

SUNDAY, April 6, 2025

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Easter Decorating
12:45 pm Church Council Meeting

TUESDAY, April 8, 2025

12:30 pm Forever Young @ "Golden Corral"
6:00 pm After the Sermon
7:00 pm Phone-In Prayer Meeting

THURSDAY, April 10, 2025

6:30 pm Women's Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., April 7	Tues., April 8	Wed., April 9	Thurs., April 10
9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	9:30 am – 1 pm	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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Impacting The Kingdom Of God One Person At A Time

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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.

“Father Forgive Them”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

April 6, 2025

Scripture: Luke 23:34a; Matthew 5:43-48 (NIV)

Synopsis: Prior to Jesus’ crucifixion, He was called names, He was mocked, He was treated as a criminal, and ultimately put to death. Although Jesus was treated with such resentment, He still offered genuine forgiveness. We too, are called to do the same.

Luke 23:34a – *Jesus said, “Father, forgive them, for they do not know what they are doing.” ...*

How to forgive?

I. Be willing to _____.

Matthew 5:43-44a – *You have heard that it was said, “Love your neighbor and hate your enemy.” But I tell you, love your enemies ...*

Loving your enemy is hard, but Jesus showed us that it can be done.

II. _____ for them.

Matthew 5:44b – *... Pray for those who persecute you.*

When you pray for someone who has hurt you, you are called to put your judgement aside and for God to work out the best plan in the life of person who has hurt you.

III. Show whose _____ you belong to.

Matthew 5:45 – *That you may be children of your Father in heaven. He causes his sun to rise on the evil and the good, and sends rain on the righteous and the unrighteous.*

When you are part of the family of God, you need to represent your family properly.

IV. Exceed the _____ of others.

Matthew 5:46-47 – *If you love those who love you, what reward will you get? Are not even the tax collectors doing that? And if you greet only your brothers, what are you doing more than others? Do not even pagans do that?*

Never have the attitude that you are better than others.

V. _____ your heavenly Father.

Matthew 5:48 – *“Be perfect, therefore, as your heavenly Father is perfect.”*

Perfection is achievable when you submit your will to God’s will.

Once you allow perfection to take hold, you can forgive like Jesus.

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If you would like to listen to the sermon on-line, please visit our website at www.USBChurch.org.



Help Decorate For Easter

Today 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.

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



On **April 13**, 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.

On Friday, **April 18** 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 20**, 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.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church will be having our *Easter Service* on Sunday, **April 20** 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.



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.

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)