

SUNDAY, April 28, 2024

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:15 pm Church Chat
1:00 pm Holy Rollers

TUESDAY, April 30, 2024

6:00 pm After the Sermon
7:00 pm Phone-In Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, May 2, 2024

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., April 29 9:30 am – 1 pm
Tues., April 30 9:30 am – 1 pm
Wed., May 1 9:30 am – 1 pm
Thurs., May 2 9:30 am – 1 pm

How Do I Join Upper Seneca Baptist Church

- **By Salvation** ~ By professing faith in Jesus Christ and following Him in believer's baptism.
- **By Transfer of Letter** ~ By transferring your membership from another Baptist Church.
- **By Statement of Faith** ~ By statement of **faith in Jesus Christ.**

If you have not been baptized by immersion since your conversion, you will need to follow the Lord in believer's baptism.

When Do I Join?

At the close of every worship service as we sing the "Invitation Hymn", the pastor stands facing the congregation. Walk to him and tell him you want to join the church or make some other decision.

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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.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church



**Impacting The Kingdom Of God
One Person At A Time**

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship

April 28, 2024



- Sunday, April 28, Church Chat
- Sunday, April 28, Holy Rollers “Bowling”
- Sunday, May 12, Mother’s Day Service
- Sunday, May 5, Church Council Meeting
- Sunday, May 19, Music Sunday
- Sunday, May 19, Ministry Team Meeting
- Sunday, May 26, Communion Sunday
- Monday, May 20, Men’s Luncheon

*Song “Running Home” Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Song “Standing on the Promises” Congregation

**Message Pastor Dennis

“WALKING IN GOD’S PROMISES”
“Isaiah 43:18-19” (NIV)

*Song “Have Thine Own Way, Lord” Congregation

*Song “God Will Make a Way” Congregation



A special **Music Sunday** will be taking place on **May 19** during our 11 a.m. worship service. On this day, our entire service will be of music. So, if you have a special hymn or song that you would like for our church to sing, please use the *Song Request Slip* in your bulletin to write down your request and place it in the offering plate.

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



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.)

*Denotes Congregation standing
**Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message).
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Your tithes and offerings will be collected at the end of the service upon leaving.

“Walking in God’s Promises”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

April 28, 2024

Scripture: Isaiah 43:18-19 (NIV)

Synopsis: God’s promises are our anchor in times of uncertainty and doubt. They are a source of strength, comfort, and hope, reminding us that He is faithful to fulfill His plans for us. By embracing the “do over” that God offers us, we can step into the future with confidence, knowing that He is with us every step of the way, guiding us towards His intended purpose and blessings for our lives.

God makes a promise to:

I. Help deal with your _____.

Isaiah 43:18 – *Forget the former things; do not dwell on the past.*

God’s grace can give you strength to deal with your past failures.

2 Corinthians 12:9 – *But he said to me, “My grace is sufficient for you, for my power is made perfect in weakness.” Therefore I will boast all the more gladly about my weaknesses, so that Christ’s power may rest on me.*

God is greater than the chains that bind you to your past.

Ephesians 3:20 – *Now to him who is able to do immeasurably more than all we ask or imagine, according to his power that is at work within us.*

II. Give a new _____.

Isaiah 43:19a – *See, I am doing a new thing! Now it springs up; do you not perceive it? ...*

God is in the business of making you new.

Ezekiel 36:26 – *I will give you a new heart and put a new spirit in you; I will remove from you your heart of stone and give you a heart of flesh.*

When you let God have His way with your life, He can shape you into something new.

Jeremiah 18:4 – *But the pot he was shaping from the clay was marred in his hands; so the potter formed it into another pot, shaping it as seemed best to him.*

III. Have better _____.

Isaiah 43:19b – *... I am making a way in the wilderness and streams in the wasteland.*

God can make a way even when it feels impossible.

Deuteronomy 8:2a – *Remember how the Lord your God led you all the way in the wilderness these forty years, ...*

Never forget that God has something better in store for you.

Jeremiah 29:11 – *“For I know the plans I have for you,” declares the Lord, “plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.”*

Jesus is the answer for a better life.

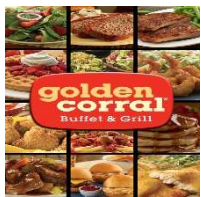
Isaiah 40:3-4 – *A voice of one calling: “In the wilderness prepare the way for the Lord; make straight in the desert a highway for our God. Every valley shall be raised up, every mountain and hill made low; the rough ground shall become level, the rugged places a plain.”*

John 1:23 – *John replied in the words of Isaiah the prophet, “I am the voice of one calling in the wilderness, ‘Make straight the way for the Lord.’”*



Today is 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.

The church invites everyone to join us **today** to enjoy the fun and fellowship of duckpin bowling. We will meet at 1:00 p.m. at the **Mt. Airy Bowling Lanes**. Even if you are not going to bowl, we still encourage you to come and be a cheerleader. The cost is \$18.00 per bowler and that includes the shoe rental and 2 hours of bowling. While you are there, you can purchase food to eat at their snack bar. The address to the bowling alley is 304 Center Street, Mt. Airy, MD 21771. Sign up in the foyer to join in on the fun!



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.

Mother's Day is just around the corner (**May 12**). 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 19**, 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

At the **Men's Luncheon** on Monday, **May 20**, 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)



On Sunday, **May 26** 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.