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

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Below is the article that I wrote for the church's November Newsletter that pertained to the 2020 election. Although it was written 4 years ago, I still feel that it is applicable today. In such times, it is important to remind ourselves as to who we should be voting for and why. By Pastor Dennis Felder

As we approach the November 5th election, we are told that we need to select a particular person to lead our country. We are called to thoroughly investigate the person's policies, their platform, their past shortcomings, and their future promises. There seems to be an attitude that if we carefully select the right person in this coming election, then our nation will be saved. Yes, the person that is selected in this coming election can change the direction of this great nation. However, any candidate that we select will be flawed. There is no perfect candidate running for office because we all fall short.

Therefore, there is another election that is taking place right now that will ultimately have greater consequences in your life than our national election. This important choice can and will impact your life for all eternity. Your choice will dictate how you will live your life. The decision that you make will tell the world who your allegiance is to. This one vote will change your life forever. In the end, this will be the greatest decision that you will ever make.

The one who is courting your vote is JC. JC has been on the ballot since the miraculous creation of Adam and Eve. While in the Garden of Eden, they too had to cast a life-changing vote. Their choice involved picking good over evil and life over death. Today, we too are faced with this all-important decision and that is why JC is asking for your vote.

JC has carefully laid out His campaign promises to you. He will love you unconditionally, He will cover you with His grace and mercy, He will forgive you, He will give you peace that passes all understanding, He will give you strength to do all things, He will comfort you in time of need, He will never leave you nor forsake you, He will prepare an eternal home in glory for you, He will rescue you from your enemies, and He will extend His hand of salvation. For a complete list of all of His campaign promises, you can refer to the Holy Book for more details.

So, today, JC (Jesus Christ) is on the campaign trail seeking your vote. He is tirelessly walking through every community knocking on doors and letting everyone know of His candidacy. Right now, He is knocking on your door, your heart. Will you open the door and let Him come in?

Vote for Jesus!



During the month of November, USBC will be focusing on “thankfulness” and “gratitude”. One way that we will be expressing our “thankfulness” and “gratitude” is with **Thanksgiving Balls**. Starting on Sunday, November 3rd, orange ping pong balls will be placed in the church foyer. The purpose of the orange ping pong balls is to give you an opportunity to express your “thankfulness” to someone or for something by writing your message on the ping pong ball. Once you write your message on the ping pong ball, you can place it in the clear container. Later, we will dedicate these blessings of thanksgiving to the Lord.

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.



It is that special time of year again – **CHRISTMAS!** As we prepare for the all the Christmas activities at the church, we will be decorating our church building for this festive season. On Saturday, November 30th at 10 a.m., we need your help in putting up our Christmas decorations. If you can help with our Christmas decorating, please sign up in the foyer.



If you enjoy sleep, then Sunday, November 3rd is a day made especially for you. November 3rd at 2 a.m. is when **Daylight Savings Time** ends. So, don’t forget to set your clock back by one hour on Saturday night so that you can be at church on time.



In November, I will be sharing a variety of sermons to help strengthen and to encourage us in our season of thanksgiving.

Nov. 3rd

Sermon Title: *"For the Soul of America"*

Scripture: Proverbs 29:2

Synopsis: Politics can bring out the good and worst in people. As politicians stump the campaign trail, you will often hear doom and gloom messages. As Christians, how do we respond to such messaging?

Nov. 10th

Sermon Title: *"Thank You"*

Scripture: Philippians 1:3

Synopsis: It is important that we express our thankfulness openly and regularly to one another. When one expresses their thankfulness, it has the power to bring joy to both the giver and to the receiver.

Nov. 17th

Special Service: *"How to Keep a Thankful Heart"*

Scripture: 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Synopsis: During our Thanksgiving celebration, we have a tendency to focus on the appetizing meal, the wonderful company with friends and family, but often we neglect a very important part; our heart. It is a person's heart that truly reflects what Thanksgiving is all about.

Nov. 24th

Sermon Title: *"Don't Be a Turkey"*

Scripture: Romans 1:21-22

Synopsis: During the Thanksgiving season, turkeys usually do not have the best outcomes in life. They unknowingly live their life not realizing their demise is just around the corner. Today, many people live their life in a similar manner. They ignore God, they live for self, and in the end their foolish choices will lead to their demise.

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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
November 17, 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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PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH — On behalf of my family and myself, I want to express a big “**THANK YOU**” to my wonderful and caring church family. The cards, the gifts, and the encouraging words were heartfelt and uplifting as you expressed your appreciation during *Pastor Appreciation Month*. It is a joy being your Pastor.



On Tuesday, November 26th at 6:30 p.m., **USBC** will be having a special *Thanksgiving Gathering*. We will gather around the table and share our thankfulness in a fun and creative way. The *Thanksgiving Gathering* is for young and old alike to come together and celebrate the Thanksgiving season.



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



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.



I love a good *Christmas Party* and **USBC** will be having such a celebration. We invite all to attend the church’s *Christmas Party* on Saturday, December 14, 2024 at 4pm. This festive celebration will take place at the Golden Corral (5621 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD 21703). During our time together we will have some fun activities and prizes.

Everyone is invited and if you are planning on attending the *Christmas Party* at the Golden Corral, please sign up in the foyer. The cost is \$16.49, plus the cost of a drink and children, based upon their age, it will range from \$6.99 to \$7.99. Each one will be responsible for the purchase of their meal and tip.

**In everything
give thanks;
for this is God’s
will for you in
Christ Jesus.**



Don't forget to mark your calendar for November 24th 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, November 10th, 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**".

So, join us Sunday, November 10th immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.



The following activities will be canceled in November.

- **After the Sermon Bible Study** (Nov. 26th)
- **Prayer Meeting** (Nov. 26th)
- **Thursday Night Women's Bible Study** (Nov. 28th)
- **Church Office Closed** (Nov. 28th– Dec. 1st)



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>).





USBC Harvest Festival 2024



On Saturday, October 12th, USBC hosted our annual *Harvest Festival* at the church. It was great success and a lot of fun. Enjoy the pictures.



USBC 219th Anniversary 2024

On October 20, 2024, **Upper Seneca Baptist Church** celebrated its 219th anniversary. The entire service, from start to finish, was a joyous occasion. The music was powerful and uplifting as we sang songs of old and songs of new and brought back the Praise Team from old. There were countless smiles on everyone's faces as we all reflected upon the awesome blessings that God has poured out on **USBC** for 219 years. The Spirit of God moved in a powerful and mighty way on October 20th.

Within this newsletter, there is a collection of pictures so that you can reflect upon the church's history and this special day of celebration. If you would like to watch this Anniversary Service, you can find it on the church's website under the heading, "*Sermons – Video*".

