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

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USBC NEWS



As Memorial Day approaches, we are reminded of the sacrifices made by countless men and women who have given their lives in service to our country. This day is a time to reflect on their courage, their selflessness, and their dedication to protecting the freedoms that we hold dear.

In the Bible, we are taught to honor and remember those who have fought for justice and righteousness. In Joshua 4:6-7, God commanded the Israelites to set up stones as a memorial of their miraculous crossing of the Jordan River, so that future generations would remember and give thanks for God's faithfulness. Likewise, we are called to remember the sacrifices of our fallen soldiers, to honor their memory, and to give thanks for the freedoms they have secured for us.

Memorial Day is not just a day off from work or a time for backyard barbecues—it is a sacred opportunity to remember and honor those who have given everything for our country. It is a time to pray for their families, to support our military veterans, and to reflect on the high cost of freedom.

As we gather with loved ones this Memorial Day, let us take a moment to pause and remember the brave men and women who have laid down their lives for our sake. Let us thank God for their service, their sacrifice, and their dedication to protecting our nation. And let us commit ourselves to honoring their memory by living lives of gratitude, humility, and service.

May God bless the families of our fallen soldiers, may He comfort them in their grief, and may He strengthen us all to honor their memory with hearts full of gratitude and love.

John 15:13 – *Greater love has no one than this: to lay down one's life for one's friends.*





Mother's Day is just around the corner (May 12th). To help celebrate our mothers and the women who have had a special influence in our lives, USBC will have a special **Mother's Day Service**. During the 11 a.m. service, the children will be giving beautiful flowers to all the women in attendance. It is our way to express our appreciation for your love and dedication.



USBC will be having regular meetings with both the **Ministry Teams** and **Church Leadership** on a regular basis. The purpose of these meetings is for planning, implementation, communicating, and coordinating events and activities for the church.

On Sunday, May 19th, the following **Ministry Teams** and **Church Leadership** will meet for about 15 minutes following the 11 a.m. worship service.

Children's Ministry/VBS, Young Adults Team, and Buildings & Grounds



On Sunday, May 26th, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be "**How Can a Loving God Allow Suffering in This World?**". Many ask themselves why would a "loving God" allow so much suffering in our world. This question can challenge one's faith, this question can lead others to question God's power, and this question can cause some to reject God's love. Within this important study, we will discover how God's love works in a fallen and broken world.

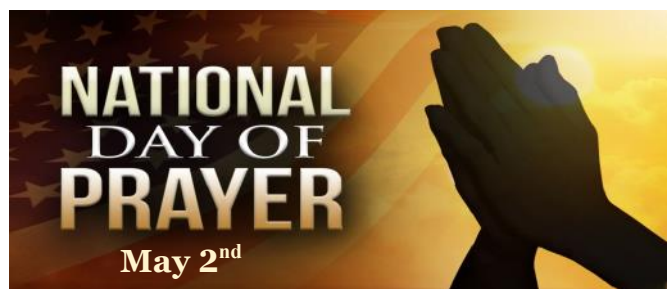
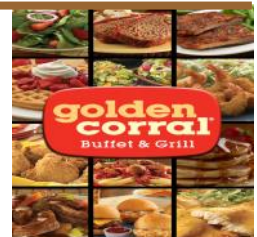


We have the winners. Before Kelly Schultze was born to Erin and Steven, the church had a fun contest to determine who could guess the date, the time, the weight, and the name of the baby. The winners are as follows: **Erin Schultze** (**NAME:** – Kelly), **Steven Schultze** (**DATE:** – March 26th), **Caleb Hendricks** (**TIME:** – guessed 8:35 p.m./actual 9:53 p.m.), **Nigel Hendricks** (**WEIGHT:** – guessed 7 lbs. 6 oz./actual 7 lbs. 7 oz.). Congratulations to all the winners.



On Sunday, May 26th 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, May 14th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.





At the **Men's Luncheon** on Monday, May 20th, 11 a.m., the men will gather at **LongHorn Steakhouse** for a delicious meal and great fellowship. This is a great opportunity to connect with other men in our congregation and grow in our faith together. We look forward to seeing you there! (Address: 20017 Century Blvd, Germantown, MD 20874)



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 Sunday, April 14th, Mary King hosted the **Home Bible Study** at her house. She was an excellent host by welcoming us with warm hospitality and a wonderful lunch. After our time of eating and fellowshiping together, Brian Altman led us in an engaging Bible Study from the book of Psalm and Acts.



USBC had a fantastic time of fellowship at the Hendricks home on April 21st. There was delicious food, heartfelt conversations, and plenty of laughter. The Hendricks family (Cecil, Gladys, Nigel, and Caleb) was very gracious to open their doors to welcome our church family in. What a wonderful blessing.



Join us on May 19th for a special **Music Sunday**. Bring your voices and your praises as we celebrate our Lord and Savior through song. Throughout the service, we will be featuring various musical performances and hymns for everyone to enjoy. So, don't miss this wonderful opportunity to lift your hearts in praise and worship through music.

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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
May 19, 2024

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.

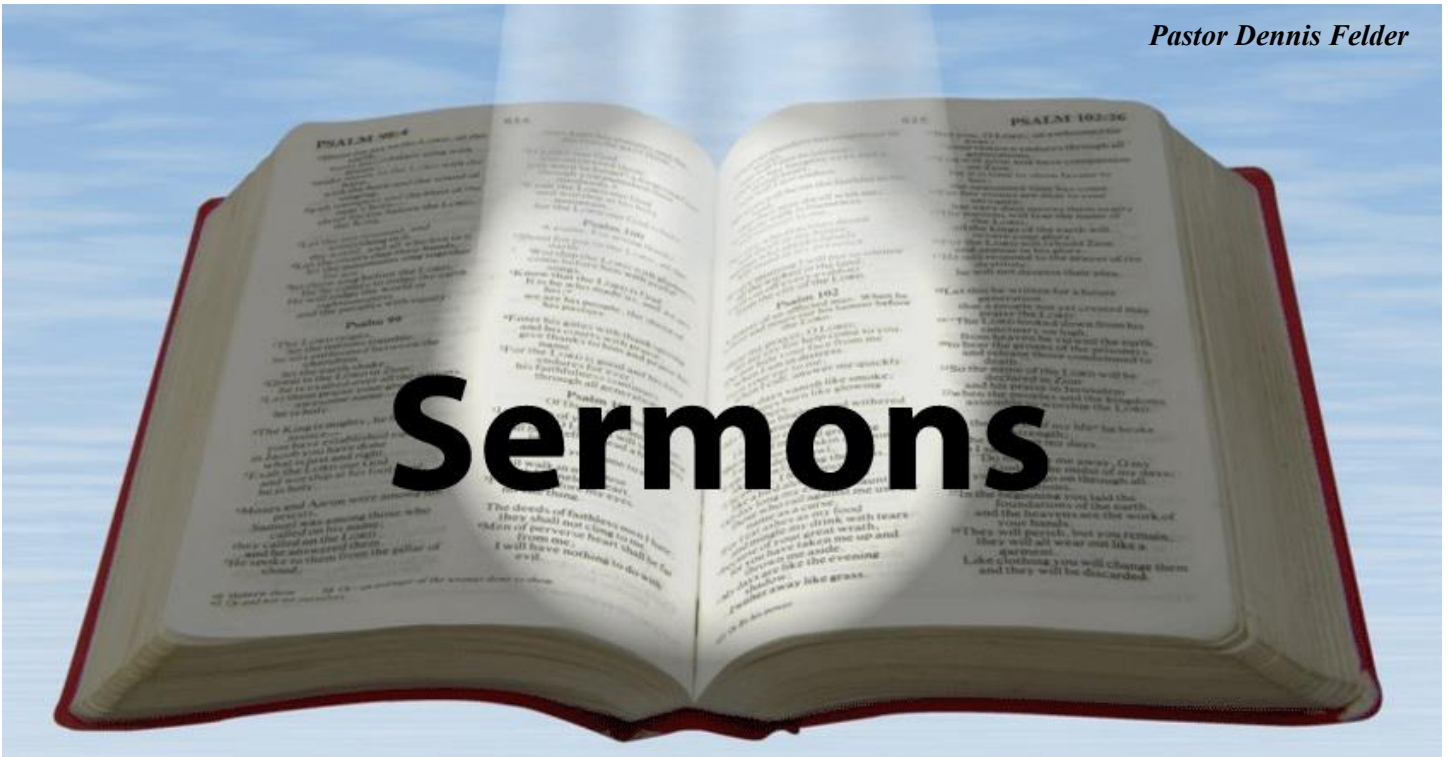
Also, if you have something to be included in the newsletter, an announcement, an article, a birthday, we are always looking for information and new ideas!

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In May, I will be sharing a variety of messages along with our Music Sunday. In this month, we will learn that although we have bad days, we still have a good God. During the month of May, we celebrate Mother's Day. The last message will deal with how God holds our life together when we feel as if we are falling apart.

May 5th

Sermon Title: *"A Good God on a Bad Day"*

Scripture: Lamentations 3:22-23

Synopsis: In the midst of life's trials and tribulations, it can be easy to lose sight of God's goodness. However, even on our worst days, we can trust in the unwavering goodness of God and find hope and comfort in His steadfast love.

May 12th

Sermon Title: *"Mom-umental Moments: A Comedy of Motherhood"*

Scripture: Proverbs 17:22

Synopsis: Motherhood is a journey filled with laughter, love, and unforgettable moments that can bring joy and comic relief to our lives. Humor can be a powerful tool in navigating the ups and downs in being a mom. By embracing laughter, it can bring about healing and renewal to our hearts and our homes.

May 19th

Special Worship Service: *"Music Sunday"*

Scripture: Psalm 95:1-2

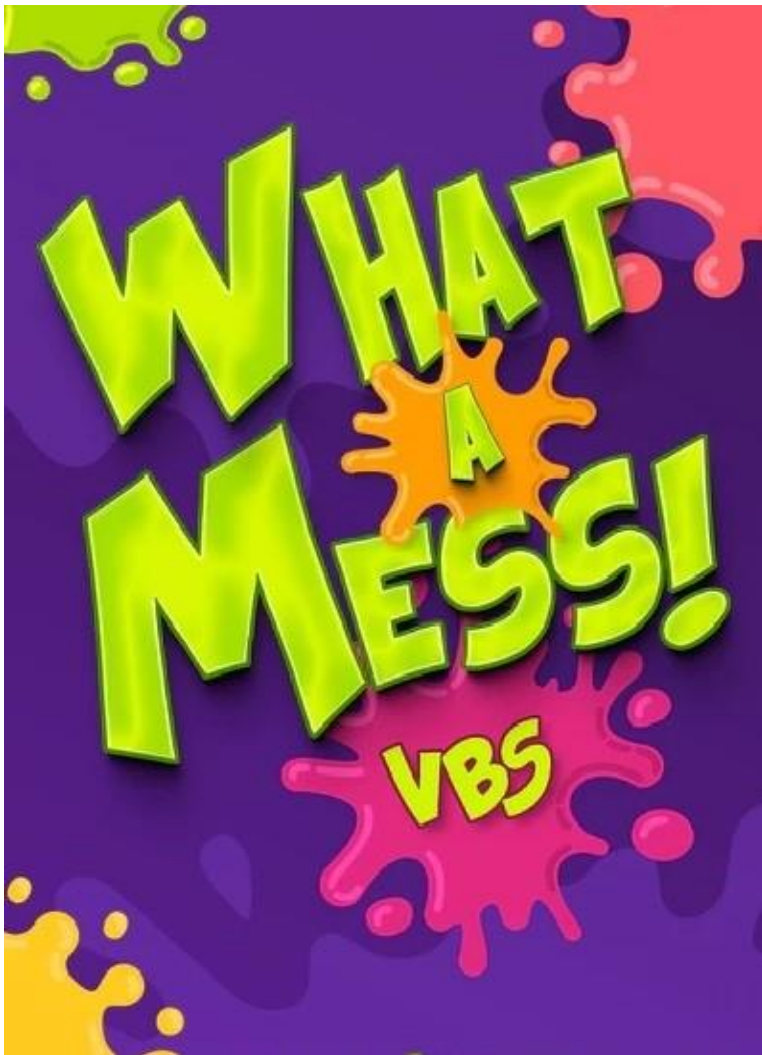
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May 26th

Sermon Title: *"The Gospel According to Duct Tape"*

Scripture: Isaiah 41:10

Synopsis: Just like duct tape can hold things together in our physical lives, God's presence and strength can hold us together when we feel like we're falling apart. God's unwavering faithfulness is the true adhesive that holds our lives together amidst life's challenges and uncertainties.



The good news is, Jesus loves messy people! Whether you're 5, 45, or 105, we all have our own messes. This year, our VBS theme is called **WHAT A MESS! WHAT A MESS!** is about how Jesus deals with our messes; our sins, mistakes, and weaknesses. Throughout VBS, we will look at the following questions:

- Why is the world such a messy place?
- How does Jesus respond to our messiest moments?
- How should we respond to our messes?
- What does Jesus do about our messes?
- What about other people's messes?

VBS (Dates & Times)

- June 28th (Friday) from 6-8 p.m.
- June 29th (Saturday) from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.
- June 30th (Sunday) from 10 a.m. to 11 a.m.
- Worship Service (11 a.m.) – Will highlight VBS.
- “What A Mess” celebration after the Worship Service.

VBS is for ages 3 years old to 6th grade. The youth (7th-12th grade) will be our helpers.

So, get ready to have lots of messy fun, messy snacks, messy games, messy crafts, and learn how Jesus can clean up our messy lives.

(If anyone would like to help with VBS, please sign up in the foyer.)

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>).

