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

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USBC NEWS

*Every Day
Is
Valentine's*

Valentine's Day is traditionally a day to celebrate love and affection. It is a day when people express their feelings for their loved ones through cards, gifts, and special gestures. However, as Christians, we are called to love one another every day, not just on February 14th. The Bible teaches us how to make Valentine's Day a part of our everyday lives.

Love one another as Christ loved us. In John 13:34-35, Jesus commands us to love one another as He has loved us. This means putting the needs and well-being of others before our own, just as Christ did for us on the cross. By showing love and compassion to those around us every day, we can make Valentine's Day a constant reality.

Practice forgiveness and grace. In Colossians 3:13, we are urged to bear with one another and forgive one another if any of us has a grievance against someone. Just as God has forgiven us through the sacrifice of Jesus, we are called to extend the same grace to those who wrong us. By practicing forgiveness and extending grace to others, we can cultivate a spirit of love and reconciliation in our relationships.

Serve one another in love. Galatians 5:13 tells us that through love, we are to serve one another. Serving others selflessly is a tangible way to demonstrate love and care for them. By looking for ways to serve and help those around us, we can show Christ's love in action and make every day a Valentine's Day.

Encourage and build each other up. 1 Thessalonians 5:11 encourages us to encourage one another and build each other up. By offering words of affirmation, support, and encouragement to those around us, we can spread love and positivity in our relationships. Making an effort to uplift others can make every day feel like a celebration of love.

Valentine's Day is a wonderful opportunity to express love and appreciation for our loved ones, but as Christians, we are called to make love a central part of our daily lives. By following the teachings of the Bible and embodying the love of Christ in our actions, we can make every day a Valentine's Day filled with love, kindness, and compassion.

Happy Valentine's Day!



*When Satan's fiery darts are thrown,
God will rescue me.
When I feel I'm all alone,
God will rescue me.*

*When trouble come from every side,
When waves are pounding like the tide,
In His love I will abide.
I know He'll rescue me.*

*God will rescue me,
God will rescue me.
I trust Him 'cause He loves me so.
God will rescue me.*

*When my days grow dark and cold,
God will rescue me.
When I'm weak and can't hold on,
God will rescue me.*

*Though troubles come from every side,
And waves are pounding like the tide,
In His love I will abide.
I know He'll rescue me.*

*God will rescue me,
God will rescue me.
I trust Him 'cause He loves me so.
God will rescue me.*

Forsaken by those close to me,

*God will rescue me.
When no end in sight I see,
God will rescue me.*

*Though life brings challenges each day,
Though sometimes I might lose my way,
My heart and soul will always say,
God will rescue me.*

*God will rescue me,
God will rescue me.
I trust Him 'cause He loves me so.
God will rescue me.*



On March 16th, immediately following our worship service, we will gather in the church's foyer for a virtual baby shower for Yve and Carlos Navarrete. Yve and Carlos will open their gifts for Esther, whose due date is April 11th. The church will be providing a listed of needed baby items. In addition, the church will have a money tree so that you can make a financial gift. More details to come.



Communion

On Sunday, February 9th I ask that you prepare your heart as we celebrate communion during our Sunday morning worship. Let this be a special time of self-reflection and change as you recall the great sacrifice that Christ made for you. He gave His all so that you could experience the true meaning of life.

The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, February 11th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



During the month of February, the church will be collecting items to place in the **Blessing Bags** ("Blessing Bags" are bags that contain personal necessities, toiletries, food, and some extras that you can hand out when you come across an individual dealing with poverty.) There will be a list in the church's foyer of the items that will need to be collected. In March, we will distribute the **Blessing Bags**.

FEBRUARY SERMONS

Pastor Dennis Felder

In February, I will be starting a new sermon series entitled, “*Love Reigns*”. It **WAS** the love of God that brought Jesus to offer Himself as a sacrifice. It **IS** the love of God that continually offers us new life through Christ.

Feb. 2nd

Sermon Title: “*The Power of Prayer*”

Scripture: James 5:13-18

Synopsis: When one is unhappy; pray! When one is joyful; pray! When one is sick; pray! When one has sinned; pray! Why all the prayer? Because prayer has the power to turn one’s life around.

Feb. 9th

Sermon Title: “*Love Reigns Over Our Past*”

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 5:17-21

Synopsis: All of our past mistakes, sins, and miscues have been covered by the blood of Jesus. Our past no longer has the last word and final say over our lives. We have been given a fresh start.

Feb. 16th

Sermon Title: “*Love Reigns Over Our Present*”

Scripture: Romans 12:1-2

Synopsis: We are to be living sacrifices that no longer conform to the patterns of the world. The world around us is deceptive, selfish, angry, and foolish. These cannot be the patterns we live by today. Rather, we must renew the way we think, and in doing so, we will discover God’s will for us in the present.

Feb. 23rd

Sermon Title: “*Love Reigns Over Our Future*”

Scripture: Matthew 6:25-34

Synopsis: Too many people are consumed with worry and anxiety about what tomorrow might hold. This fear can be paralyzing. As Christians we believe that our loving heavenly Father is always looking out for us.

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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

February 16, 2025

Weather Policy

If the church cancels or postpones any service or activity due to inclement weather or wintery conditions, a cancellation notice will appear on the church's Facebook page, church's website, through church email, and on the church's voice recorder. To access the church's voice recorder, please dial (301) 972-3686. The church will only post a cancellation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

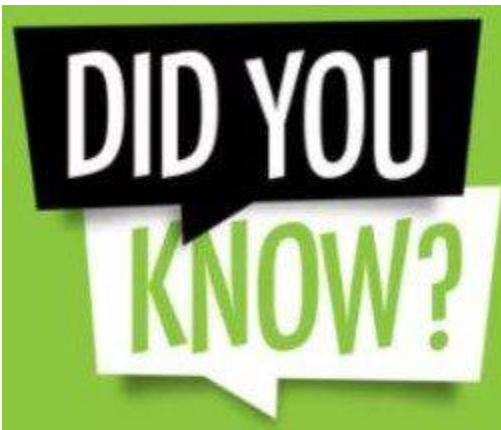
Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a birthday, we are always looking for information and new ideas!

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Facebook: www.facebook.com/usbchurch/



Every month, USBC will share with you how you can connect in the church. It is called, *In the Know!*

Facebook Live – You can watch our 11 a.m. Sunday morning Worship Service live on Facebook (Go to the church’s website (<http://www.usbchurch.org/>) and click on the Facebook icon or do a Google search for the church’s Facebook page.).

Children’s Church – USBC has *Children’s Church* during our Sunday morning worship service.

Sunday School – Every Sunday morning at 9:45 a.m.

After the Sermon Bible Study – Every Tuesday evening from 6-6:50 p.m.

Prayer Meeting – Every Tuesday evening from 7-7:30 p.m.

Thursday Night Women’s Bible Study – Every Thursday night from 6:30-9 p.m., the women gather at the church for their weekly Bible Study and prayer time. You can join either in person or by phone. Please contact the church for information on how to join.

Sunday Morning Worship Videos – If you are not able to attend Sunday morning worship in person or to watch the services live on Facebook, you can still watch all the Sunday morning worship services through the church’s website (<http://www.usbchurch.org/Sermons>).

Financial Giving – You can still give your tithe to the church by mailing it in or through the church’s secure, online giving option (<http://www.usbchurch.org/Online%20Giving>).

Church Council Meeting - Sunday, February 2nd.





Come join us on Saturday, February 15th at 5 p.m. for a fun *Valentine's Party*. Our meal will consist of Sloppy Joes and appetizers. Also, if you would like to bring a dessert to share, please do so.

Following our delicious food, we will have some fun activities. All ages are welcome, but we ask that you sign up so that we can plan accordingly. The sign up sheet will be located in the church's foyer on the magnetic board.

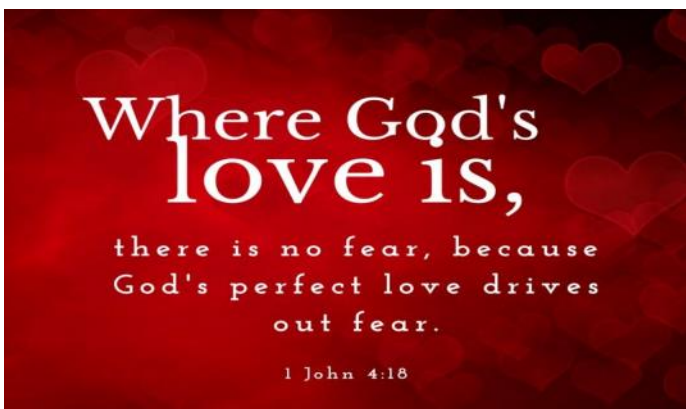


USBC would like to invite you to attend our *Sunday School* hour (from 9:45 a.m. to 10:45 a.m.). There is a *Sunday School* class for all ages (young children, teenagers, and adults). Do not miss out on these special Bible studies

to help you grow in your faith and understanding of God's word.



On behalf of my family and myself, I want to express a big **THANK YOU** to my wonderful and caring church family. The Christmas gift that you graciously gave was a true blessing. It is a joy being your Pastor - *Dennis*



Don't forget to mark your calendar for February 23rd for our next *Church Chat*. As usual, immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop for a 10-minute informal meeting. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and receiving vital input from our church family. *Church Chat* is a great way of keeping everyone informed about all the activities and church events that will be taking place.



On Sunday, February 23rd, our *Dive Deeper Bible Study* topic will be "*The Role of Women*". There has been a growing controversy within the church community regarding the roles and representation of women in the church. Some Christians believe that women should have equal opportunities for leadership and ministry positions, while others hold to a more traditional view on gender roles within the church.

During our study, we will address this topic by studying Scripture and history to help better understand the role of women in the church.

So, join us Sunday, February 23rd immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.



On January 26th, USBC adopted our *2025 Church Budget*. This budget is more than a financial document. It is a statement of faith. The affirmation of this budget is a wonderful testimony and witness of how we as God's family will support the financial needs of the church. Now we need to be faithful to the task.

PICK A SERMON FOR 2024 by Pastor Dennis

The DVR (Digital Video Recorder) is one of the greatest inventions. If you miss a TV show and it is recorded on the DVR, you can still watch it at a later date. Well, wouldn't it be great if you could do that with our church's Sunday morning worship services. Oh, you can! Every worship service at **Upper Seneca Baptist Church** is recorded and saved on the church's website so that you can view it at a later date.

Included in this Newsletter, is a montage of pictures featuring all the sermon titles that were shared in the year 2024. I want to encourage you to take a moment to view each sermon picture, each sermon title, and each Scripture. If there is a particular message that you are drawn to, will you please go to the church's website, where the sermon is stored, and watch it?

In this New Year, we will face many challenges and we will need the Word of God to help us navigate these uncertain times. The Bible teaches us in **Psalm 119:105**, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Let these messages, the Word of God, and the praise and worship contained in these life-changing recordings inspire you and encourage you.

Once God leads you to a specific sermon picture or pictures, then go to the church's website (www.usbchurch.org/Sermons) and view that particular service. When on the *Sermon – Audio/Video* page, you will see a column on the right-hand side entitled, "Title" that will correspond to the sermon title found on your selected picture. To play the video, you will then need to click on the sermon date, located in the far-left column and then the video will start playing. It is that easy.

So, please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to catchup on services that you have missed and at the same time, have your spirit lifted up. What a great way to start 2025.



Give Your Best

- Excellent
- Good
- Average
- Poor

Haggai 1:2-9, 2:3-4

ONE

Masterpiece

Ephesians 2:10

ONE

Greater Than the Sum of the Parts

1 Corinthians 12:12-31

Don't Make Me Turn This Sermon Around



ACTS 3:19

ONE

Fault Lines

Ephesians 4:1-6

WHAT A MESS!

VBS

The Freedom Judge



Matthew 7:1-5

The Gospel According to Duct Tape



Isaiah 41:10

A Walking Billboard




Ephesians 5:1-2

God Catches Tears



Psalms 34:15-18
Psalm 56:8-9

The Art of Resting



Mark 6:30-32

THE WOMAN AT THE WELL



John 4:6-15

Dealing with Discouragement - Part 1

Nehemiah 4:10-12

Dealing with Discouragement - Part 2

Nehemiah 4:13-20

Love & WAR

The Ultimate Battle

1 Corinthians 16:13-14

WHY IS CHANGE SO HARD?



Romans 12:1-2

WE ARE THE WORLD




Matthew 28:19

HOW TO KEEP YOUR COMPOSURE


Psalm 37:8

The Poison of the Tongue



James 3:1-12

Which Soil Am I In?



Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

Bloody Ankles




Acts 26:14-18

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God Smiled at Me



Genesis 6:9-22

For the Soul of America

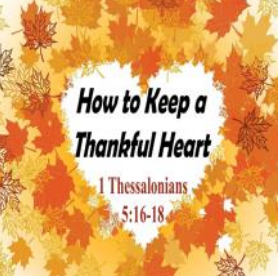


Proverbs 29:2

THANK YOU!

Philippians 1:3-4

How to Keep a Thankful Heart



1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Don't Be a Turkey



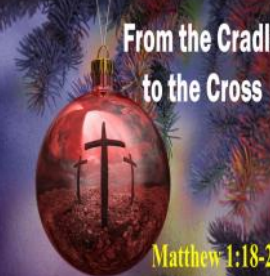
Romans 1:21-22

The First Christmas Ornament



Matthew 2:1-12

From the Cradle to the Cross




Matthew 1:18-21

The 'No Rehearsal Required' Christmas Program!



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Let's Go Caroling



The Gift that Keeps on Giving



Isaiah 9:6

Happy NEW YEAR

START THIS YEAR WITH JESUS

