clear zip lock bag. Each of these ***Share Packets*** will be placed in various locations within the communities near the church.

When a person comes by and sees this dollar bill visibly showing through the clear zip lock bag, they will inevitably pick it up. Upon opening the zip lock bag to examine what else is in the ***Share Packet***, they will realize that it is all for them. That is their ***Treasure from Heaven***.

Below is the description of ***Share 101***.

Share 101

Purpose: **Share 101** offers the opportunity for a Christian to share the gospel of Jesus Christ in a very public setting and non-confrontational manner. The ***Share Packet*** is left in a public setting with the intension of someone picking it up.

Structure: **Share 101** is only designed to leave the ***Share Packet*** in a non-discreet manner without interacting with the potential recipient. Below are some suggestions of where these ***Share Packets*** can be placed.

- Beside a gas pump.
- On a bathroom counter in a public place.
- Leave on a table in a restaurant.
- Place between parking spaces in a parking lot.
- On the ground in a heavy traveled foot traffic area.
- Any setting to where it can be found by someone else.

Training: A thirty-minute training session that is designed to help fulfill the Great Commission. During the training time, direction is given, locations are assigned as to where to place the ***Share Packets***, and prayer is offered up. It will be recorded and appropriately documented as to where the ***Share Packets*** were left, date, and time. Also, if you observe someone picking up the ***Share Packet***, you will document the recipient's reaction from a distance.

BACK TO SCHOOL PARTY!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



It is hard to believe, but it is almost time for school to start back. Now this may be a bitter pill for some of our children to swallow.

Therefore, to help with this challenging transition, USBC will be hosting a **Children and Youth Back to School Party**. The party will kick off on Saturday, August 25th at 11 am and will conclude at 1 pm.

During this festive party we will have delicious food, fun games, and many other exciting activities for all of our kids. As a matter of fact, we will be having a huge water balloon fight. So, dress appropriately, bring a towel, and get ready to get wet. If your children are planning on attending, please sign them up. The sign-up sheet will be located in the church's foyer.

DAMASCUS HELP

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Our church will continue during the month of August to collect non-perishable food for families needing a helping hand. In addition, we will continue collecting school supplies for children who need that extra support.

Please make certain that the non-perishable food you donate has not expired. Also, the school supplies include basic essentials (backpacks, pencils, glue, etc.).

These items can be dropped off in the church's foyer and will be distributed on August 20th.



SERMON SCHEDULE

By Pastor Dennis Felder

August 5, 2018

Sermon Title: "Sharing the Good News"
Scripture: Matthew 28:18-20

August 12, 2018

Sermon Title: "The Purity of Religion – Part 1"
Scripture: James 1:26-27

August 19, 2018

Sermon Title: "The Purity of Religion – Part 1"
Scripture: James 1:26-27

August 26, 2018

Sermon Title: "Wasted Days and Wasted Nights"
Scripture: Ecclesiastes 10:18

COOKOUT & GAME NIGHT

By Pastor Dennis Felder



USBC had its own fireworks on July 3rd in the form of friendly, energetic competition by playing games and eating delicious food that was flame broiled on the grill. We turned this patriotic evening into a time of great fun and fellowship.

This event was well attended and enjoyed by all. So, in the near future we will schedule another game night. Be on the lookout!

