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

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MARCHING ORDERS

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Have you ever heard someone say, “I have my *marching orders*”? When one receives *marching orders*, it means that they have received instructions to move out to accomplish a specific task. This is a common phrase that is used in the military community. However, this statement has been adapted in many other settings. For example, an employee may say, “My boss has given me my

marching orders.” Some husbands will say, “My wife has given me my *marching orders*” signifying that their wife has created a honey-do list for them to complete.

As we live out our Christian lives, we also have *marching orders* that have been issued by our heavenly Father. Below are a few *marching orders* that have been issued for all Christians.

To love (Mark 12:30-31 – *Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind and with all your strength. The second is this: Love your neighbor as yourself.*).

To share (Mark 16:15 – *He said to them, “Go into all the world and preach the gospel to all creation.*).

To serve (1 Peter 4:10 – *Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.*).

As you reflect upon the *marching orders* above, I encourage you to expand upon this list as you hear from God. There is so much that we can do for the Lord, but if we do not accept His *marching orders*, we will never complete the mission. Therefore, let’s act upon our *marching orders* and go out and change the world for Jesus.

Join The Lord’s Army ...



Marching Orders — Love, Share, Serve

DO YOU KNOW ME?

By Pastor Dennis Felder



During the year 2020 and beyond, USBC will intentionally make the effort of getting to know each other, getting to know the church, and getting to know Jesus. This will be accomplished through a unique and creative ministry called, *Do You Know Me?*

Below, is the structure for how *Do You Know Me* will take place in our church. There will be special meetings and activities to make sure that we stay focused to accomplish the goals of *Do You Know Me?* The way that we can ensure that this is a success is through prayer and a faithful commitment from all.

The purpose of *Do You Know Me?* will be threefold.

First, it will focus on getting to know each other better. Our church has been blessed with new people and families. However, it has been challenging getting to know each other personally. Part of this new focus will create opportunities in how we can get to know each other better.

Second, it will focus on getting to know more about our church. It is important that everyone in our church family better understand the purpose and mission of the church. If we do not understand or know the direction in which the church is heading, it can be a challenge getting there.

Third, it will focus on getting to know our Lord and Savior better. This is the primary focus of what we are called to do. The more we know about Jesus, the more we can strengthen our relationship with others, the more we can grow in our personal faith, the more the church can better understand its purpose, and the more we can impact our community for Him.

So, this is how “*Do You Know Me?*” breaks down:

- Do you know me – personally?
- Do you know the church?
- Do you know Jesus?

MISSION TO MISSION

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On Sunday, March 15th, immediately following our worship service, all are invited to attend a new BBQ restaurant called Mission BBQ in Germantown, MD.

As we enjoy the smokey taste of BBQ, we will talk about how our church can participate in mission outreach. After we finish our meals, each person will be given a *Share Packet* to place around the restaurant.

The *Share Packet* is part of our *Treasure from Heaven* ministry. The Share Packet consists of a dollar bill, informational cards, and Scripture cards placed in a clear zip lock bag. Each of these *Share Packets* are designed to be placed in various locations within the communities near the church.

When a person comes by and sees this dollar bill visibly shining through the clear zip lock bag, they will inevitably pick it up. Upon opening the zip lock bag to examine what else is in the *Share Packet*, they will realize that it is all for them. That is their *Treasure from Heaven*.

Just remember, that each person will be responsible for paying for their own food. The address for Mission BBQ is 19800 Century Blvd, Germantown, MD.

So, make certain that you place this important date on your calendar as we make our *Mission to Mission* a success.



DO YOU KNOW ME?

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On Sunday, March 22nd, immediately following our worship service, we will gather in the foyer to discuss *Do You Know Me?*

During this time, we will be putting together detailed plans for how we can move forward in making *Do You Know Me?* become a success in our church.

FOREVER YOUNG

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On Tuesday, February 11th, the *Forever Young Luncheon* met at the Golden Corral in Frederick at 12:30 p.m. with 10 in attendance. It was a great time for food, fun, and fellowship.

So, make certain that you are part of our next *Forever Young Luncheon* that will take place on March 10th. We will gather once again at the Golden Corral in Frederick at 12:30 p.m.

STEPPING OUT

By Pastor Dennis Felder



On January 23rd, Tom Shuggars, Bill Tj, Shu Fang Tj, and your Pastor had the wonderful privilege to visit the residences at Rockville Nursing Home. During our

time together, we sang hymns and I was blessed to share a message about Zacchaeus. What a joy it was to share the message of Christ with a special group of seniors.

IN THE KNOW.

Each month, USBC will be highlighting different aspects in the life of church. In doing so, you will have the opportunity to learn something new that you may not have known before. It will be called, *In the Know!*

The Pastor's sermons can be heard online –

(If you would like to hear the audio message of the Pastor's sermon, please visit the church's website <http://www.usbchurch.org/> and click on *Sermon Recordings*).

Financial Giving –

The operating budget for January 2020 was \$14,167. During the month of January, the church collected \$12,529. The church fell a little short by \$1,637.

ITALIAN FEAST

By Pastor Dennis Felder



If you weren't there on Sunday, February 16th, you missed the most amazing *Italian Feast* this side of Italy. Our *Italian Feast* would have even made Chef Boyardee proud. Plates were loaded with spaghetti, fettuccini alfredo, meatballs, bread, salad, and a sweet dessert.

This great Italian extravaganza not only consisted of delicious food; we also had a great time getting to know each other. With a piece of bread in one hand and a meatball in the other, we had an opportunity to talk about *Do You Know Me?* Cards were distributed that had three categories (*Do You Know Me?*, *Do You Know the Church?*, and *Do You Know Jesus?*). Each person in attendance was asked to write down ways that they could answer each question and how they could be a part of it. On top of that, we learned about the occupation or skills that people have in the church that could be used to help each other.

The *Italian Feast* was used to launch *Do You Know Me?*, but there will be future meetings so that all can be a part of *Do You Know Me?*

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Next Newsletter Deadline

March 22, 2020

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.

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 put a little slip of paper 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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DIVE DEEPER BIBLE STUDY

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Matthew 13:55; Mark 6:3; Jude 1:1

The Lord Jesus Christ had four half brothers and at least two sisters

On March 29th, our *Dive Deeper Bible Study* topic will be “*The Family of Jesus*”. Jesus had a loving family, but none of them were perfect except Jesus Himself. Because of this unique dynamic, how did Jesus interact with each member of His family (from His parents to His brothers and sisters)? Also, we will learn about how a family was structured and functioned during the time of Jesus. So, join us Sunday, March 29th immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.

WOMEN’S VALENTINE’S LUNCHEON

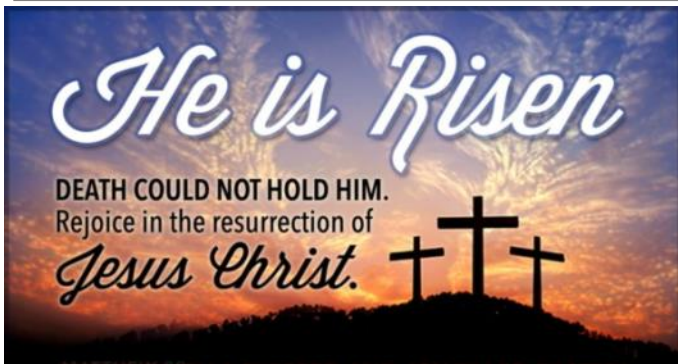
By Lana Felder



On February 8th, 17 women from USBC met for a special Valentine’s Day lunch at the Mt. Airy Tavern. With 17 in attendance, you can imagine the love and laughter that filled the back room! We were blessed with great service, good food, and awesome fellowship. Keep your eyes and ears open for the next women’s ministry event. You won’t want to miss it!

EASTER LOOKING FORWARD

By Pastor Dennis Felder



Easter will be taking place on April 12, 2020. To prepare and to celebrate the *Easter* season, USBC will be holding multiple *Easter* activities and celebrations during the month of April. Below is a list of these activities and celebrations. In the April's Newsletter, more details will be provided for each event.

Children's Easter Egg Hunt: Saturday, April 4th @ 11:00 a.m.

Palm Sunday Service: Sunday, April 5th @ 11:00 a.m.

Special Easter Service/Celebration: Friday, April 10th @ 7:00 p.m.

Easter Communion Observance: Sunday, April 12th @ 9:30 a.m.

Easter Service: Sunday, April 12th @ 11:00 a.m.

Annie Armstrong Easter Offering: The *Annie Armstrong Easter Offering* will be collected during the month of April.

FLOWERS FOR THE LADIES

By Pastor Dennis Felder



To celebrate Valentine's Day, USBC gave a beautiful flower to all the ladies of the church during our February 9th worship service. This act of kindness was a way

that we expressed our appreciation and love for all the ladies that have impacted our lives. Also, the church was blessed to have several women come forward in front of the church to lead us in our closing song. It was a great service.



Now you can make your tithe or financial donation to the church by means of online giving. As always, you can give your tithe or financial donation with a check or cash, but now electronic giving is another convenient option.

The Benefits of Online Giving

You can give when away from church

You have access to your giving records at all times

You can make auto reoccurring gifts

You can give at your convenience

It is quick and easy

Two Ways to Participate in Online Giving:

Download the Tithe.ly mobile app (Apple Store or Google Play) **-or-**

Go to the church's website (usbchurch.org) and click on **Online Giving**

(After downloading the app or clicking on the Online Giving tab, follow the instructions.)



Don't forget to mark your calendar for March 29th 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 to receive 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.