



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

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USBC News

HAPPY MOTHER’S DAY!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Do you know what occurred on May 8, 1914? It was on this day that the U.S. Congress passed a law designating the *second Sunday in May* as **Mother’s Day** and the proclamation was signed by President Woodrow Wilson. Although **Mother’s Day** is a special day to recognize our mothers, for some, it can be a sad day. Let me take a moment to explain.

For some women, **Mother’s Day** is not a joyous occasion. Some women, for various reasons, are and were not able to have children. Therefore, this celebratory day can be a day of loneliness. There are other women, who have given birth to children, but death has taken them away. **Mother’s Day** can be a vivid reminder of this heartache.

Let me assure you, I am in favor of honoring our all of our mothers on **Mother’s Day**. I feel that it is important that we remember and honor the mothers who have given so much to help birth, raise, and nourish our children. Without compassionate and dedicated mothers, our families, our societies, and our world would be in an awful mess. However, I feel that it is equally important to honor all women on **Mother’s Day**. This would also include all of our mothers that are no longer with us.

In Proverbs chapter 31, the Bible shares with us the true value of women. It tells us that women are more valuable than rubies, enhances her husband, diligently works to strengthen the family, assists the needy, one of noble character, and her family calls her blessed. In the last two verses of Proverbs 31:30-31, it says, “*Charm is deceptive, and beauty is fleeting; but a woman who fears the Lord is to be praised. Honor her for all that her hands have done, and let her works bring her praise at the city gate.*”

Therefore, on May 14th, **USBC** will honor all mothers and women with a special carnation. The tradition of giving carnations dates back to 1908. In 1908, a lovely lady by the name of Anna Jarvis delivered 500 carnations to a special church service to celebrate the lives of all mothers. She chose the carnation because the carnation was her mother’s favorite flower.



DIVE DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

By Dennis Felder



On May 21st at 1 pm, I will be leading our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. The topic is entitled, “*Are Biblical Laws Still Relevant Today?*” We will take a close look at

Old Testament and New Testament laws that are found in the Bible. As we do this examination, we will ask ourselves a very important question. Why don’t we today, uphold the laws that are portrayed in Scripture? Do we have a right to excluded certain laws and add additional laws that are not contained in Scripture? Therefore, I want to invite you to join us for this intriguing study.

FLOWER GARDEN



On May 7th, the youth will be gathering after church to plant a flower garden near the front entrance of the church. So be ready to see the beauty of

God’s creation and to extend your appreciation to our youth for taking on such a worthy cause.

SERMONS

May 7, 2017

Sermon Title: “*The Poison of the Tongue*”

Scripture: James 3:1-12

May 14, 2017

Sermon Title: “*Decisions of a Mother*”

Scripture: Exodus 2:1-4

May 21, 2017

Sermon Title: “*The Promise that Changed the World*”

Scripture: Genesis 17:1-8

May 28, 2017

Sermon Title: “*Life’s Battles*”

CHURCH WORK DAY



On May 6th, we need your participation and muscle. At 9 am, we will gather at **USBC** to do our annual spring cleaning. Over the years, we have collected and gather 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 May 6th at 9 am.

THAT’S GREEK TO ME!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



As we approach Mother’s Day, I did a word study on the Greek word for **mother**. The Greek word for mother is **métér/μήτηρ**. In English, it is pronounced, **may’-tare**. This Greek word or a form of this Greek word, **métér**, occurs 83 times in the New Testament.

The first appearance of the word **métér** appears in Matthew 1:18 which reads, “*This is how the birth of Jesus the Messiah came about: His mother (métér/μήτηρ) Mary was pledged to be married to Joseph, but before they came together, she was found to be pregnant through the Holy Spirit.*”

God saw Mary, as “*highly favored*” and therefore, was the young woman that God chose to give birth to the Savior of the world. To be “*highly favored*”, means to be “*full of grace.*” Through my experience and observation, so many mothers are “*full of grace*” because of the unending love and sacrifice they have given to their families and children.

One last note. The next time you see your mother, call her **may’-tare**. This may confuse her at first, but then it will be a wonderful lead-in to thank her for her graciousness. **Thank you, mothers!**

GREETINGS FROM TN

By Larry Harris



Greetings from Tennessee! Mary and I wanted to say hello.

The move happened, ready or not. We still have boxes to deal with and a storm took down a tree at the house but the damage was limited thank goodness.

I have reported to my new work location. I'm in charge of a small office for my agency.

It seems meaningful that I first walked into Upper Seneca at Easter. As I write this, Easter is just days away. Jesus gloriously won the victory at the cross. The devil thought he had defeated Him but the empty tomb, its stone rolled away, is the most powerful testimony to God's will was done and we have a Savior.

I owe you so much. You allowed me to serve and by doing so I grew in faith. As I have shared before, I heard a pastor say faith is like a muscle, the more you use it the stronger it gets. I am eager for service. Thanks for giving me that desire.

We wish that we could all be together.

Paul in the scriptures stated that he suffered just about every hardship and deprivation you can think of. However, Paul said nothing between Heaven and hell could separate him from God. By extension those of us of who are Christians can never be separated from Him or from each other. We will see each other again.

I recently heard a song that said something about our next step may take us home, home being Heaven. Surely just as the tomb was not the end for the Christ, this earth is not our home. I hope that work will allow me to return for a visit. But if that doesn't happen, just look for me because I'll see you when I get HOME.

CHILDREN'S CHURCH NEEDS YOU

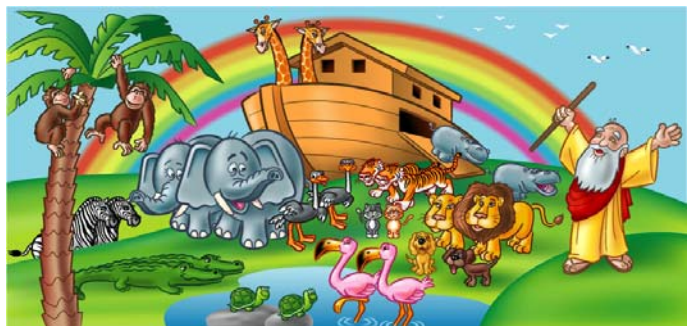
By Lana Felder



Our Children's Church ministry started a new curriculum in March. The curriculum is called *Noah's Park Children's Church*. Here is a short description of the material from [David Cook's website](#): "*Kids will love these 'adventure trails' that lead to a better understanding of Jesus. The Bible stories and puppets, music and prayer, snacks, crafts, and games all give kids a glimpse into God's love!*" This is another description from [Christianbook.com](#): "*A 60-minute adventure takes your kids through the Discovery Trails to learn about the Bible story, Worship Trails to sing praises, share and pray, Wildlife Trails for the fun and creative craft and games related to the Bible story, and Happy Trails to review the Bible story, memory verse and songs.*"

This curriculum comes in a kit which provides lessons, games, puppets, skits, music, and snack ideas for an entire year of Children's Church! It is very simple to use and teaches our children about God's love for them. It can be adapted for small or large groups as well and has lessons for both preschool and elementary aged children.

Our Children's Church is so important to the future of USBC. These children absorb God's word like a sponge and need teachers and helpers who are willing to invest in the future of our church. Those of us who have worked with these children can tell you what a great group of kids we are building!



BASEBALL FEVER



Batter up! We will have the opportunity to hear those exciting words on Sunday, May 28th. *USBC* will be going to watch the Frederick Keys take on the Buies Creek Astros at 6 pm. The ticket prices are as follows: *Youth* (3-12) - \$7; *Adult* - \$10; and *Seniors* - \$7.

In May, there will be sign-up sheet in the church's foyer if you are interested in attending.

VBS IS COMING!

By Lana Felder



Vacation Bible School will be here before we know it! This year it will be July 17th – 21st. This year's theme is **Galactic Starveyors!**

From Lifeway.com – “Turn your kids into Galactic Starveyors! As kids focus their telescopes on the marvels painted in the sky by the Creator, they will discover the wonder among all wonders - that the God who created everything there is - the knowable and the unknowable, the visible and the invisible - wants a personal relationship with them! Invite your kids into the clubhouse and show them the God who is over the moon in love with them.”

In order to make this wonderful experience available for the children in our community, we need LOTS of help! Help is needed for teaching, assistants, crafts, snacks, recreation, music, registration, and more! If you are available to help, please see Donna Limparis.

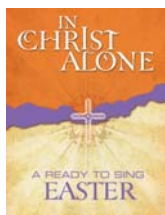
Begin praying now for the teachers and every volunteer. Also, pray for the children that come to be open to the message of God's love and salvation.



Scan this QR code which points to our Church's Main Web Page (<http://www.USBChurch.org>)

PALM SUNDAY MUSICAL

By Lana Felder



On Palm Sunday, the choir presented an Easter musical entitled “*In Christ Alone*.” Led by Priscilla Knicley, the 30-minute musical told the story of Christ's entry into Jerusalem, the Last Supper, the crucifixion, and the resurrection of our Lord and Savior.

The choir did an excellent job sharing the gospel message through song. Thank you to all who led, sang, and narrated this beautiful musical!

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

Work Day – May 6th at 9 am at *USBC*

Youth Activity – May 7th at 1 pm at *USBC*

Church Council – May 8th at 7 pm



Super Senior Luncheon – May 9th at 12 pm – **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD

Dive Deeper Bible Study – May 21st at 1pm at the church and lunch will be served for all participants. (Topic: “*Are Biblical Laws Still Relevant Today?*”).

CHILDREN & YOUTH EASTER PARTY

By Lana Felder



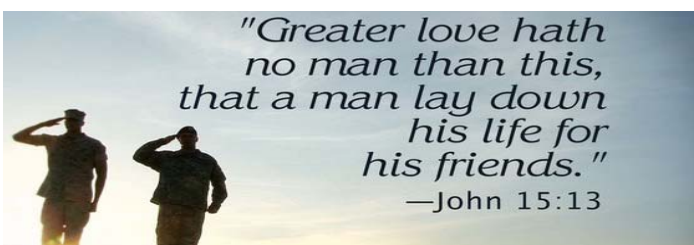
On Wednesday, April 12th, the children and youth of the church gathered for an Easter party. We had pizza, a story about the resurrection of Jesus, games (such as *pin the tail on the donkey* – since Jesus rode into Jerusalem on a donkey), and an egg hunt. The youth had a separate egg hunt with 4 gold eggs. Pastor Dennis tracked the youth with his drone flying over them! Then the youth hid the other eggs for the younger children. The kids had a great time learning about the true meaning of Easter and fellowshiping with one another. The youth each received a chocolate bunny and other prizes. The children each received a goody bag with a chocolate cross, jelly beans with the Jellybean Prayer, a variety of candy, and a bottle of bubbles. The bubbles were to symbolize that as a bubble rises in the air, we remember that Christ rose from the grave! Adele Stokes, Sandy Rogers, Beth Horvat, Brian Altman, Pastor Dennis and Lana Felder all worked together to make this a success for the kids. He is risen! He is risen indeed!

SUNRISE SERVICE

By Pastor Dennis Felder



It was a wonderful and blessed morning as we gathered together to witness the beautiful sunrise on Easter morning and to reflect upon the resurrection of Jesus Christ. The service was filled with powerful music and vivid testimony of the miracle of Christ conquering death. Following the inspirational service, we gathered in the Fellowship Hall and had a hearty breakfast.



*"Greater love hath
no man than this,
that a man lay down
his life for
his friends."
—John 15:13*

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE

By Lana Felder



On Good Friday, we had a special service that was very unique. A short but powerful play was presented which included 6 characters wearing a sign around their necks and sharing their burdens and sins in story form.

The narrator then described the scene as Jesus came and took each sin and burden sign off one by one and placed them around his own neck. Jesus then went to a wooden cross and hung the signs on the cross. The narrator continued as Jesus went and picked up a new sign for each character to replace the old one. As he hung them around each character's neck, he hugged them.

At the end, Jesus spoke and said *"I am the resurrection and the life. By my stripes, you are healed."* It was a very powerful depiction of the way Christ willingly took on our sins and burdens and replaces them with His love and goodness if we truly believe in Him.

At the conclusion of the play, each person in attendance was encouraged to write their name on a slip of paper and pin it to the cross. It was such a moving and special way to signify that we were giving ourselves to Christ and accepting His work on the cross.



*Super Seniors at the "Cracker Barrel"
last month.*



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
May 21, 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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