



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

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CAN YOU HEAR ME NOW?

By Pastor Dennis Felder



In 2001, Verizon Mobile came out with a commercial that shed light on a genuine technological issue that nearly everyone faced with their mobile phone service – BAD RECEPTION. To highlight this problem, they coined a phrase, “*Can you hear me now?*” 17 years later, it is not uncommon to hear someone say, “*Can you hear me now?*” as they struggle with poor phone service.

As I thought about this, I wondered how often God says this to us: “*Can you hear ME now?*” The issue has nothing to do with God’s connection, but ours. The world that we live in and the lives that we live can often lead to a bad connection. Yes, we may have a desire to hear from the Lord, but we have the responsibility to properly maintain the lines of communication. When we neglect this responsibility, we miss out on hearing the voice of God. I too have been guilty of creating poor reception.

As I ponder this deeper, I wonder what messages I have missed that the Lord wanted me to hear? It is heartbreaking to realize that I have created such interference. I can only image the important words of my heavenly Father that went unheard because of my neglect. The Scripture is a stark reminder of this behavior (**Psalm 38:14a** – *I have become like one who does not hear, ...*). Who knows, my life may be very different right now if I had kept open a clear line of communication with my Savior.

However, the saving grace to this bad reception is that I can still repair these broken lines of communication. God still wants me to hear His words of urgency, His words of warning, His words of encouragement, and His words of love. He has no desire to disconnect the line. In **John 10:27** it says, “*My sheep listen to my voice; I know them, and they follow me.*” You see, God wants us to hear His voice so that we will follow the path He has laid out for us.

So, the next time God utters the words, “*Can you hear ME now?*” you can emphatically say, “*Yes! I can hear you loud and clear!*”

213th HOMECOMING CELEBRATION

By Pastor Dennis Felder



USBC will be celebrating its 213th anniversary this year. In recognition of this milestone, USBC will be having a very special celebration service on October 14th. Following a very inspirational service, we will gather in the Fellowship Hall for a delicious Potluck Dinner. Also, there is an opportunity for you to

bring a covered dish or a dessert. You can use the designated slips in the bulletin to sign-up. Please invite your family and friends to join us for this very special and rememberable celebration.

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SPIRITUAL INVENTORY

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Through the month of October, I am challenging every member of our church family to complete a *Spiritual Inventory*. The *Spiritual Inventory* is available for pickup at the

church or you can print it from the church's website. If you need help in completing the *Spiritual Inventory*, please let me know. The desire is to make this important task easy, rewarding, and beneficial to yourself and the kingdom of God.

FOREVER YOUNG

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Our last *Forever Young Luncheon* was thrown a curveball. 16 hungry souls showed at the IHOP in Mt. Airy last month to discover that it was closed for remodeling. However, a setback like that cannot stop a hungry group of Baptists. As fast as our legs could carry us, we jumped in our cars and headed to Ledo Pizza and filled our stomachs with delicious food and warmed our hearts with great fellowship.

So, we will try it again. Our next *Forever Young Luncheon* will take place on October 9th at the IHOP in Mt. Airy at 12 p.m. See you then!

DAMASCUS FESTIVAL

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On October 20th, USBC will be participating in the *Damascus Harvest Festival*. Very similar to the Damascus Community Fair, we will have our own designated spot to

converse with people about our church and give out freebies. The *Damascus Harvest Festival* will be from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. It will be held at the Damascus Fire Department Activities Center located at 10211 Lewis Drive, Damascus, Maryland. This is the same place where we had our table for the Damascus Community Fair.

Below is a description of the activities that will be provided at the *Damascus Harvest Festival*.

The 2018 Damascus Festival will have activities galore!

Did we mention they are all FREE?!

WFRE 99.9 Free Country Broadcasting LIVE from the event, a Pumpkin Patch (one free per child; while supplies last), Pumpkin Painting, Petting Zoo, Pony Rides, a Reptile Show, Fall Crafts, Fall Games, Face Painting, Moon Bounce, Photo Booth, Live Performances, DJ inside, Silent Auction, Flea Market, Meet Local Businesses, Nonprofits, and Organizations, Demonstrations, and Multiple Giveaways every hour!

If you would like to help with our booth, there will be a sign-up sheet in our church lobby. This will be a great opportunity for us to reach our community for Christ.



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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
October 21, 2018

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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USBC HARVEST FESTIVAL

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LET'S GO ON A HAYRIDE



On Saturday, October 20th at 6 p.m., USBC would like to invite you to attend our *Harvest Festival* that will be hosted at Richard and Mary Doody's house. We will join each other's company around the campfire, roast hot dogs,

make s'mores, play games, and enjoy an adventurous hayride. This event is for all ages, but we ask that you bring your own chair so that you can warm yourself around the cozy campfire. All food will be provided by the church. If you are planning on attending, please sign up at church. The Doody's address is 11304 Mountain View Road, Damascus, MD 20872.

If it is raining on the evening of Oct. 20th, the Harvest Festival will take place at the church.

MBA 2018 REVIVAL

By Pastor Dennis Felder



The Montgomery Baptist Association 2018 Annual Fall Revival will be held October 14th - 17th, 7:30 - 9:00 p.m., at Colesville Baptist Church in Silver Spring.

Therefore God exalted him to the highest place and gave him the name that is above every name, that at the name of Jesus every knee should bow, in heaven and on earth and under the earth, and every tongue acknowledge that Jesus Christ is Lord, to the glory of God the Father. Phil. 2:9-11

DIVE DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On October 21st, you are invited to attend our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*. The title of our discussion is "We Three

Kings". During our study time, we will discuss the first three kings that shaped the new nation of Israel (Saul, David, and Solomon). These three men came to power under different circumstances, each one ruled with differing values and morals, and each one had their own issues and flaws. During our *Dive Deeper Bible Study*, we will closely examine how God used these three powerful political figures to accomplish His purpose for His people.

DAMASCUS COMMUNITY FAIR

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On September 7th, 8th, and 9th, USBC set up a booth at the *Damascus Community Fair*. Our booth was staffed by many church members throughout the

weekend. We had a table with baskets of toys, tracts, New Testaments, and other material for fair goers to pick up free of charge. We also added this year a Lego block table that was a big hit for the kids. However, the biggest draw to our booth was a massive Connect-4 game that was 4-feet-wide and 4-feet-tall. Both kids and adults could not resist the opportunity to challenge their friends and family to a game on this large Connect-4 board.

On Sunday the 9th, we had to call an audible. Originally, we had planned to hold our music service at the fairgrounds, but the weather was too severe. After quick rearranging, we all met back at the church to hold a very uplifting music service. It will be a special Sunday that we will always remember.

50'S BANQUET

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On Saturday, September 22nd, USBC held our *Adult 50's Banquet*. The Fellowship Hall was decorated with the 50's theme era, hamburgers, hot dogs, and french fries were served. And to top it off, we had our very own soda fountain bar where creamy ice cream floats were served for dessert.

Throughout the evening we had a bubble gum blowing contest, best costume contest, give-aways, and a wonderful time singing Karaoke with songs from the 50's. The evening was festive as many came dressed with clothing from the 50's, with contagious laughter, wonderful fellowship, and great food. Even Elvis made a surprise appearance!

We also provided babysitters and activities for the children so that they could have their own special time. Afterwards, the children came downstairs for ice cream floats as well.

Keep your eyes on the newsletter and on the bulletin for more events in the future. You will not want to miss out on the opportunity to fellowship and get to know others in a fun atmosphere!



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HOME BIBLE STUDY

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On September 15th, we held our first *In Home Bible Study* at the Pastor's House. We had 13 adults in attendance. For our first study, we talked about Biblical hospitality and how that hospitality can be displayed and experienced in our homes for today. We ended our study with some delicious snacks that were enjoyed by all. In the near future, we plan to have more *In Home Bible Studies*.

APRECIATION SERVICE

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On October 28th, USBC is planning a very special *Appreciation Service*. During our 11 a.m. worship service, our time will be devoted to recognizing the amazing service and dedication of our church family. Not only will we express our gratitude, there will be a **BIG REVEAL** on that Sunday. Stay tuned!

CHOIR IS BACK

By Pastor Dennis Felder



The *Choir* is back in session and is ready to recruit you. This year the *Choir* is planning for an exciting new adventure as they bring music that will encourage you, speak to your heart, and praise the Lord. Also, they are already preparing and practicing for our Christmas musical. If you are interested in joining the *Choir*, please speak with Priscilla Knicley.