



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

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USBC News

LET’S DO CHURCH

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Is there anything that you would not do for Jesus? Most Christians would respond with an emphatic, “YES!” So, as your pastor, I want to put this calling to the test.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church, is calling on you to help strengthen the kingdom of God and to build our church. Do you want to be a part of this exciting, new adventure? Now, I have a sneaky suspicion that you want more information

as to this request. However, should your response be based on knowing the details? When an important request is presented this way, it becomes a little more challenging to immediately say, “Yes.” Why is that?

You see, there is a spiritual flaw in how we respond to God. Subconsciously, when we are asked to do something special for the Lord, we most often look at our agenda first, rather than letting God’s agenda take priority. Please understand, I am not saying that your agenda is not important and should not be considered. However, if we are obedient to God’s agenda, then our personal agenda will fall into place.

Now here is the question that I want to personally ask you? Will you please become part of one of our church’s exciting new Ministry Teams? The Bible is very clear that **ALL** believers are to serve the Lord to help fortify and to grow His kingdom on earth. It takes all to accomplish such a worthy and honorable goal and God created us all with special gifts to complete this meaningful task. The Bible tells us in **1 Corinthians 12:12**, “*For just as the body is one and has many members, and all the members of the body, though many, are one body, so it is with Christ.*”

The focus of this Newsletter, is to share with you about our **Ministry Teams** that are available to serve on. It is vital that each person who attends our church be part of this wonderful opportunity. Whether you are a member or a non-member of **USBC**, we have a very special place of service just for you. If you are willing to take on this responsibility, you will not only please the heart of God, but you will be blessed many times over.

So, please take this Newsletter, read it carefully, spend time in prayer, and choose a **Ministry Team** to serve on. If you do not see a **Ministry Team** that meets your gifts or abilities, please let me know and I will connect you with a place of service that meets your expectations.

Once again God needs your help, **USBC** needs your help, but honestly, I need your help. Our church is on the verge of doing something great for the Lord, but I cannot do it alone. So, I urge you to partner with me as we strengthen our church, our fellowship, and our faith. Once you have prayerfully decided which **Ministry Team** to serve on, please let me know. Always remember: **Let’s not play church, let’s do church!**

SUPER SENIORS CHURCH RECOGNITION SERVICE!

By Lana Felder



On April 30th, 2017, we had a very special service at **USBC**. This service was centered on our seniors and their wonderful service to the church over the years. Pastor Dennis asked several of the ladies, Lacey Shifflet, Grace Rogers and Carol Mullinix, to come up to the front and answer a few questions about their childhood and their life. They told of their fond memories from childhood and shared their lasting faith in Christ with the congregation.

After the time of sharing, Pastor Dennis presented each senior in the church with a container of cotton candy! Many wondered, "Why cotton candy?" Pastor Dennis explained that one of our favorite childhood memories often involves a special treat, such as cotton candy. He had the children come forward and pass out the cotton candy to the "older" people in the congregation. As you can imagine, their concept of "older" people included most of the adults – even Adam Hannon who is in his 20's!!

It was a wonderful service which reminded us how blessed we are to have our seniors and how much they have contributed and still contribute to our church. They are truly a treasure and we are thankful that we were able to honor them on this special day.

SUPER SENIORS

By Lana Felder



The *Super Seniors* met on May 9th at the Golden Corral in Frederick. As always, the food was good (especially the chocolate fountain), but the fellowship was the best!

Please join us for the next luncheon on Tuesday, June 13th, at Bob Evans in Germantown, MD. Don't miss out on this wonderful combination of friends, food, and fellowship. Everyone is welcomed!

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HIGH ATTENDANCE SUNDAY

By Pastor Dennis Felder



What time is it? It is high attendance time. On June 11th, **USBC** wants to invite you to attend our *High Attendance Sunday!* Invite your family, friends, and strangers to worship with us on this special Sunday. If need be, bring your pets because our goal is 100.

Immediately following our worship time, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for what I am calling our *Lazy Lunch*. It will be filled with fun, food, and fellowship. So, place it on your calendar and we will see you on June 11th.

HAPPY FATHER'S DAY!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



As your Pastor, I want to take this moment to wish all of our men a very special Father's Day. It has been said, "That anyone can become a father, but it takes a special person to become a dad." How true!

God has called all of us men to be Godly, but what does this look like? There are two important traits that I want to share with you. First, **STAND STRONG**. We live in a world that is challenging the value of the father. Satan's attack is to discourage us and discouragement leads to self-doubt. When we allow self-doubt to enter our behavior, we become weak. The word of God calls upon men to remain strong. This encouragement is found in **1 Corinthians 16:13** which reads, "*Be on your guard; stand firm in the faith; be courageous; be strong.*"

The second important trait is to **BE HUMBLE**. For men, this can be challenging. How is that? Because we men can have an ego and when that ego inflates, it can push God away. Yes, God created us with strength, but when we rely on our own strength, we fail miserably. So how do we keep our ego in check? By humility. The Bible tells us in **Proverbs 11:2**, "*When pride comes, then comes disgrace, but with humility comes wisdom.*"

So, if you want to be a Godly man or father, remember to be strong and to be humble. **Happy Father's Day!**

DIVE DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On June 25th at 1 pm, I will be leading our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. The topic is entitled, "What Does the Bible Say About Cursing?" In today's world, cursing is common and is a daily occurrence. In this informative study, we will search the Scripture to determine what words are prohibited and what words are allowed. This will be an informative and intense study that will allow us to better navigate the words and phrases we use in a secular world that, in turn, will honor God in the process.



June 4, 2017

Sermon Title: "Trials Can Produce Backsliders"

Scripture: James 5:19-20

June 11, 2017

Sermon Title: "It's Time for a Birthday Party"

Scripture: Romans 6:23

June 18, 2017

Sermon Title: "What You Can Learn from a Remote Control"

Scripture: Genesis 35:1-7

June 25, 2017

Sermon Title: "Simply Irresistible"

Scripture: John 6:1-2

CHURCH WORK DAY



On June 10th, we need your participation and muscle. At 9am, we will gather at **USBC** to do our annual spring cleaning. Over the years, we have collected and gathered a lot of materials and items that we can no longer use. Therefore, on this *Work Day*, we will have a dumpster and we will clean out rooms and storage areas and discard anything that no longer has value. Even if you can only give a small amount of your time on this day, it would be greatly appreciated. So, roll-up your sleeves and come ready to serve the Lord on June 10th at 9am.

THAT'S GREEK TO ME!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



How many of you have ever used a thermos to keep your drink warm? Have you ever worn thermal underwear? The word **thermos** or **thermal** comes directly from the Bible.

The English word **thermos/thermal** comes from the Greek word, **thermainó**. The Greek word literally means to **warm**. In the Biblical time period, I don't believe they had conventional thermos or thermal underwear, but they did **warm/thermainó** their food or themselves by the fire. Warming by the fire is recorded in Mark 14:54 which says, *Peter followed him at a distance, right into the courtyard of the high priest. There he sat with the guards and warmed (thermainó/θερμαίνω) himself at the fire.*



USBC THEME FOR 2017 – *Prayer, Praise, and Participation!*

Work Day – June 10th at 9 am at **USBC**

High Attendance Sunday and Lazy Lunch – June 11th at **USBC**

Church Council – June 12th at 7 pm

Super Senior Luncheon – June 13th at 12 pm – **Bob Evans** in Germantown, MD

Dive Deeper Bible Study – June 25th at 1 pm at the church and lunch will be served for all participants. (**Topic:** "What Does the Bible Say About Cursing?").



Noah Kevin Mayer
May 7, 2017
9 lbs. 2.3 oz., 20"
Proud Parents:
Kevin & Laura Mayer

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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
June 18, 2017

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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MINISTRY TEAMS

By Pastor Dennis Felder



What is a *Ministry Team*? A *Ministry Team* is a group of Christians who come together to serve in a specific role to fulfil the purpose of the church and to be faithful to the Great Commission. Each *Ministry Team* will experience shared leadership, mutual accountability, decision sharing, and the value of teamwork. Each *Ministry Team* will be tasked with a specific responsibility and each team will be given the proper resources and the encouragement to complete their assigned task.

I am inviting everyone who attends **USBC** to serve on a *Ministry Team*. Your commitment will be for just one year. However, at the end of the year, you can renew your commitment or seek to find another place of service in the church.

If you have a desire to reach people for Christ, to help strengthen fellow believers, and to see **USBC** meet the needs of our community, then your commitment is needed. Please prayerfully consider this wonderful opportunity that will not only impact the lives of others, but it will transform your life forever.

Below, is a list of several *Ministry Teams* that we are encouraging you to become a part of. Each Ministry Team listed, has a brief description of the responsibilities. Some of you may have already committed to one of our *Ministry Teams* and **USBC** is very grateful for your service. If one of these *Ministry Teams* do not meet your skill set or gifts, please let me know and I will find you a place of service that matches your abilities.

The goal is to have everyone within our church family in a place of service by the end of July. So, please step up and express your love for Christ by means of your service.

Benevolence Team

Purpose: To meet the benevolence needs within the church and community.



Duties of the Team:

- Oversee the benevolence funds that are given to the church.
- Investigate and administer benevolence resources as needed in concert with the Pastor.
- Survey the financial need of the one requesting funds and make appropriate recommendations as to meeting their financial need.
- If need be, seek out church members and community persons who can provide appropriate assistance.
- Work with other groups in the church which may be able to provide specific benevolent needs.
- Survey and determine available community agencies and their resources.
- Inform and involve the church members to support benevolent ministry.
- All benevolence requests and responses will be kept in a confidential manner.

Cemetery Team

Purpose: To help meet and to facilitate the burial needs of families who are burying their loved one in the church's cemetery.



Duties of the Team:

- At the time of a death, maintain timely communication with the family, the funeral home, and the one who is responsible for opening the grave.
- Appropriately mark the corners of the gravesite, prior to the opening of the grave.
- Keep accurate records of cemetery plots, containing interments as well as those reserved by individuals and families.
- Make necessary recommendations as to the upkeep of the markers and landscaping.

Children's Ministry Team

Purpose: To communicate and coordinate all children's activities from birth through 5th grade in order to teach them about God's Word and the love of Jesus Christ.



Duties of the Team:

- Select appropriate children's literature that will be used for teaching, instruction, and crafts.
- Lead the instruction and activities for children's events.
- Enlist others to assist with the teaching and helping of children's activities.
- Plan and promote children's activities for the church and community.
- Create a healthy and safe environment to promote the spiritual, emotional and physical wellbeing of the children.
- Maintain adequate supplies and keep the teaching areas in proper order.
- Determine the financial needs of the Children's Ministry Team and submit an annual budget for approval.

Greeter/Usher Team

Purpose: To be responsible for seating and comfort of the congregation, the greeting and introduction of guests, to help minimize interruptions and distractions for church-wide gatherings.



Duties of the Team:

- Man sanctuary doorways prior to services, greeting people and passing out bulletins.
- Make distribution of hand-outs during church and congregational assemblies where hand-outs are used.
- Receive offerings.
- Help maintain order during services and church activities.
- Be alert to the needs of all persons during the services.
- Seat people during services, if need be.
- Provide information to persons concerning church services, programs, and facilities.
- Manage the ebb and flow of people coming in and out of the sanctuary.

Hospitality Team

Purpose: To plan, coordinate, and oversee designated activities that involve food services for the church and family members of the church.



Duties of the Team:

- Coordinate with church leaders to determine the food service needs of the church.
- Recommend food services that will help enhance the church's ministries.
- Enlist other workers who will be willing to help serve food, provide food, and to help setup and cleanup for an event involving food.
- Make certain that the church's kitchen is adequately organized and maintained.
- Determine the financial needs of the Hospitality Team and submit an annual budget for approval

Outreach Team

Purpose: Creates and follows through with plans to help bring people to Christ, to meet the needs of our church family, and to understand the needs of all guests by engaging with these groups by means of personal contact.



Duties of the Team:

- To assist the church in its mission to "Reach the Lost" and to "Disciple the Saved".
- Lead the church membership to discover "Prospective Members".
- See that each and every guest who attends the worship services or Sunday School is contacted.
- Maintain an active "prospect file" in concert with the church office and Pastor.
- Assist in the planning of special outreach ministries for the church.
- Provide a framework for promoting church-wide involvement in performing proper contacts and visitation to members and guests.
- Seek out others to help participate in visitation and outreach opportunities.
- Perform regular contacts to help determine the needs of members, frequent attenders, and guests. This may be accomplished by mailings, phone calls, or electronic communications.

Prayer Team

Purpose: To uphold the congregation and its ministries and also the community in prayer and to educate, empower and inspire the congregation in their prayer lives.



Duties of the Team:

- Coordinates prayer as to enhance a prayer ministry throughout the church body.
- Identifies key people in the church who are willing to pray or serve in the prayer ministry.
- Works with the entire church leadership to establish prayer as an ongoing, natural ministry in the church body.
- Assists with the development of a prayer chain.
- Develops an information network to keep everyone informed of prayer concerns.
- Make contacts by phone, letters/cards, electronic means to inform ones who are being prayed for.
- Creates and maintains a prayer list that can be distributed within the church.
- Helps plan and organize special prayer events in the church..