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

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USBC NEWS



Labor Day is often associated with backyard barbecues, parades, and a much-needed break from the regular work week. Yet, beyond the traditions and leisure, Labor Day presents a deeper purpose — a chance to reflect on the value of work and the dignity it carries. Rooted in biblical principles, work is not just a means of earning a living, but a sacred act of worship and stewardship.

Work as a Divine Calling – From the very beginning, the Bible places work at the center of human purpose. **Genesis 2:15** tells us, “*The Lord God took the man and put him in the Garden of Eden to work it and take care of it.*” This verse reminds us that labor is not a punishment or a burden, but a divine calling. God Himself is portrayed as a worker in Genesis 1, creating the heavens and the earth, and when He completed His work, He declared it “*very good*”.

As image-bearers of God, we reflect His character when we engage in meaningful work. Whether we are teaching, building, healing, or caring for others, our labor mirrors God’s creativity, order, and purpose.

The Dignity of All Work – In **Colossians 3:23**, Paul encourages the faithful with these words: “*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for human masters,*” This verse elevates every task — whether grand or humble — as an opportunity to serve God. It breaks down the barrier between sacred and secular work. Teaching a child to read, planting a garden, fixing a pipe, or managing a business — all of it matters to God when done with integrity and excellence.

Labor Day is a meaningful reminder that every job holds potential for ministry and service. Diligent work honors God and contributes to people flourishing.

Rest is Part of God’s Design – Labor Day also invites us to consider the rhythm of work and rest. In **Exodus 20:8**, we are commanded to “*Remember the Sabbath day, to keep it holy.*” God rested on the seventh day not because He was weary, but to set an example for us. Rest is not idleness; it is restoration. It refocuses our hearts on the Giver of all strength and refreshes the mind and body for the tasks ahead.

Taking time to pause and celebrate our work — as we do on Labor Day — aligns with God’s rhythm for creation. Rest acknowledges that our worth does not come solely from productivity, but from our identity in God.

Encouragement for the Weary – For many, work can feel overwhelming, exhausting, or even burdensome. Long hours, difficult conditions, or lack of appreciation can make anyone lose heart. Yet Scripture offers hope. **Galatians 6:9** says, “*Let us not grow weary in doing good, for at the proper time we will reap a harvest if we do not give up.*” This verse reminds us that our efforts are not in vain. God sees every act of responsibility, service, and kindness, and He promises a reward for the faithful.

On this Labor Day, take heart. Your work is not forgotten. Whether seen or unseen, God values your faithfulness.



Pancakes With the Pastor

Come join Pastor Dennis on August 10th (immediately after worship service), at the Mt. Airy IHOP for pancakes and fellowship.



How to Defend the Faith

On Sunday, Aug. 31st, our *Dive Deeper Bible Study* topic will be “*How to Defend the Faith*”. This study will offer practical guidance and biblical insights to help you to confidently and respectfully share your beliefs. Whether you are new to apologetics or looking to deepen your understanding, this is a valuable opportunity to grow in your faith and engage with others effectively.

Congratulations!



Nora is here! We have the winners. Before **Nora Liona Jackson** was born to Katie, Josh, and Audrey, the church had a fun contest to determine who could guess the date, the time, the length, and the weight of the baby Nora. The winners are as follows who guessed closest:

Ruth D'Monte (July 7th); **Erin Schultze** (1:49 pm); **Adele Stokes**, **Terry Shuggars**, **Sandy Rogers** (19 inches); **Barbara Laudwein**, **Ruth D'Monte** (7 lbs., 5 oz.). Congratulations to all the winners!



It is hard to believe, but it is almost time for school to start back. Now this may be a bitter pill for some of our children to swallow. Therefore, to help with this challenging transition, **USBC** will be hosting a ***Family/Children Back to School Movie Night***. The movie night will kick off on Saturday, August 16th at 6 p.m.

During our ***Back to School Movie Night***, we will be showing a movie appropriate for all ages, there will be delicious movie snacks, and some fun prizes. So, moms and dads, bring your kids and stay for a wonderful evening of fun and entertainment as we kickoff the new school year.

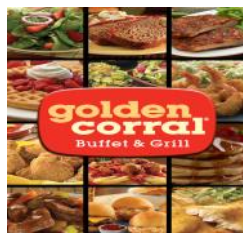
If you and your children are planning to attend, please sign up. The sign-up sheet will be located in the church's foyer.



Vacation Pictures

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).



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

August Sermons

Pastor Dennis Felder

In the month of August, I will be sharing the sermon series, ***The Keys to Growth***. This series is a powerful exploration of the essential principles every believer needs to embrace in order to grow spiritually and to walk more closely with Christ.

Aug. 3rd

Sermon Title: *"Prayer Moves the Heart of God"*

Scripture: Matthew 6:5-6

Synopsis: Believers are challenged to move beyond surface-level, performance-based prayers and embrace a deep, private, and heartfelt communication with God. Prayer is a privilege and should not be squandered, but to intentionally seek Him to experience spiritual growth and transformation.

Aug. 10th – MUSIC SUNDAY

Aug. 17th

Sermon Title: *"Will the Real Holy Spirit Please Stand Up?"*

Scripture: Ephesians 4:30

Synopsis: Believers are encouraged to recognize the true character and work of the Holy Spirit beyond emotionalism. We are called not to grieve the Holy Spirit through disobedience, but rather to cultivate a relationship marked by reverence, guidance, and transformation.

Aug. 24th

Sermon Title: *"Jesus' Workshop, the Church"*

Scripture: Revelation 3:15-16

Synopsis: Believers are called to move from a lukewarm commitment to a passionate involvement in the church, which Christ desires to use as His tool for transforming lives. We are warned against the indifference that makes Christ nauseous. Instead, we are to allow Him to shape us and to use our unique gifts for the advancement of the gospel.

Aug. 31st

Sermon Title: *"God's Instruction Manual, the Bible"*

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17

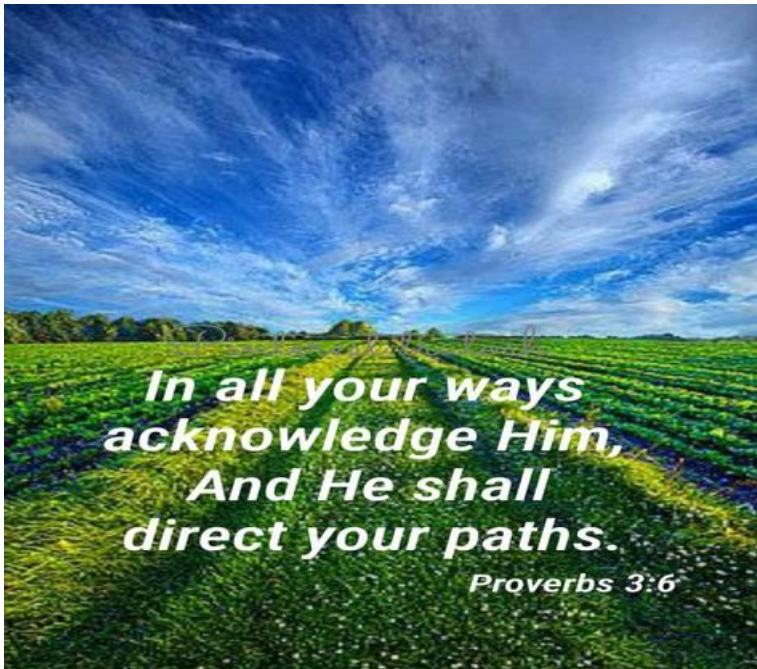
Synopsis: Believers are reminded that all Scripture is divinely inspired and fully sufficient to teach, rebuke, correct, and train us for every good work. It is vital that Christians not only read and accept God's Word, but also to live it out daily, allowing it to shape their lives and guide their spiritual growth.



Join us on August 10th for a special ***Music Sunday***. Bring your voices and your praises as we celebrate our Lord and Savior through song. Throughout the service, we will be featuring various musical performances and hymns for everyone to enjoy. So, don't miss this wonderful opportunity to lift your hearts in praise and worship through music.

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23401 Davis Mill Rd.
Germantown, MD 20876



Next Newsletter Deadline
August 24, 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!

Church Office: 301-972-3686

E-mail: Church@USBChurch.org

Web Site: www.USBChurch.com

Facebook: www.facebook.com/usbchurch/

Hooray!!

Lucas graduated and received his cyber security wings



As you know, **Lucas Felder** joined the United States Air Force on December 3, 2024. Upon leaving, he went to Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, TX where he completed Basic Training.

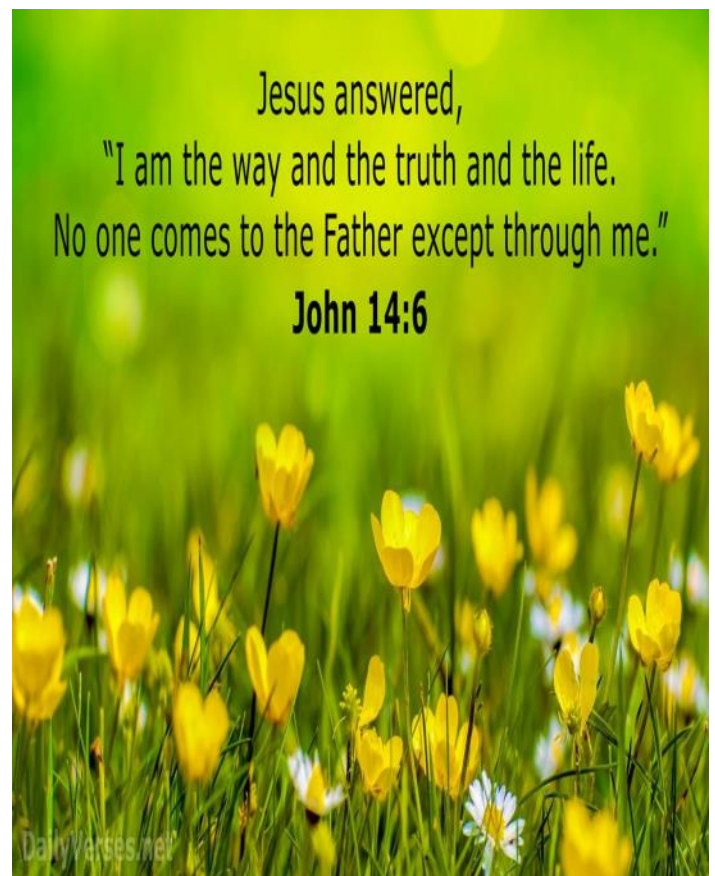
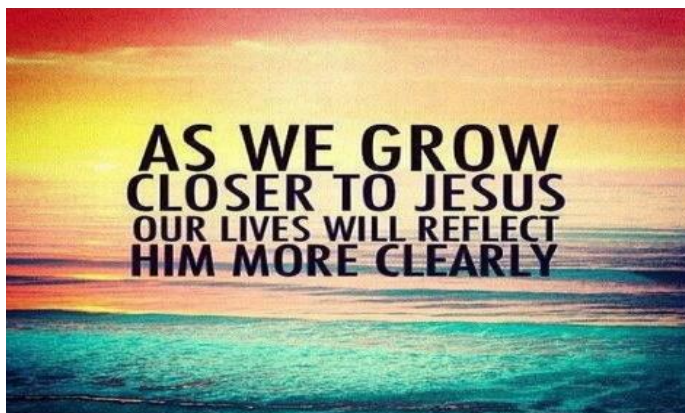
From there, he went to Keesler Air Force Base in Biloxi, MS for cyber security training. On July 23rd, Lucas graduated from cyber security training and received his cyber security wings. Now, he is going back to Lackland Air Force Base to start service career in the field of cyber security.



Agape
Christian Preschool

Starting September 2nd, USBC will be opening its doors for the **Agape Childcare and Preschool**. The daycare center will

be under the direction and proprietorship of Ruth D'Monte (one of our faithful church members). Open House is scheduled for August 2nd, 9th, 16th, 23rd and 30th from 10 am - 1 pm. If you would like more information about the daycare center or about enrolling your children, please see Ruth.



PART-TIME ASSOCIATE PASTOR/OUTREACH MINISTER



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.



During the month of **July** and the first part of **August**, our church will take on two very important tasks. First, we will collect non-perishable food for families needing a helping hand. Please make certain that the non-perishable food you donate has not expired.

Second, we will be collecting school supplies for children who need that extra support. A list of items needed are on the table in the back of the sanctuary. These items can be dropped off in the church's foyer and will be distributed at a later date. To provide a monetary donation toward the purchase of new school supplies, please go to the Faith Connections website (www.faithinactionmd.com).



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