

SUNDAY, January 11, 2026

9:45 am Sunday School
11:00 am Worship Service
12:30 pm Ministry Teams Meeting
12:30 pm Put Together Blessing Bags

TUESDAY, January 13, 2026

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

THURSDAY, January 15, 2026

6:00 pm Women's Bible Study

CHURCH OFFICE HOURS THIS WEEK:

Mon., Jan. 12	Tues., Jan. 13	Wed., Jan. 14	Thurs., Jan. 15
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.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church



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.

Upper Seneca Baptist Church

11:00 am Sunday Worship

Sunday Worship

January 11, 2026

Call to Worship

*Song	<i>“Let the Church Sing”</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
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Meet and Greet

***Song** *“Lord, I Lift Your Name on High”* Congregation

Prayer/Welcome *Pastor Dennis*

*Song	<i>“As the Deer”</i>	<i>Congregation</i>
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****Message** ***“HOMESICK FOR GOD”*** *Pastor Dennis*
Luke 15:3-7 (NIV)

***Song** *“Lord, I’m Coming Home”* Congregation

***Song** *“Are You Washed in the Blood”* Congregation

*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**

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



Sunday, Jan. 11, Put Together Blessing Bags

Sunday, Jan. 11, Ministry Teams Meeting

Tuesday, Jan. 13, Forever Young @ “Golden Corral”

Tuesday, Jan. 13, After the Sermon

Tuesday, Jan. 13, Prayer Meeting

Thursday, Jan. 15, Women's Bible Study

Sunday, Jan. 18, USBC Budget Vote

Sunday, Jan. 18, Pancakes w/Pastor @ IHop

Sunday, Jan. 25, Church Chat

Sunday, Jan. 25, Dive Deeper Bible Study



“Homesick for God”

By Pastor Dennis Felder

January 11, 2026

Scripture: Luke 15:3-7 (NIV)

Synopsis: As Christians, we can experience the effects of homesickness when we long to once again to have an intimate and personal walk with Christ. It is time to come home.

How the Shepherd shows His love:

I. By His _____.

Luke 15:3-4 – *Then Jesus told them this parable: “Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it?”*

The shepherd is willing to risk his life to save the life of just one smelly sheep.

When you wander from God, you remove yourself from the protection of God.

II. By His _____.

Luke 15:4-6 – *Suppose one of you has a hundred sheep and loses one of them. Does he not leave the ninety-nine in the open country and go after the lost sheep until he finds it? And when he finds it, he joyfully puts it on his shoulders and goes home. Then he calls his friends and neighbors together and says, “Rejoice with me; I have found my lost sheep.”*

Jesus the Good Shepherd never stops looking for His lost sheep.

Isaiah 46:4 – *I have made you and I will carry you; I will sustain you and I will rescue you.*

Why do sheep need a Shepherd?

I. Sheep are _____.

1 Peter 5:8 – *Be alert and of sober mind. Your enemy the devil prowls around like a roaring lion looking for someone to devour.*

II. Sheep are _____.

Since we are sheep who are defenseless, we need a defender and that defender is God.

Isaiah 51:22 – *This is what your Sovereign LORD say, your God, who defends his people: ...*

III. Sheep are _____.

Isaiah 53:6 – *We all, like sheep, have gone astray, ...*

Hosea 11:7 – *My people are determined to turn from me. ...*

IV. Sheep are _____.

There are times we get in a cast position and we need the Shepherd to come and pick us up.

Luke 15:7 – *I tell you that in the same way there will be more rejoicing in heaven over one sinner who repents than over ninety-nine righteous persons who do not need to repent.*

When Jesus starts out with one hundred sheep, He will come home with one hundred sheep—not ninety-nine.

Joel 2:12-14 – *“Even now”, declares the LORD, “return to me with all your heart with fasting and weeping and mourning.” Rend your heart and not your garment. Return to the LORD your God, for he is gracious and compassionate, slow to anger and abounding in love, and he relents from calamity. Who knows? He may turn and have pity and leave behind a blessing ...*



Each and every year, we mark an important milestone in the life of USBC. As each new year begins, we as a church have the important and awesome responsibility to adopt a church budget that will be our guide in how we give and why we give.

On Sunday, **January 4**, the **2026 Proposed Church Budget** will be available for your review and careful consideration. Copies of the budget will be placed in the back of the sanctuary so that you will have time to pray over it before adopting it on Sunday, **January 18**.

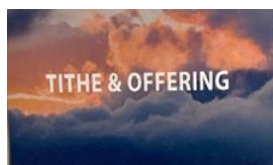
This budget is more than a financial document. It is a statement of faith. The affirmation of this budget is a wonderful testimony and witness of how we as God's family will support the financial needs of the church.

Today we will be putting together our **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 or in need.)



Come join **Pastor Dennis** on **January 18** (immediately after worship service), at the Mt. Airy IHOP for pancakes and fellowship.

If you are planning on using **offering envelopes** for your tithes and offerings for **2026**, the new offering envelopes will be available in the church's foyer. Upon picking up your box of envelopes, please place your name next to the envelope box number on the signup sheet. If you have leftover envelopes from **2025**, you can continue to use them in **2026**.



The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, **January 13** at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.



Don't forget to mark your calendar for **January 25** 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

On Sunday, **January 25**, our **Dive Deeper Bible Study** topic will be "**Open Discussion**". Have you ever had a Biblical question or questions that you have always wanted to ask. Well, bring your question(s) to our next **Dive Deeper Bible Study** and share them with the group during our "**open discussion**". The Pastor, along with the rest of the group, will help provide answers, direction, and clarification during our discussion time.



So, join us Sunday, **January 25** immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.