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Many Hats of the Pastor



Pastor Dennis Felder

Let me dispel a myth right away: being a Pastor doesn't mean I only work on Sundays. That's just the day I dress more professionally. The rest of the week? That's where things get interesting.

Let's talk about the job description of your friendly neighborhood Pastor. It's mostly written in invisible ink, but here are a few highlights:

Spiritual Leader – This one's obvious. I preach and teach the Word, offer counsel, and try to be a human version of a Bible app with slightly more facial expressions.

Professional Prayer-er – I pray before church meals, committee meetings, and for weather events that can hinder Sunday morning attendance. If you ask me to pray, I will, but the prayer may last longer than you anticipated.

Sermon Preparation Technician – Each week, I produce a fresh 30-minute sermon (give or take 5 minutes depending on the number of points and unplanned Holy Spirit tangents).

Crisis Coordinator – Got the church alarm system going off, the church computer crashing, or the church's internet goes out; call Pastor Fixit to the rescue.

Event MC – Pizza with Pastor? Check. Potluck-Singalong-Footwashing-Extravaganza? You name the event and the Pastor will be there with bells on to host the activity.

Email Ninja and Text Therapist – Between emails from the secretary, group texts with the congregation, and seven prayer chains, my phone buzzes more than a fridge full of bees.

Unofficial Church Janitor – People assume pastors don't plunge toilets. You haven't truly served until you've unclogged a toilet with one hand while holding a Bible in the other, praying that both the pipes and your patience hold strong.

Sure, it's a lot. But I wouldn't trade it for anything. Except maybe a nap. Or a standing desk with built-in sermon prep software.

So, next time you see your Pastor looking slightly confused, holding a hymnal in one hand and a donut in the other, just remember: there's no job too big or too weird when it's done for the glory of God.

And maybe keep a spare plunger nearby. You never know.

Job 8:21 – *He will yet fill your mouth with laughter and your lips with shouts of joy.*



If you are on a **Ministry Team** or would like to be part of a **Ministry Team**, you are invited to attend the **Ministry Team Meeting** on Sunday, September 7th, immediately following our Worship Service.

During our time together, everyone will be brought up to date about the opportunities to serve at **USBC**. Also, you will hear about all the ministries and how they will function to impact our church and our community for Christ.



to **Church Chat**

Don't forget mark your calendar for September

28th 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



On Sunday, Sept. 28th, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be "**Open Discussion**". Have you ever had a Biblical question or questions that you have always wanted to ask. Well, bring your question(s) to our next **Dive Deeper Bible Study** and share them with the group during our "**open discussion**". The Pastor, along with the rest of the group, will help provide answers, direction, and clarification during our discussion time.



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.



It is hard to believe, but school has already started back. Now this may be a bitter pill for some of our children to swallow. Therefore, to help with this challenging transition, **USBC** will be hosting a **Family/Children Back to School Movie Night**. The movie night will be held on Saturday, September 20th at 6 p.m.

During our **Back to School Movie Night**, we will be showing a movie appropriate for all ages, there will be delicious movie snacks, and some fun prizes. So, moms and dads, bring your kids and stay for a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment as we kickoff the new school year.

If you and your children are planning to attend, please sign up. The sign-up sheet will be located in the church's foyer.



On Sunday, September 14th, 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.

Benevolence Fund

Also, at the end of our service, the church will be collecting a special **Benevolence Offering** that will be given to Carlos and Yve Navarrete to help with their financial needs as Carlos recovers from brain cancer.



The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, September 9th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



In the month of September, I will be sharing the sermon series, ***Fear Not***. In a world filled with constant change, uncertainty, and chaos, fear often becomes a daily companion. The Bible, however, calls believers to live differently – with courage, faith, and peace. The ***Fear Not*** sermon series explores the recurring, comforting command found throughout Scripture: “*Do not be afraid.*”

Sept. 7th

Sermon Title: “*Healthy and Unhealthy Fear*”

Scripture: 2 Timothy 1:7

Synopsis: There is healthy and unhealthy fear, we need to know the difference so we can respond appropriately. Unhealthy fear is the kind that paralyzes, controls, and steals our peace. It doesn’t come from God. On the other hand, healthy fear is rooted in reverence for God. It involves an awareness of His greatness, justice, and holiness.

Sept. 14th

Sermon Title: “*A Proper Place*”

Scripture: Philippians 4:6-7

Synopsis: Fear has a proper place, and it’s in the hands of God. Left in our own hands, fear can spiral into anxiety, doubt, and spiritual paralysis. But when we surrender our fears to God, we find peace and perspective.

Sept. 21st

Sermon Title: “*Focused On Today*”

Scripture: Matthew 6:11 & 34

Synopsis: When we stay fully present in today, we’re able to hear God clearly, recognize His blessings, and respond to the opportunities and needs in front of us. Far too often, our minds are living in next week, next year, or a future we’ve imagined in fear. But Jesus continues to redirect our focus back to the present, where His grace is active and sufficient.

Sept. 28th

Sermon Title: “*You’re Not Alone*”

Scripture: John 16:33

Synopsis: This truth is crucial in times of fear, grief, or uncertainty. You are never alone. The Savior who conquered death is present in your struggles, offering peace the world cannot give and strength the world cannot match. His promise is not to remove every hardship but to remain with you through it all—guiding, comforting, and strengthening you until the very end.

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Next Newsletter Deadline
September 21, 2025

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.

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!

Church Office: 301-972-3686

E-mail: Church@USBChurch.org

Web Site: www.USBChurch.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/usbchurch/



USBC will be celebrating its 220th anniversary this year. In recognition of this milestone, USBC will be having a very special celebration service on October 19th during our 11 a.m. worship time. Following a very inspirational service, we will gather around for delicious food and sweet desserts.

Please invite your friends and family to attend our special **220th Anniversary Service**. It will be a blessing for all when we join together to worship God on this special occasion.



Starting in September, USBC will be opening its doors for the **Agape Childcare and Preschool**. The daycare center will be under the direction and proprietorship of Ruth D'Monte (one of our faithful church members). If you would like more information about the daycare center or about enrolling your children, please see Ruth.

Pancakes with the Pastor



What an awesome time the church had on August 10th as we met at IHOP for a great time of fellowship, food, and to celebrate Linda Hank's birthday.

ACTIVITIES CANCELED

The following activities will be canceled in September.
After the Sermon Bible Study (Sept. 2nd)
Prayer Meeting (Sept. 2nd)
 Church Office Closed (Sept. 1st-5th)



On Saturday, October 11th 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 11th, the **Harvest Festival** will be moved indoors. Minus the campfire of course.



On August 10th, our Praise Team used their voices and their talents to praises our Lord and Savior through song. If you were not able to attend the **Music Sunday**, you can view the service on the church's website.



PART-TIME ASSOCIATE PASTOR/OUTREACH MINISTER



Upper Seneca Baptist Church is seeking a dedicated and spiritually driven individual to serve as a **Part-Time Associate Pastor/Outreach Minister**. This role is ideal for someone who is passionate about sharing the Gospel, building community relationships, and supporting the spiritual growth of our congregation.

Responsibilities include:

- Assisting the Senior Pastor with preaching, teaching, and pastoral care duties
- Leading and coordinating outreach ministries and evangelism efforts

- Developing new initiatives to engage the local community and grow the church's presence
- Facilitating small groups, Bible studies, and service projects
- Supporting worship services and church events as needed

Qualifications:

- A mature and growing relationship with Jesus Christ
- Experience in pastoral ministry, outreach, or a related field
- Strong communication, leadership, and organizational skills
- A heart for community engagement and building relationships
- Formal theological education or ministry training is preferred

Hours and Compensation:

This is a part-time position, approximately 15-20 hours per week. Compensation will be commensurate with experience and qualifications.

Application Process:

Interested candidates should submit a resume, a brief statement of faith, and references to our church office via email at Church@usbchurch.org or by mail to Upper Seneca Baptist Church, 23401 Davis Mill Road, Germantown, MD 20876.

We are prayerfully seeking the right person to join our ministry team and help fulfill our mission of making disciples and reaching our community with the love of Christ. Applications will be reviewed as received. We look forward to hearing from you.

SEPTEMBER PROMISES OF GOD

01 GOD WILL NEVER CHANGE Malachi 3:6	02 GOD IS AT WORK Philippians 2:13	03 GOD WILL GIVE YOU REST Psalm 23:2	04 GOD WILL PROVIDE Hebrews 13:20-21	05 GOD WILL BLESS YOU Numbers 6:24	06 GOD WILL DELIVER YOU Psalm 97:10	07 GOD CARES FOR YOU 1 Peter 5:7
08 GOD'S LOVE PERSEVERES 1 Corinthians 13:4-7	09 GOD'S PROMISES WILL NEVER FAIL Joshua 23:14	10 GOD WILL TEACH YOU Psalm 32:8	11 GOD WILL GIVE YOU PEACE 2 Thessalonians 3:16	12 GOD WORKS ON YOUR BEHALF Isaiah 64:4	13 GOD'S WORD WILL ENDURE FOREVER 1 Thessalonians 5:23-24	14 GOD GIVES NEW LIFE Colossians 3:3
15 GOD WILL NEVER LEAVE YOU Hebrews 13:5	16 GOD IS CLOSE TO YOU Isaiah 43:2	17 GOD PREPARES A PLACE FOR YOU Matthew 25:34	18 GOD WILL CARRY YOU Isaiah 46:4	19 GOD HAS CANCELLED YOUR SIN Colossians 2:13-14	20 GOD HAS GOOD PLANNED FOR YOU Psalm 40:5	21 GOD WILL RESTORE YOU Psalm 23:3
22 GOD WILL BUILD YOU UP Jeremiah 24:6	23 GOD WILL STRENGTHEN YOU Isaiah 12:2	24 GOD HEARS OUR CRIES Psalm 40:1	25 GOD STAYS FAITHFUL 2 Timothy 2:13	26 GOD HAS SET YOU FREE Galatians 5:1	27 GOD'S MERCY IS EVERLASTING 1 Chronicles 16:34	28 GOD IS OUR SECURITY Proverbs 14:26
29 GOD WILL CARRY YOUR BURDENS Psalm 68:19	30 GOD WILL GIVE YOU WISDOM James 1:5					



2025 USBC Summer Vacations



Felder Family
Biloxi, MS



Fogarty Family
Princess Cay



Lisimaque Family
Chefchaouen, Morocco



Stokes Family
Dans Mountain, Cumberland



Lisimaque Family
City of Chiang Ria in Thailand



Suddath Family
Swallow Falls State Park



Kirschenmann Family
Delaware Beach



Grantham Family
Outer Banks



Moone Family
Moab, UT



Isaiah 41:10

10 Fear thou not; for I am with thee: be not dismayed; for I am thy God: I will strengthen thee; yea, I will help thee; yea, I will uphold thee with the right hand of my righteousness.