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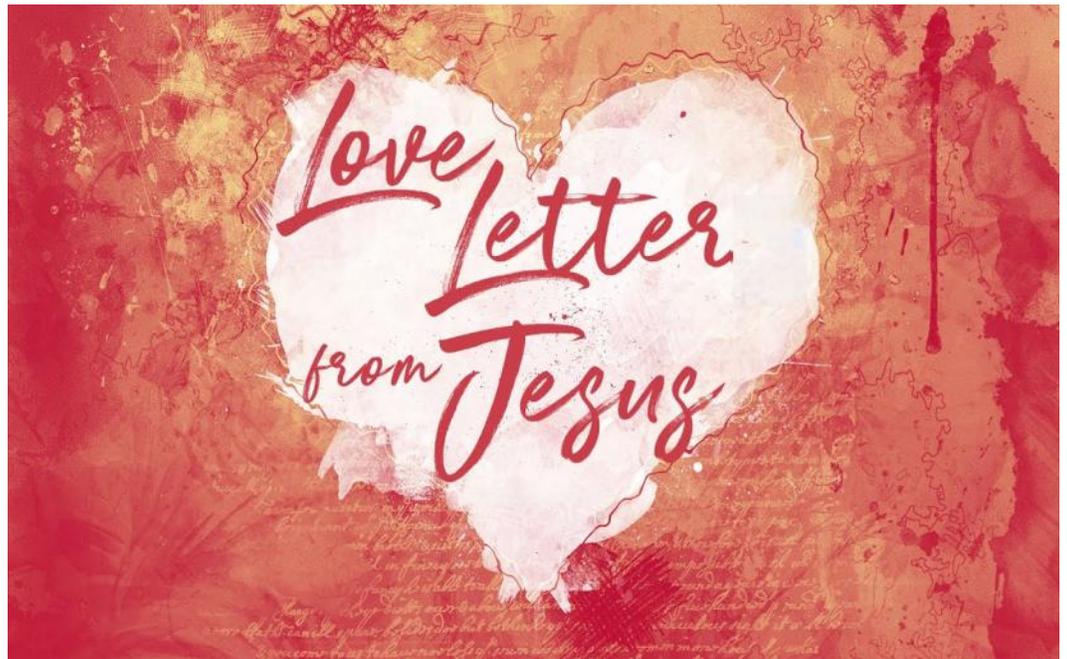
February 2026



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

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USBC NEWS



If Jesus wrote us a love letter for Valentines, what would He say about His love for us? Certainly, I am not trying to put words in the mouth of Jesus, but I can see Him writing the following love letter to us.

My Beloved Child,

I have loved you from the beginning — before you took your first breath, before one moment of your life unfolded. I formed you with care, knitted you together with purpose, and breathed My life into your soul. You are not an accident; you are precious to Me.

When your heart aches, I feel it. When you rejoice, I smile with you. There is no moment of your life I do not see, no pain I do not understand, and no burden I will not carry with you. I am close — nearer than you think — always walking beside you, even when you do not see Me.

I came to earth for you. I endured loneliness, rejection, suffering, and death so that nothing could ever separate us. Sin tried to steal you, but I gave everything to bring you back. The cross was not defeat; it was the gateway to life — your life made whole, healed, and forever wrapped in grace.

You don't have to earn My love. You already have it. You don't have to hide your scars or mask your brokenness. I see it all and still call you Mine. Trust Me with your wounds, and I will bring you into healing. Trust Me with your past, and I will redeem it for good.

Let Me be your peace, your strength, your hope. I am always the same — steady and true when the world shifts and shakes. When others fail you, I never will. My promises are sure, and My faithfulness never ends.

Beloved, lift your eyes. You are never forgotten. I have written your name on My heart. I am coming for you again, but until then, walk in My love and carry it to others. You are the light I send, the voice I speak through, the hands I use to touch a hurting world.

Forever and always, I am yours.

With unending love,

Jesus

As we celebrate Valentine's Day, let us remember the great love that Jesus has for us. He gave us the best Valentine's gift ever when He sacrificially gave of Himself upon the cross so that we could have everlasting life – **John 3:16.**



On Sunday, February 8th I ask that you prepare your heart as we celebrate communion during our Sunday morning worship. 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.



On Sunday, February 8th, immediately following the service, our **Young Adults** will be heading to **Dave & Buster's** at the Rio in Gaithersburg for a fun time of games, food, and fellowship.



The following **Ministry Teams** will be meeting in the month of February for about 15 minutes following the 11 a.m. worship services.

- Security Ministry Team** – Feb. 8th
- AV and Website Ministry Team** – Feb. 15th



On January 18th, USBC adopted our **2026 Church Budget**. 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. Now we need to be faithful to the task.

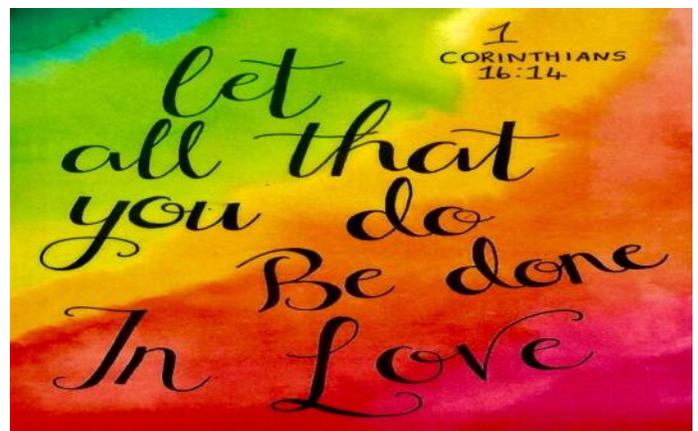


I love a good **Valentine's Party** and USBC will be having such a celebration. We invite all to attend the church's **Valentine's Party** on Saturday, February 28, 2026 at 4 p.m. This festive celebration will take place at the Golden Corral (5621 Spectrum Drive, Frederick, MD 21703). During our time together we will have some fun activities and prizes.

Everyone is invited and if you are planning to attend the **Valentine's Party** at the Golden Corral, please sign-up in the foyer. The cost for an adult is \$17.99, plus the cost of a drink. Children, based upon their age, will range from \$8.99 to \$9.99. Each one will be responsible for the purchase of their meal and tip.



During the month of February, the church will be distributing **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



February Sermons



Pastor Dennis Felder

February 1st

Sermon Title: *“God’s Grace Sustains Us”*

Scripture: 2 Corinthians 12:7b-10

Synopsis: We all go through seasons of our life when we feel weak. It could be physical, emotional, mental, or even spiritual weakness. Either way, God says that His strength is made perfect in human weakness. His grace is always sufficient in any and every season or situation.

February 8th

Sermon Title: *“I Don’t Get It”*

Scripture: John 3:16

Synopsis: There are many things in life that we do not get. As believers, God has extended His hand of mercy and grace through His love, His Son, and His salvation. Since we are unworthy sinners, it is hard to fathom why God would extend such great gifts to us. Like they say, “I don’t get it”, but we are certainly grateful for it.

February 15th

Sermon Title: *“Love that Lies”*

Scripture: 1 John 4:19-21

Synopsis: Love is to be a cherished gift, but it is often cheapened by the way it is abused. God established the standard and definition of love. However, many people substitute their definition of love with God’s definition of love. When this happens, God is unjustly represented and relationships are broken.

February 22nd

Sermon Title: *“Let Your Light Shine”*

Scripture: Matthew 5:14-16

Synopsis: Light is essential for human life. This is also true when it comes to spiritual life. Jesus is the Light of the world. However, when this Light is hidden, spiritual death will abound. Therefore, we are called to let our light shine because it is a matter of life and death.

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Next Newsletter Deadline
February 15, 2026

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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Pancakes With the Pastor

On Sunday, January 18th, we had a great group of people who gathered at the IHOP in Mt. Airy for some good food, fun, and fellowship with *Pancakes with the Pastor*.



On Sunday, February 22nd, 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, February 22nd immediately following our worship service for this informative Bible study and for lunch.

Church Chat

Don't forget to mark your calendar for February 22nd 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 and church events that will be taking place.



The **Forever Young Luncheon** will take place on Tuesday, February 10th at 12:30 p.m. We will be meeting at the **Golden Corral** in Frederick, MD. Remember, anyone is welcome.

“He replied, ‘You must love the Lord your God with all your heart, with all your being, and with all your mind. This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: You must love your neighbor as you love yourself.’”

MATTHEW 22:37-39



PICK A SERMON FOR 2025 by Pastor Dennis

The DVR (Digital Video Recorder) is one of the greatest inventions. If you miss a TV show and it is recorded on the DVR, you can still watch it at a later date. Well, wouldn't it be great if you could do that with our church's Sunday morning worship services. Oh, you can! Every worship service at **Upper Seneca Baptist Church** is recorded and saved on the church's website so that you can view it at a later date.

Included in this Newsletter, is a montage of pictures featuring all the sermon titles that were shared in the year 2025. I want to encourage you to take a moment to view each sermon picture, each sermon title, and each Scripture. If there is a particular message that you are drawn to, will you please go to the church's website, where the sermon is stored, and watch it?

In this New Year, we will face many challenges and we will need the Word of God to help us navigate these uncertain times. The Bible teaches us in **Psalm 119:105**, "Your word is a lamp for my feet, a light on my path." Let these messages, the Word of God, and the praise and worship contained in these life-changing recordings inspire you and encourage you.

Once God leads you to a specific sermon picture or pictures, then go to the church's website (www.USBChurch.comSermons) and view that particular service. When on the *Sermon – Audio/Video* page, you will see a column on the right-hand side entitled, "Title" that will correspond to the sermon title found on your selected picture. To play the video, you will then need to click on the sermon date, located in the far-left column and then the video will start playing. It is that easy.

So, please take advantage of this wonderful opportunity to catchup on services that you have missed and at the same time, have your spirit lifted up. What a great way to start 2026.



What I Know About the Devil
Genesis 3:1-6

The Truth About Angels
Psalm 91:9-12

A Foolish Father
1 Samuel 3:11-13

There's No Place Like Hell
Luke 16:19-24

CAMP CHAOS VBS
JESUS IS OUR PATH TO PEACE

The Miracle of Freedom
John 11:39-44

your WORK matters
COLOSSIANS 3:23-24

A Little Farther
Matthew 26:39

Roof-Crashers
Mark 2:1-5

The Keys to Growth
Prayer Moves the Heart of God
Matthew 6:5-6

Music Sunday
Aug. 10, 2025

The Keys to Growth
Will the Real Holy Spirit Please Stand Up
Ephesians 4:30

The Keys to Growth
I Don't Have to Attend Church
Hebrews 10:23-25

The Keys to Growth
God's Instruction Manual - the Bible
2 Timothy 3:16-17

baby dedication

2 Timothy 1:7
FEAR NOT
Healthy and Unhealthy Fear

Philippians 4:6-7
FEAR NOT
A Proper Place

Matthew 6:11, 34
FEAR NOT
Focus On Today

John 16:33
FEAR NOT
You're Not Alone

Remember Me
1 Corinthians 11:23-25

Happy 220th Anniversary

God's Way
James 4:7-12

Gratitude
Fundamentals of Gratitude
Genesis 8:15-21; Exodus 12:29-27

Gratitude
Gratitude's Nemesis: The Grumble
Exodus 16:2-8; Numbers 11:1-2

Gratitude
What Unites Us
Acts 2:44-47

Gratitude
Fullness of Life
Luke 17:11-19

Don't Serve God Your LEFTOVERS
Deuteronomy 26:1-10

Promise in the Silence
Isaiah 9:2, 6

HE IS LORD
Luke 2:10-17

Joy TO THE WORLD
THE LORD HAS COME



Wise People Still Seek Jesus
Matthew 2:1-12

