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

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HOUSE VOTES TO MAKE DAYLIGHT SAVING TIME PERMANENT



On July 14, 2026, the U.S. House voted “to pass a measure to enact year-round Daylight Saving Time across the country.” Soon, the Senate will take up the bill and if approved, the President has stated that he will sign it into law. If this comes to fruition, it will end the bi-annual ritual of adjusting our clocks either one hour ahead or one hour back.

As we approach this topic, many people find themselves debating whether they are for or against this practice of adjusting the clocks. Some argue that it helps to maximize daylight hours and save energy, while others believe it disrupts sleep patterns and has negative effects on health.

While the debate over daylight savings time continues, one thing remains constant – the light of Jesus. In the Bible, Jesus is often referred to as the light of the world. In **John 8:12**, Jesus says, “*I am the light of the world. Whoever follows me will never walk in darkness, but will have the light of life.*”

As followers of Jesus, we are called to let our light shine for Him. In **Matthew 5:16**, it says, “*Let your light shine before others, that they may see your good deeds and glorify your Father in heaven.*” This reminds us that no matter the time of day or year, we should always be shining the light of Jesus through our actions and words.

So, whether you are for or against daylight savings time, let us remember that the true light that should always be shining is the light of Jesus. Let us strive to be a beacon of His love, grace, and truth in a world that is often filled with darkness.



Let your light so shine before men, that
they may see your good works and glorify
your Father in heaven.

Matthew 5:16



Come join Pastor Dennis on August 9th (immediately after worship service), at the Mt. Airy IHOP for pancakes and fellowship.



On Wednesday, August 26th at 11:30 a.m., the men will gather at the IHOP in Mt. Airy for an enjoyable lunch to connect and to plan for future events for the men.



Calling all adventurers and vacationers! We want to see all of the fun and memorable moments from your summer travels. Show us your stunning scenery, tasty treats, and family fun. We can't wait to see where you have been and what you have been up to this past summer! So, share your best vacation pictures with us to be featured in our September Newsletter.

Please submit your picture(s) by August 24th to be included. Please email your pictures to pastordennisusbc@hotmail.com or text your pictures to 843-957-5140. Be sure to include your name and the location of the picture(s).

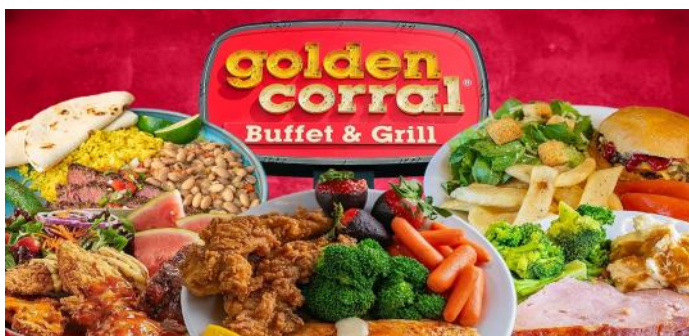


Don't forget to mark your calendar for June 28th for our next **Church Chat**. As usual, immediately following our Sunday morning worship service, we will gather in the church foyer/coffee shop for a 10-minute informal meeting. During this 10-minute time period, I will be sharing with everyone about upcoming events, areas where the church needs help, and receiving 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 1000 Year Reign

On Sunday, Aug. 30th, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be "**The 1000 Year Reign**". The thousand-year reign—what Scripture calls "the millennium"—generates genuine theological tension. This study will address the hard questions surrounding the events of the 1000-year reign.



The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, August 11th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



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.



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.



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.

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.)



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Next Newsletter Deadline
August 23, 2026

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

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Web Site: www.USBChurch.org

Facebook: www.facebook.com/usbchurch/



August Sermons

Pastor Dennis Felder

In the month of August, I will be sharing a 4-part sermon series entitled, “*Back to the Basic*”.

In the life of the Christian, it is easy to lose focus on what is important to develop a vibrant faith. To help maintain a proper focus, there are four foundational truths that needs to be at the center one’s life: prayer, Scripture, confession, and service. When these four basic elements become the foundation, then one will experience a lasting and vibrant faith.

August 2nd

Sermon Title: “*Courage is Greater than Gossip*”

Scripture: Matthew 18:15-20

Synopsis: Jesus gives us specific instructions on how to deal with conflict and sin in the church community. Those of us who follow Jesus will choose courage. We will go directly to the source as Jesus instructs, instead of going to everyone else and spreading gossip. We will always choose courageous kindness over gossip.

August 9th

Sermon Title: “*Prayer*”

Scripture: Matthew 5:44-47; 1 Thessalonians 5:16-18

Synopsis: Prayer was an integral part of the life of Christ and as followers of Christ we are called to follow the powerful example of our King.

August 16th

Sermon Title: “*Scripture*”

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Synopsis: The Bible has been given to us as a tool to equip and encourage us for Kingdom living in the world. Spending intentional time reading and meditating on Scripture is the daily sustenance we need as followers of Christ.

August 23rd

Sermon Title: “*Confession*”

Scripture: 1 John 1:9; James 5:16; 2 Chronicles 7:14; Nehemiah 9:1-3

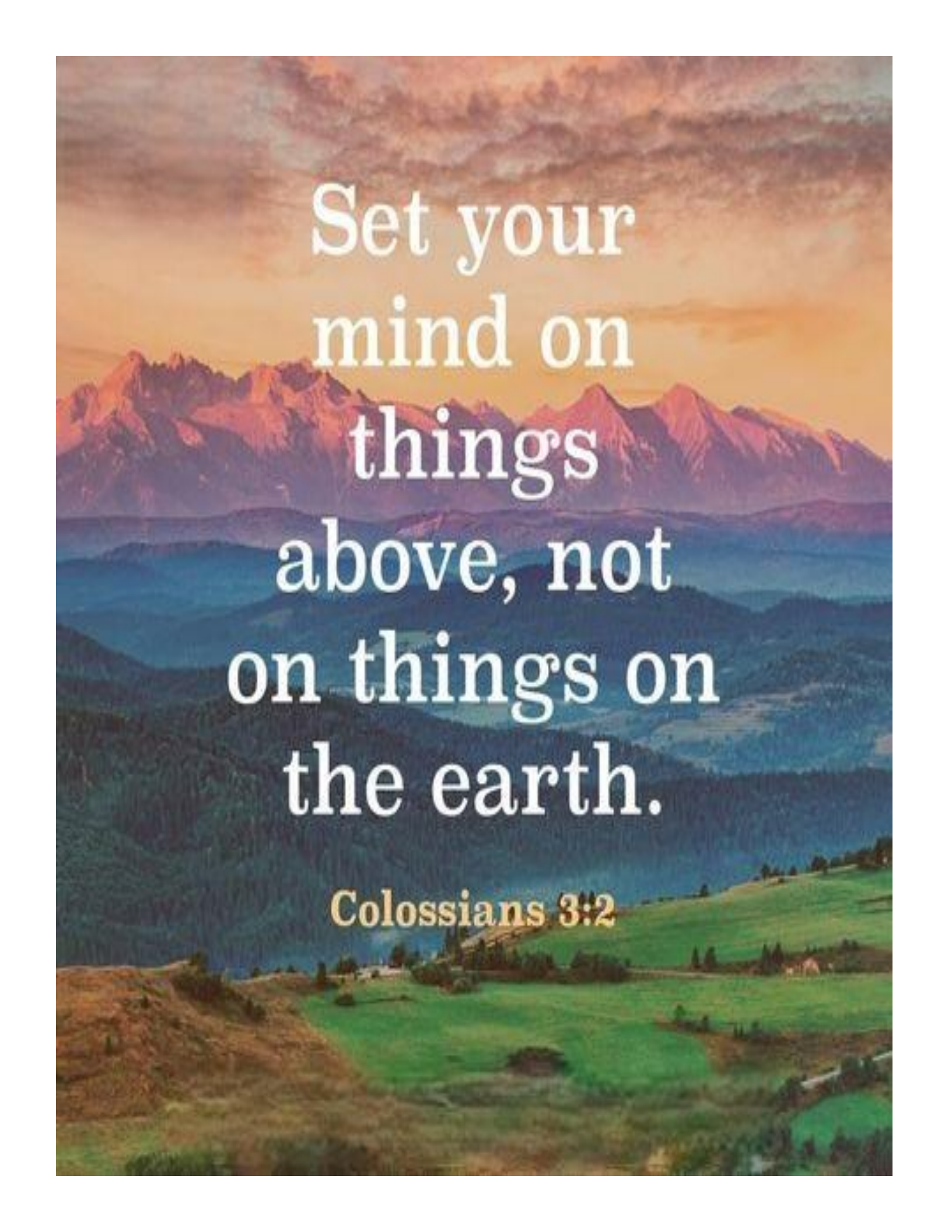
Synopsis: When we come to God and confess our sins, we will be forgiven and experience freedom and joy. Confession is more than just saying sorry; it’s letting go of our sin and transgression and putting it into the hands of God.

August 30th

Sermon Title: “*Service*”

Scripture: Matthew 20:28; Ephesians 2:10

Synopsis: God has created us with good works in mind. At the very least, our purpose on this earth is to serve others and fulfill God’s plan for our lives. God is faithful and will give us opportunities and the resources necessary to make a difference wherever we are.



Set your
mind on
things
above, not
on things on
the earth.

Colossians 3:2