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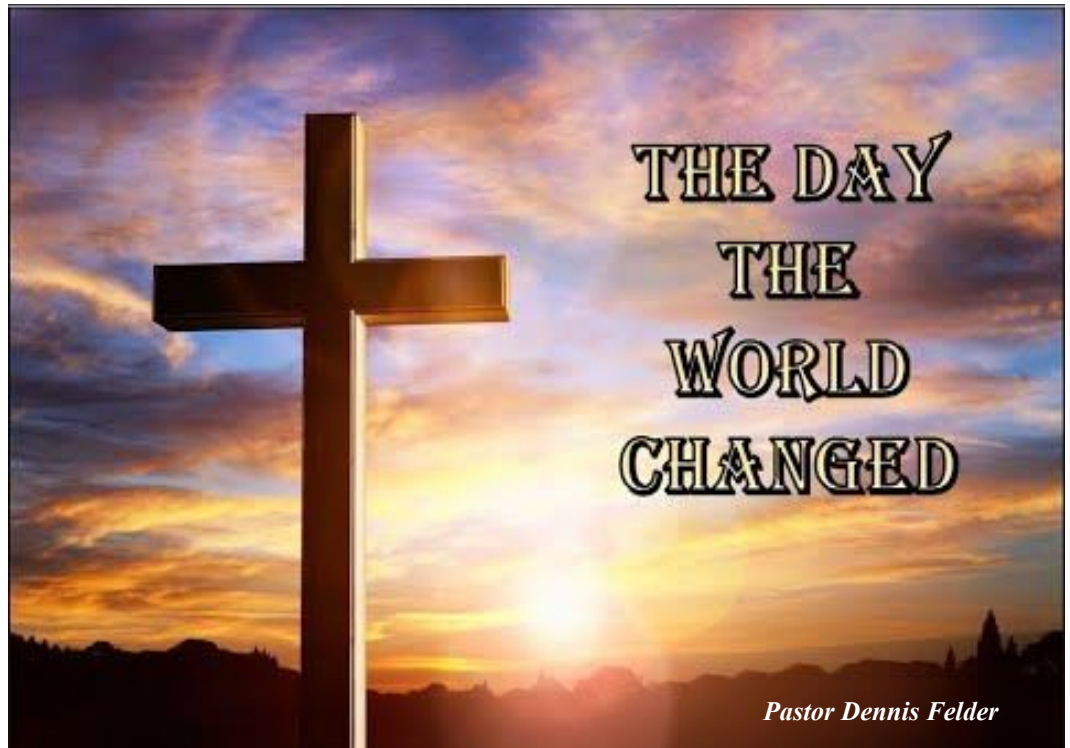
April 2025



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

USBC NEWS

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The night was heavy with silence. The city of Jerusalem lay still, the air thick with the weight of what had transpired just days before. The tomb, hewn from stone, stood sealed by a great rock, guarded by Roman soldiers whose torches flickered in the cold, early morning air.

Inside, darkness reigned. The body of Jesus had been laid there, wrapped in linen, cold and lifeless. His followers had grieved, their hopes shattered, their faith shaken. The world, it seemed, had won. Death had triumphed.

Yet something unseen stirred in the depths of the earth. A power beyond comprehension surged through the void, racing towards the tomb, pressing against the stone. And then—suddenly—a tremor. At first, it was slight, a whisper through the ground. But then it grew, shaking the earth beneath the soldiers' feet. They staggered, panic flashing in their eyes.

A blinding light erupted from the heavens. The sky itself seemed to break apart. A figure descended, brilliant as the morning sun, radiating an authority that made the very air tremble. The angel, a messenger of the Most High, landed before the sealed grave. With a force beyond human strength, he rolled back the massive stone as if it were nothing more than a pebble.

The Roman guards fell back, terror gripping them. Their weapons were useless, their training meaningless. Faces pale, hearts pounding, they fled into the shadows, unable to comprehend what they had witnessed.

Then—**SILENCE**.

A breath! A breath from the heart of the tomb and life surged once more. Fingers that had been still, twitched. Eyes that were closed in death, now fluttered open. The body that had known pain, that had been broken, that had lain in death's embrace, now moved. Jesus sat up.

The linen wrappings slipped from His form. Slowly, He stood, stepping into the cool air of the tomb, His eyes reflecting a fire that death itself had failed to extinguish. The world had not won. Death had not triumphed. He stepped forward, out of the grave, the first light of dawn casting golden rays upon Him. The world would never be the same.



On Friday, April 18th at 7 p.m., USBC will be having a special **Good Friday Service**. During our time together, we will reflect upon the crucifixion of Christ through song, Scripture, worship video, and communion. The purpose of the **Good Friday Service** is to reflect upon the great sacrifice that Jesus has made for us and to praise His name for conquering death and giving us life.



On April 20th, USBC wants you to experience communion in an intimate way. Therefore, on Easter Sunday, you are invited to participate in the taking of communion. Instead of having the Lord's Supper as a congregational event, you will have the opportunity to partake of communion in a personal and private time of reflection.

During the time between 10 a.m. to 1:00 p.m., communion will be set up in the Adult Sunday School classroom. When you arrive at church on Easter morning, please make your way to this designated area to take of the cup and bread. If you are unable to take communion prior to the 11:00 a.m. worship service, you will still have an opportunity to celebrate the Lord's Supper following the service.



On April 6th, immediately following worship service, the church will be putting up Easter decorations to celebrate the resurrection of Jesus. If you would like to help with the decorating, you are invited to stay after church for about 15 minutes.



Upper Seneca Baptist Church will be having our **Easter Service** on Sunday, April 20th at 11:00 a.m. During our Easter celebration service, we will sing His praises, we will share His Word, we will proclaim His great name, and we will respond with a faithful heart.

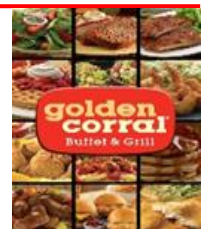


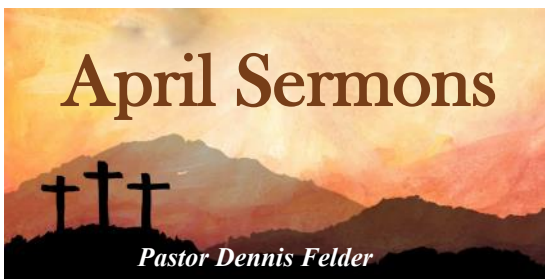
On April 13th, immediately following the Sunday morning worship, USBC will be having a children's **Easter Egg Hunt**. Once the service has concluded, the adults will hide Easter eggs, filled with prizes. So, bring a basket so that you can collect your Easter eggs. If the outdoor weather does not cooperate, the **Easter Egg Hunt** will take place indoors.



USBC will be collecting for our **Annie Armstrong Easter Offering** during the month of April. This offering is named for a faithful missionary who dedicated her life to sharing the Gospel of Jesus. 100% of the offering will go to support our local missionaries as they too carry out the Great Commission.

The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, April 8th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.





In April, the sermons will focus on the Easter story. Jesus came to this world to die upon a cross to save sinners from sin. Jesus submitted to the will of His Father and in the process, He died a brutal death. However, through His death, Jesus brought about everlasting life to a dying world.

April 6th

Sermon Title: *"Father Forgive Them"*

Scripture: Luke 23:34

Synopsis: Three groups of people mocked Jesus while He was hanging on the cross: the religious leaders, the Roman soldiers, and a criminal. Jesus responded by fulfilling His own teachings: turning the other cheek, loving His enemies, praying for those who persecuted Him. The cross reveals God's self-giving love: forgiveness for the oppressors, forgiveness for the mockers, and forgiveness for the wrongdoers.

April 13th

Sermon Title: *"The King Has Come"*

Scripture: Matthew 21:1-11

Synopsis: Palm Sunday is a celebration of Jesus' entry into Jerusalem as the King of Kings. Yet, it also foreshadows His journey to the cross. The crowd shouted "Hosanna!", but would soon cry "Crucify Him!" Jesus came not to conquer by force, but to save through sacrificial love.

April 20th

Sermon Title: *"Touched"*

Scripture: Matthew 28:1-10

Synopsis: An encounter with Jesus can change lives and bring about a real transformation. When Jesus rose from the dead, He appeared to His disciples and followers, reassuring them with His presence and power. His resurrection was not just a historical event, but a personal touch for all who believe.

April 27th

Sermon Title: *"The Week After Easter"*

Scripture: John 20:24-29

Synopsis: The first time Jesus appeared to His disciples; Thomas was not present. Thomas doubted the words of the others. However, Jesus later appeared to Thomas and his doubt was erased and his faith was strengthened. Through our doubt, we too can have our faith strengthened.



Congratulations!!
Carlos Navarrete
who officially
became a United
States citizen on
March 22nd.

CANCELLED

The following activities will be cancelled during April.

After the Sermon Bible Study (April 15)

Prayer Meeting (April 15)

Sunday School (April 20)

Dive Deeper (April 27)

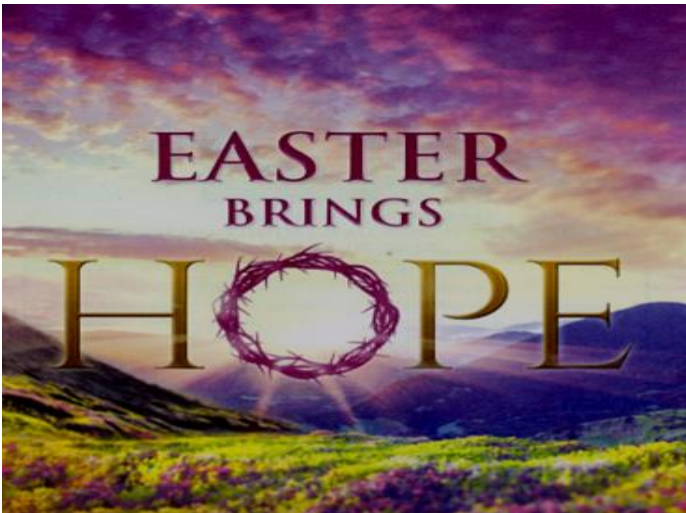


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Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In his great mercy he has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead. 1 Peter 1:3

Next Newsletter Deadline

April 20, 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!

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Baby Esther Celebration



On Sunday, March 23rd, our church family gathered in the foyer to celebrate the life of the [Navarrete](#)'s baby girl (Esther) that is due to be born sometime in April. Although the parents were not able to attend in person, they joined us by video with Yve's mother. During our celebration, we had some delicious food/desserts, a special blessing, and an opportunity to wish Yve and Carlos our best. USBC cannot wait to welcome this little bundle of joy.





On Sunday, April 27th, our church family will gather at J&P Pizza in Damascus for some good food, fun, and fellowship with *Pizza with the Pastor*. J&P Pizza is located in the same shopping center as Weis Grocery Store.



On March 16th, the church put together 15 *Blessing Bags* (“*Blessing Bags*” are bags that contain personal necessities, toiletries, food, and some extras that you can hand out when you come across an individual dealing with poverty.) Over the next few Sundays, the *Blessing Bags* will be available for pickup and distribution. Once you give your *Blessing Bag* to a person in need, please share your experience with your church family.

Vietnamese Love Baptist Church

On March 16th, USBC attended the 22nd Anniversary Service of the Vietnamese Love Baptist Church. USBC has been like a mother church to the VLBC since its conception. It was a joy celebrating such a special milestone of faithful ministry.

