SUNDAY, August 31, 2025

9:45 am Sunday School 11:00 am Worship Service Church Chat 12:30 pm

Dive Deeper Bible Study 1:00 pm

THURSDAY, Sept. 4, 2025

Women's Bible Study 6:00 pm

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Wed., Sept. 3 Mon., Sept. 1 Tues., Sept. 2 Thurs., Sept 4 Closed 9:30 am - 1 pm9:30 am - 1 pm9:30 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 cancelation 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 cancelation message if a service or activity is canceled or postponed.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

The Keys to Growth



God's Instruction Manual – the Bible 2 Timothy 3:16-17

Impacting The Kingdom Of God One Person At A Time

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship Sunday Worship August 31, 2025

Call to Worship

*Song "Lead on Good Shepherd" Congregation

Meet and Greet

*Song "Wonderful Words of Life" Congregation

Prayer/Welcome Pastor Dennis

*Song "Ancient Words" Congregation

**Message Pastor Dennis

"GOD'S INSTRUCTION MANUAL, THE BIBLE" 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (NIV)

*Song "Thy Word" Congregation

*Song "Unashamed" Congregation

Your tithes and offerings will be collected at the end of the service upon leaving.



Sunday, August 31, Church Chat Sunday, August 31, Dive Deeper Bible Study Thursday, Sept. 4, Women's Bible Study Sunday, Sept. 7 Ministry Team Meeting Sunday, Sept. 7, Church Council Tuesday, Sept. 9, Forever Young @ "Golden Corral" Sunday, Sept 14, Communion Sunday Saturday, Sept. 20, Movie Night



Starting September 2, 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 2, 9, 16, 23 and 30 from 10 am - 1 pm. If you would like more information about the daycare center or about enrolling your children, please see Ruth.



Thank you for all the food and school supplies that were donated.

ACTIVITIES CANCELED

The following activities will be canceled in September.

After the Sermon Bible Study (Sept. 2nd)

Prayer Meeting (Sept. 2nd)

Church Office Closed (Sept. 1st-5th)

^{*}Denotes Congregation standing

^{**}Children will be dismissed to their classrooms following the Sermon Video (prior to the Message). Words to hymn music printed by permission CCLI License #1159459

"God's Instruction Manual, the Bible"

By Pastor Dennis Felder August 31, 2025

Scripture: 2 Timothy 3:16-17 (*NIV*)

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.

What I know about the Bible:

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<u>**2 Timothy 3:16a**</u> – All Scripture is God-breathed ...

The Bible is not man's ideas, but God's voice.

<u>2 Peter 1:21</u> – For prophecy never had its origin in the human will, but prophets, though human, spoke from God as they were carried along by the Holy Spirit.

The Bible is reliable and authoritative.

<u>Psalm 119:160</u> – All your words are true; all your righteous laws are eternal.

The Bible is the basis of your faith that needs to be put into practice.

<u>Matthew 7:24</u> – Therefore everyone who hears these words of mine and puts them into practice is like a wise man who built his house on the rock.

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<u>2 Timothy 3:16b</u> – ... *Is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness.*

The Bible is good for teaching.

<u>John 17:17</u> – Sanctify them by the truth; your word is truth.

The Bible is good for rebuking.

<u>Hebrews 4:12</u> – For the word of God is alive and active. Sharper than any double-edged sword... it judges the thoughts and attitudes of the heart.

The Bible is good for correcting.

<u>Psalm 119:9</u> – How can a young person stay on the path of purity? By living according to your word.

The Bible is good for training in righteousness.

<u>Titus 2:11-12</u> – For the grace of God has appeared that offers salvation to all people. It teaches us to say "No" to ungodliness and worldly passions, and to live self-controlled, upright and godly lives.

III. It equips you for ______.

<u>2 Timothy 3:17</u> – So that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work.

The Bible equips you to accomplish the work of the Lord.

<u>James 1:25</u> – But whoever looks intently into the perfect law that gives freedom, and continues in it—not forgetting what they have heard, but doing it—they will be blessed in what they do.

The Bible prepares you for action.

<u>Ephesians 2:10</u> – For we are God's handiwork, created in Christ Jesus to do good works, which God prepared in advance for us to do.

The Bible is a guide for your lifetime.

<u>Psalm 119:105</u> – Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path.

Sermon Notes:	

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



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.

Today, 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.

Part-Time Associate Pastor/ Outreach Minister Wanted



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. For additional information, go to www.USBChurch.com or see Pastor Dennis.



If you are on a *Ministry Team* or would like to be part of a *Ministry Team*, you are invited to attend the *Ministry Team Meeting* on Sunday, **September 7**, immediately following our Worship Service.

During our time together, everyone will be brought up to date about the opportunities to serve at **USBC**. Also, you will hear about all the ministries and how they will function to impact our church and our community for Christ.

It is hard to believe, but school has already started 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 be held on Saturday, **September 20** 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 signup sheet will be located in the church's foyer.

On Sunday, **September 14**, I ask that you prepare your heart as we celebrate communion during our Sunday morning worship service. 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.

Benevolence Fund

Also, at the end of our service, the church will be collecting a special **Benevolence Offering** that will be given to Carlos and Yve Navarrete to help with their financial needs as Carlos recovers from brain cancer.