



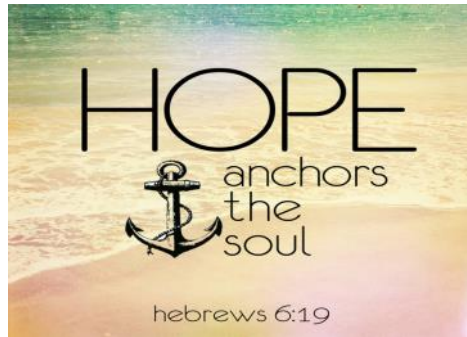
OUR MISSION: Impacting The Kingdom Of  
God One Person At A Time

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USBC News

## ANCHORS AWAY!

By Pastor Dennis Felder



It is hard to believe that during the month of April we were still battling with cold weather and even light snow. What even makes this weird weather stranger is that I need to mow the lawn! This winter has been completely unpredictable and very uncertain.

Our life can also experience strange patterns and events. One day the road of life seems to be easy with little drama.

However, the very next day our life can be rocked by turmoil and stress. No matter how cautiously we live our life, there are no guarantees that we will be without challenges and uncertainties. In other words, we cannot control our future. With this being said, one can still find peace and comfort when life can drastically change without notice.

We live in a volatile world that is constantly shifting and our lives are no different. We never know from one day to the next how our day will start or end. This uncertainty can bring about stress. However, a sense of calm can still be found with the right approach. In order to survive these shifts in life, we need to start with a secure anchor. Webster's dictionary defines an anchor as *something that serves to hold an object firmly*.

The word of God says in **Hebrews 6:19a**, "*We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure.*" When we walk across the shifting sands of life or encounter the turbulent storms of life, God has provided us with an **anchor of hope**. *Hope* means *to expect something beneficial in the future*. When we make Christ our anchor, we can be confident that when our life is rocked, we can weather the storm in the safety of our Savior.

So, the next time you feel that your life is being tossed about with uncertainty, use the anchor of hope: Jesus Christ!



## SEDER MEAL SERVICE

By Lana Felder



On Friday, March 30<sup>th</sup> USBC had a wonderful *Seder Meal Service*. We had approximately 30 people – young and old – who came to learn about the Passover Seder and how it connects to Easter. The service was led by Brian Altman who used both his Jewish heritage and his Christian faith to explain each part of the meal. It was an interactive service that took us on a journey as to the importance of the Exodus Passover.

During the meal, we were encouraged to ask questions and to comment on each part of the meal. Many people were also given a scripture to read at an appropriate time during the dinner. We were also introduced to some kosher foods that are available during the time of Passover including cereal, candies, a special formula of Coca Cola (not made with corn syrup) and other items. It was amazing to hear the connection made between the Jewish Passover and the Passover Lamb, Jesus Christ.

## PRAYER WALK

By Lana Felder



On April 22<sup>nd</sup>, USBC had a *Prayer Walk* at 1 pm. We met at Burger King in Damascus first to fuel our bodies and then were given an area to walk and pray.

11 people participated in this wonderful event. We walked the Safeway and Weis shopping centers as well as by the high school and downtown Damascus. As we went, we prayed for anyone we saw and prayed for the businesses we passed. We prayed for the children at the school and the people in the homes we passed. We also dropped “*Share Packets*” along the way so that people could pick them up as they passed by and receive the gospel message as well as information about our church.



We were unobtrusive in our walk – not approaching people or businesses. We were simply there to lift the people of Damascus up before the throne of God and to ask for God’s blessings upon them.

It was a wonderful experience for all of us. I hope that if you were unable to attend this time, you will be ready for the next one. You will truly be blessed!



## VBS IS COMING

By Lana Felder



Our *Vacation Bible School* will be here before we know it! This year it will be July 9<sup>th</sup> – 13<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is **Game On!**

From [Lifeway.com](http://Lifeway.com) –

*“LifeWay's 2018 VBS invites your kids to grab their megaphones, lace up their cleats, and tune up their instruments. As they fill up the offensive line, sideline, and drum line, your players, cheerleaders, and band members will realize God has given them His ultimate playbook. He wants them to join His team, train hard, celebrate salvation, and encourage one another. Get in the spirit today with **Game On VBS**.*

**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*

**Motto** - *Gear up! Get Ready! Game on!”*

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.

## SUPER SENIORS

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On Tuesday, April 10<sup>th</sup>, the **USBC Super Seniors** met at the Golden Corral in Frederick for their monthly luncheon. It

was delicious food and it was great to spend time with each other. The next luncheon will be on May 8<sup>th</sup> at the Cracker Barrel in Frederick at 12 noon. Please come and join us!

## EASTER COMMUNION

By Lana Felder



On April 1<sup>st</sup>, **USBC** had communion in a very different and intimate way. Instead of having the Lord's Supper as a congregational event, we had the opportunity to partake of communion in a personal and private time of reflection.

From 9:30 am -1:00 pm, communion was set up in the Adult Sunday School classroom. Communion was also available after the worship service for those who were not able to take communion earlier.

The room was set up with dim lighting, rows of chairs, a communion table and a quiet environment with subtle background music playing. A Reflection Guide with verses and prayers was provided to help make the most of the communion experience.

Some went in with family or friends to celebrate the Lord's Supper. Others went in alone to commune with God. All who participated were blessed by this time of communion and reflection.

## HIGH ATTENDANCE AND POTLUCK DINNER

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On June 10<sup>th</sup>, come join us for our **High Attendance Sunday and Potluck Dinner**. Before the summer gets into full swing, let us come together for an exciting time of

worship and delicious food afterwards. To make this a special Sunday of worship, we encourage you to be in attendance and invite your family, friends, and neighbors to join us. Our goal is to have 100 people in attendance.

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Next Newsletter Deadline  
May 20, 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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## PIZZA WITH THE PASTOR

By Pastor Dennis Felder



It is that time again to have *Pizza with the Pastor*. On Sunday, May 20<sup>th</sup>, following our Sunday morning worship, we will meet at Ledo Pizza in Damascus for some good food, fun, and fellowship. If you are planning on attending, please sign up so that we can give an accurate count to Ledo Pizza.

Like before, each person or family will be responsible for their portion of the bill. See you there!

## SPRING BIBLE STUDY

By Pastor Dennis Felder



From May 27-30<sup>th</sup>, USBC will be having our *Spring Bible Study*. The study is entitled, “*Complacency Exposed: A Study of the Book of Malachi*.” This informative study will be led by Pastor Gayle Clifton. Study material will be provided in advance to help familiarize yourself with the studies content. Although this Bible study consists of 4 days, it is not required that you have to commit to all four days to participate. Please attend as your schedule permits.

### Schedule:

- *Sunday*, May 27<sup>th</sup> from 1-3 pm  
(lunch will be provided)
- *Monday*, May 28<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm
- *Tuesday*, May 29<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm
- *Wednesday*, May 30<sup>th</sup> from 6:30-8:30 pm

## EASTER OFFERING

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Praise the Lord! USBC collected \$889 for our *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering*. 100% of this offering supports our local missionaries as they carry out the Great Commission.

## DEVOTION WITH DONUTS

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On May 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 pm, I invite you to join me for our second *Devotion with Donuts*. Our

*Devotion with Donuts* will take place at our community Dunkin Donuts in Damascus. During this time, we will have a short Bible devotion and prayer while we enjoy our tasty donuts. Also, this time will allow USBC to engage with our community in a positive manner.

## BASEBALL FEVER

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Batter up! We will have the opportunity to hear those exciting words on Saturday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>. USBC will be going to watch the Frederick Keys take on the Lynchburg Hillcats at 6 pm. Following the baseball game, there will be fireworks show. The ticket prices are as follows: *Youth* (3-17) - \$7, *Adult* - \$10, and *Seniors* - \$7.

There is a sign-up sheet in the church's foyer if you are interested in attending.

## SERMON SCHEDULE

By Pastor Dennis Felder

### May 6, 2018

**Sermon Title:** “*A Dress Rehearsal for Calvary*”

**Scripture:** Genesis 22:1-14

### May 13, 2018

**Sermon Title:** “*The Ingredients of a Godly Mother*”

**Scripture:** Proverbs 31:26-31

### May 20, 2018

**Sermon Title:** “*The Trappings of Materialism*”

**Scripture:** James 5:1-6

### May 27, 2018

**Sermon Title:** “*Following Jesus*”

**Scripture:** John 21:18-21





On April 14<sup>th</sup>, USBC held its first *Focus Meeting* in 2018. The purpose of the *Focus Meeting* was to give me an opportunity to share with you about God's clear direction for the church. It was exciting to see the enthusiasm of the ones in attendance as we talked about the wonderful ministry opportunities that we have. Please view the section entitled, "*Vision Casting for 2018*" to get a comprehensive idea of how we will strengthen the church and reach our community for Christ.

If you missed the first *Focus Meeting*, don't worry because other such meetings will be planned in the near future. *By Pastor Dennis Felder*

## VISION CASTING FOR 2018

### May 2018

- May 6, 2018 (Sun.) @ 1 pm – Share 101 (Treasure from Heaven)
- May 8, 2018 (Tues.) @ 12 pm – Super Seniors Luncheon
- May 20, 2018 (Sun.) @ 1 pm – Pizza with the Pastor
- May 25, 2018 (Fri.) @ 7 pm – Devotion with Donuts (Dunkin Donuts)
- May 27-30, 2018 (Sun. – Weds.) – Spring Bible Study

### June 2018

- June 2, 2018 (Sat.) @ 6 pm – Baseball Game (Frederick Keys)
- June 3, 2018 (Sun.) @ 1 pm – Share 102 (Treasure from Heaven)
- June 10, 2018 (Sun.) @ 11 am – High Attendance Sunday
- June 10, 2018 (Sun.) @ 12:30 pm – Potluck Dinner
- June 12, 2018 (Tues.) @ 12 pm – Super Seniors Luncheon
- June 19-21, 2018 (Tues. – Thurs.) @ 11 am – Summer Bible Study
- June 24, 2018 (Sun.) @ 1 pm – Dive Deeper Bible Study
- June 29, 2018 (Fri.) @ 7 pm – Devotion with Donuts (Dunkin Donuts)

### July 2018

- July 3, 2018 (Tues.) @ 6:30 pm – Cookout and Game Night
- July 9-13, 2018 (Mon. – Fri.) @ 6:30 pm – Vacation Bible School
- July 13, 2018 (Fri.) @ 6 pm – Damascus Days
- July 28, 2018 (Sat.) @ 10 am – Christmas in July

### August 2018

- August 5, 2018 (Sun.) @ 11 am – Mission's Sunday (flags from all countries)
- August 5, 2018 (Sun.) @ 1 pm – Share 103 (Treasure from Heaven)
- August 25, 2018 (Sat.) – Children's & Youth Back to School Party
- TBD – Mission project within the community.

### September 2018

- September 7-9, 2018 (Fri. – Sun.) @ 10 am – Damascus Community Fair
- September 11, 2018 (Tues.) @ 12 pm – Super Seniors Luncheon
- September 15, 2018 (Sat.) @ 4 pm – 50's Banquet
- September 30, 2018 (Sun.) @ 1 pm – Dive Deeper Bible Study

### October 2018

- October 7-10, 2018 (Sun. – Weds.) – Fall Bible Study
- October 9, 2018 (Tues.) @ 12 pm – Super Seniors Luncheon
- October 20, 2018 (Sat.) @ 10 am – Pumpkin Patch
- October 21, 2018 (Sun.) @ 1 pm – Dive Deeper Bible Study
- October 27, 2018 (Sat.) @ 5 pm – Harvest Festival