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

**USBC NEWS**

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# 219<sup>th</sup> *Anniversary* **SERVICE** **October 20**

*Celebrate with us!*

*By Pastor Dennis Felder*



USBC will be celebrating its 219<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. In recognition of this milestone, USBC will be having a very special celebration service on October 20<sup>th</sup> during our 11 a.m. worship time. Following a very inspirational service, we will gather downstairs for delicious food and sweet desserts.

Please invite your friends and family to attend our special **219<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Service**. It will be a blessing for all when we join together to worship God on this special occasion.



The great boxing legend, Muhammed Ali, has been called “*the Greatest of all time.*” However, USBC now has its own great boxing legend, **Steven Schultze**. We all want to give Steven a big shoutout for his first boxing victory in an exhibition fight that took place on Sept. 20<sup>th</sup>. Congratulations Champ!

## 4 MISSION PROJECTS



In the fall and winter of 2024, USBC will focus on several *Mission Projects* that will impact the Kingdom of Christ both locally and around the world. Between now and the end of the year, you are invited to invest your time and resources by helping with four, very important *Mission Projects*.

- **Gabriel Project of Montgomery County** (Assist pregnant/young mothers with baby needs—Helping babies have a healthy, safe start in life...).
- **USBC Thanksgiving Food Drive** (October 27, 2024 thru November 17, 2024).
- **Samaritan’s Purse** (Operation Christmas Child delivers great joy and the Good News of Jesus Christ to children in need around the world through gift-filled shoeboxes. Each box packed full of quality toys, school supplies, and personal care items becomes a tangible expression of God’s immense love for the child. For many, it is their first gift ever! Delivered by our local church partners, shoebox gifts provide an opportunity to present the Gospel to boys and girls in a clear, child-friendly way. National Collection Week is November 18–25, 2024.).
- **Blessing Bags** (*Blessing Bags* are bags that contain necessities, toiletries, food, and some extras that you can keep with you to hand out when you come across an individual grappling with poverty. This is a concrete way to help when you feel the desire to do something, but don’t know what that looks like. These kits can help meet their immediate needs, as well as showing that they are seen and they are worthy.)

In the near future, you will be receiving additional information on these *Mission Projects* and how you can get involved.

## NEW MEMBER CARLA LEE



Attention all members! Please join us in welcoming our newest member to our church family, Carla Lee (Carlee). Carlee has been part of our USBC family for a couple of years. However, on Sept. 8<sup>th</sup>, Carlee officially

joined our church. Welcome her with open arms if you have not yet done so.





In October, I will be sharing a variety of sermons to help strengthen and to help encourage us as we face daily challenges in life.

**Oct. 6th**

**Sermon Title:** *“Which Soil Am I in?”*

**Scripture:** Matthew 13:1-9, 18-23

**Synopsis:** Jesus shared clearly in the parable of the soils that there is only one soil you want to be on. As Jesus followers, we want to be on the fruitful and good soil but honestly, we better identify with the thorns. We will look at how this isn't just a “next best” option for life, but rather that the two soils are the difference between death and life for you and generations to come.

**Oct. 13th**

**Sermon Title:** *“Bloody Ankles”*

**Scripture:** Acts 26:14-18

**Synopsis:** As a Christian it is easy to get off course. However, God has a way of getting our attention and putting us back on the right path. Symbolically, God used a goad to correct Paul's life. A goad is a sharp stick used to prod the animal in the right direction. If you kick hard enough against the goad, it can draw blood. Today, we also kick against the will of God and we have the scars to prove it.

**Oct. 20th**

**Special Service:** *“There's Joy in the House”*

**Scripture:** Psalm 122:1

**Synopsis:** There is a sense of joy and excitement that fills our hearts when we enter the house of the Lord. This joy is not just a fleeting emotion, but a deep and abiding sense of gratefulness and fulfillment that comes from being in God's presence.

**Oct. 27th**

**Sermon Title:** *“God Smiled at Me”*

**Scripture:** Genesis 6:9-22

**Synopsis:** God has emotions; He weeps, He laughs, and He smiles. He smiles because of us. The God of heaven and of earth, smiled at Noah because of his obedience and God will smile at us when we are obedient to Him.

## USBC NEWS

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

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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.

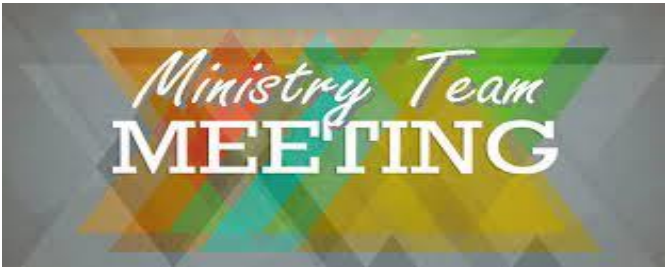
Next Newsletter Deadline  
October 20, 2024

**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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**Web Site: www.USBChurch.org**  
**Facebook: www.facebook.com/usbchurch/**



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

Below is a schedule of the **Ministry Teams** meeting dates. Each one will take place after the 11 a.m. worship service and will last for about 15 minutes.

**Kitchen & Fellowship Team – Oct. 6<sup>th</sup>**

(Topic of Discussion – *Harvest Festival & Anniversary Service*)

**Mission Team – Oct. 13<sup>th</sup>**

(Topic of Discussion – *Gabriel Project, Samaritan's Purse, Thanksgiving Food Drive, and Blessing Bags*)



On Sunday, October 13<sup>th</sup>, I ask that you prepare your heart as we celebrate communion during our Sunday morning worship service. 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.



On Sunday, September 15<sup>th</sup>, USBC was blessed during our Sunday morning Worship Service called "***We Are the World***". During this special **Mission Service**, several members within our own

church family, who are from different parts of the world (*Guatemala, Vietnam, Iran, El Salvador, Brazil, France, India, and Bahrain*), shared about their culture and gave their testimony. What a blessing and inspiration.

If you were not able to attend this special **Mission Service**, you can view it on the church's website.



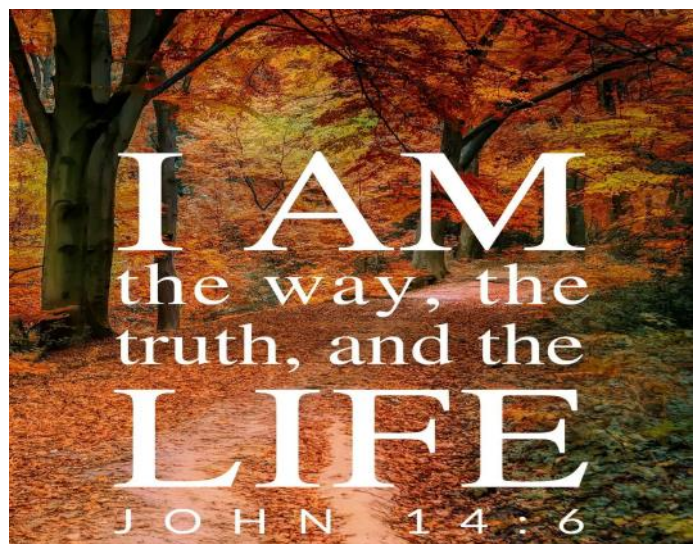
On Sept. 11<sup>th</sup>, USBC celebrated **Lacey Shifflet's 102 birthday**. As family and friends gathered at Citizens Care and Rehabilitation Center in Frederick, we sang "Happy Birthday", ate a delicious birthday cake, and enjoyed the company for a very special lady. It was a true blessing to love on Ms. Lacey on her special day.



USBC is in the process of creating a **new website** for the church. If you have any suggestions, as to what would improve the website or what would make it more engaging, please see Nigel Hendricks.



The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, October 8<sup>th</sup>, at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



## Church Chat

Don't forget to mark your calendar for October 27<sup>th</sup> 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, October 27<sup>th</sup>, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be the "**Shroud of Turin**". The "**Shroud of**

**Turin**" "is a length of linen cloth that bears a faint image of the front and back of a man. It has been venerated for centuries, especially by members of the Catholic Church, as the actual burial shroud used to wrap the body of Jesus of Nazareth after his crucifixion, and upon which Jesus' bodily image is miraculously imprinted." The question is, is it real or a hoax? During our **Dive Deeper Bible Study**, we will study the history and validity of the "**Shroud of Turin**".



On Sept. 14<sup>th</sup>, USBC had a fun-filled evening with our **Hot dog & Bible Trivia** night. Not only were our tummies filled with hot dogs, but our hearts and minds were filled with God's Word. We played "**Who Wants to Be a Bible Millionaire**", and "**Yes**", we won a million dollars. Hot diggity dog!

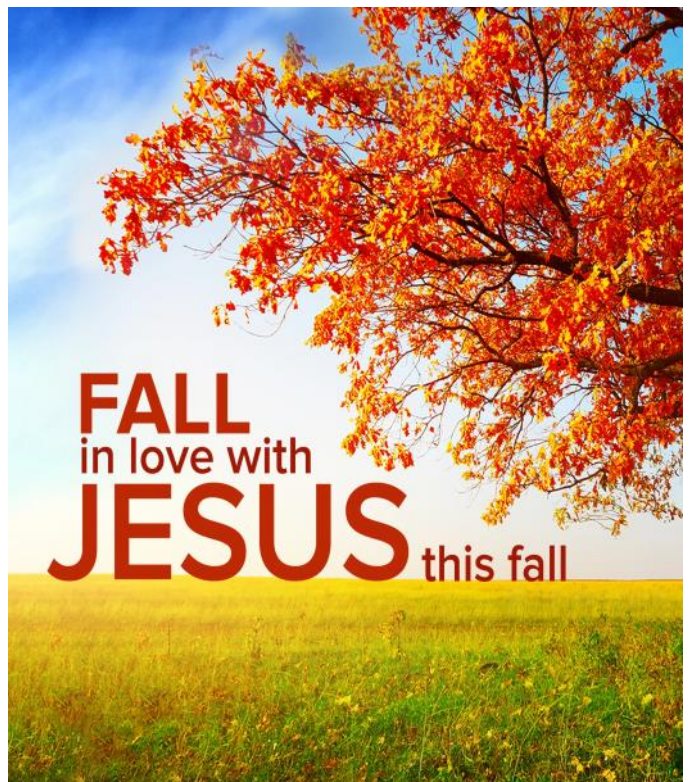
## Harvest Festival



On Saturday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 p.m., USBC would like to invite you to attend our **Harvest Festival** that will take place at the church. We will join each other's company around the campfire, roast hot dogs, make s'mores, and enjoy the adventures of fall. This event is for all ages.

To help with the fun activities, we are asking for some volunteers to help setup and bring some candy. The church will be providing the hot dogs, buns, fixings, chips, drinks, and the ingredients to make s'mores.

If you are planning on helping to setup or to bring candy, please let the Pastor know. If it rains on October 12<sup>th</sup>, the **Harvest Festival** will be moved indoors minus the campfire of course.



### Important Dates to Remember:

- Church Council Meeting is on October 6<sup>th</sup>.
- Sunday School cancelled on October 20<sup>th</sup>.

# USBC Summer Vacations 2024

(Enjoy the sights!)



The Altman Family  
Skyline Drive



Kathy Brake  
Long Beach



Felder Family  
Cruise to Cozumel



Felder Family  
Cruise to Cozumel



Jody, Jackie, Sandy, Jennifer  
Noah's Ark



Lisimaque Family  
Lake Anna

# USBC Summer Vacations 2024

(Enjoy the sights!)



Laudwein Family  
Arches, National Park, UT



Grantham Family  
Buckingham Palace, England



Laudwein Family  
Zion, National Park, UT



Laudwein Family  
Bryce Canyon NP, UT



Grantham Family  
Cardiff Castle, Wales



Kirschenmann Family  
Broadkill Beach, DE



Moone Family  
Outer Banks, NC



Moone Family  
Florida