

The Ceresco Messenger

February 2015



Pastor's Pen

It's February, the month of love. The stores are full of cards, candy, stuffed animals holding a heart with the word love written on the heart. And of course cupid with his bow and arrow ready to pierce one's heart with love. We say we love our cars, boats, house and many other things.

But I don't recall Jesus using the word love to describe a material object. When Jesus spoke on love, it was always directed to a person or God. True love comes not from being pierced by cupid's arrow, rather true love comes from our hearts being pierced by the Holy Spirit of God.

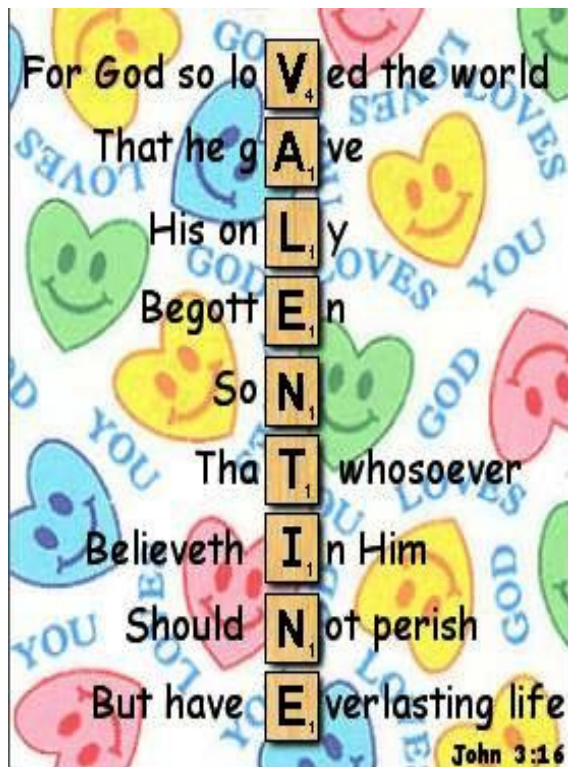
1 John speaks to me on true love, chapter 4:7-8. Dear friends, let us love one another, for love comes from God, everyone who loves has been born of God and knows God. Whoever does not love does not know God, because God is love.

Perhaps the reason true love is so hard to find is because as mentioned above, whoever does not love does not know God. It's a sad tale to think of those who don't know the love of God. I ask myself and maybe you should ask your self, "am I sharing the love of God with others?" For if a person does not know God, then they can never really experience true love. That's a tragedy. It is hard to love some people, I understand that. But if those of us who know God's love and don't share Jesus' message of love, how will those who don't know God ever learn of God's love?

Showing God's love can be difficult. But look at your book mark or recite Philippians 4:13 - "I can do all things through Christ Who strengthens me." I too like to give flowers, cards, candy and stuffed animals to my sweetie. It's fun and makes us feel good. This year as we give our loved ones a valentine, remember to give some thought on God's true love for us and others.

May God's love consume your hearts, Pastor Gary





WARNING

Bible usage can be habit forming.
 Regular reading of the Bible can cause loss
 of anxiety and fear and a decreased appetite
 for impatience and anger.

Symptoms include increased love, joy,
 peace, patience, kindness, goodness,
 faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control.

If symptoms persist, just PRAISE the LORD!

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His Heart's Desire

By Deborah Ann Belka

Let us not love with idle words, that simply roll off our tongues
 let us love in truthful actions and deeds that are left unsung.

Let us not love with conditions, that requires more of another
 let us love in a forgiving measure bracing and lifting up each other.

Let us not love over factors, that cause us to clash and fight
 let us love with reassuring hearts filled with joy and God's eternal light.

Let us not love with a lofty heart, that brings or puts another down
 let us love with hope and bold faith so others can see the truth we've found.

Let us love with pure, honest deeds, so our conduct awes and inspires . . .
 someone to turn their life to our Lord for, that is what His heart desires!

Evening Bible Study - *“Following Jesus: The Discipleship Manual”* is the next book we will be using. We plan to start the first week of March. There is a sign up sheet on the bulletin board. Please give name, and how many books you want. Cost is \$10 per book. Thank you!

Church Attendance: Jan 4 ~ 41;
Jan 11 ~ 40, Jan 18 ~ 36; Jan 25 ~ 39

Martha Circle of Ceresco Baptist Church

The Martha Circle of Ceresco Baptist Church met at the church on Dec. 17, 2014. Hostess Joy read from Thrive. Members present: Gretchen, Joanne, Linda C, Darlene, Veronica, Viviana & Carl Anthony.

Secretary/Treasurer report given by Joy Sommers. Checking balance is \$197.11 after outstanding reimbursements.

White Cross - Working on roller bandages in January. Other quota items due at March meeting.

Missions - read a letter from Wayne & Katherine Niles. Will post on the bulletin board.

ABWM: \$100 was given to Mary for ABW in December. No news update.

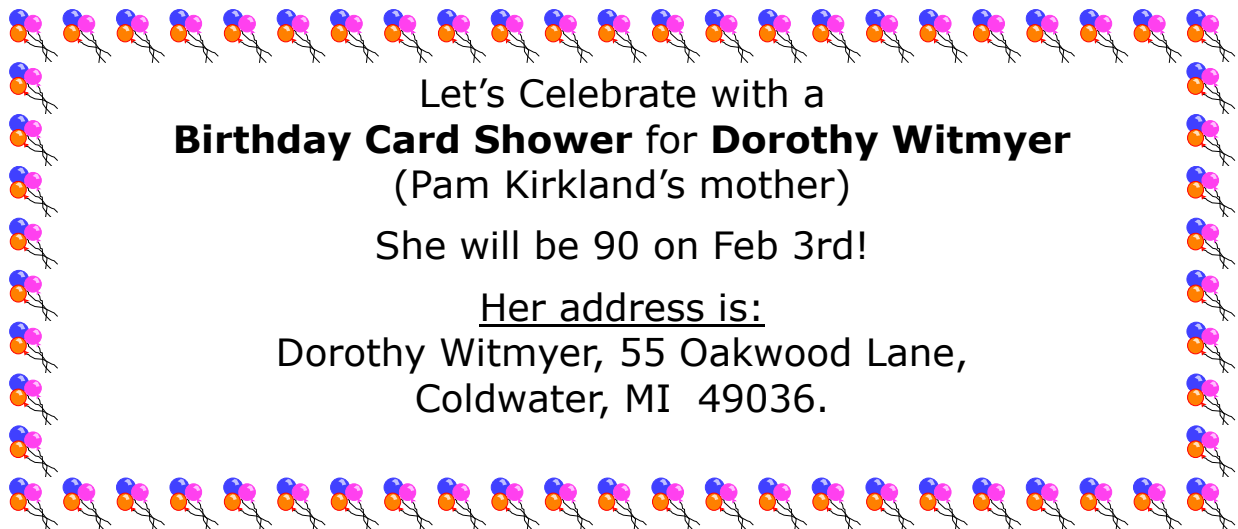
Sunshine - no report. Discussed who we should send cards to.

Old/New Business: Need to start working on our project for Easter.

Love Gift: \$ 17.08 Devotional: \$12.00

Scripture Reading & Discussion: Parable of the Ten Virgins, Matthew 25:1-13.
For February, read John 7:14-36

Next meeting Feb. 11th at 6:30 pm, Pam is hostess. Linda C is March hostess.



Let's Celebrate with a
Birthday Card Shower for **Dorothy Witmyer**
(Pam Kirkland's mother)

She will be 90 on Feb 3rd!

Her address is:
Dorothy Witmyer, 55 Oakwood Lane,
Coldwater, MI 49036.

FEBRUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1 Communion Sunday	2 Scouts 7 pm	3 Bible Study 10 am	4	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
8	9 Scouts 7 pm	10 Bible Study 10 am	11 WMT 5:30 pm Martha Circle 6:30 pm	12	13	14 God Loves You! Happy Valentine's Day!
15	16 President's Day Scouts 7 pm	17 Bible Study 10 am	18 Family Night Potluck, 6:30	19	20	21
22 Fellowship Sunday	23	24 Bible Study 10 am	25 Information for the March Messenger due by noon.	26	27	28

PRAYER REQUESTS REMINDER

Beginning in 2015 the continuing and weekly prayer list names will be cleared off to start the new year. If you have put a name on the prayer list and wish to have the name on for 2015 please send an e-mail to prayerrequest230@comcast.net. The names that are mentioned during the morning worship service will not go on the prayer request automatically. If you want them on the list please send an e-mail to prayerrequest230@comcast.net. The names will remain on the prayer list for 1 month and then the name will be removed unless we get an update through prayerrequest230@comcast.net. Any suggestions or questions, please see a Deacon. There is still a basket for prayer requests on the glass case for those that are unable to email prayer requests. Thank You! ~ Linda Chisholm, Deacon

Do you love music? Do you like to sing but think you can't? Do you love instrumental music, wish you could play, but don't think you can? I'm betting you CAN!

Here is your chance to experiment, learn and have fun with music!

Anyone at any age can learn music, and learning together is so much fun!

I am willing to share my music knowledge with all that would like to learn, for FREE!


What kind of deal is that?!

This is something I have wanted to do for many years. Group lessons will be completely free of charge, and individual lessons will be available at some point.

We will sing, listen, touch base with piano, guitar, and maybe bells. Adults, parents, and children can all learn and help each other learn. Please let me know if you would like to come to **Family Music Camp!** Sincerely, Diana Kidder

We have a new **Church Directory** for 2015. Copies are available at the Church. If you would like to have a copy emailed to you, please send an email to CerescoBaptist@gmail.com, and a PDF version of the Church Directory will be sent to you. Please put "Directory" in the subject line. You can also request that a copy be mailed to your home.

Corrections will be given out on Sundays as new information is gathered. Please contact Linda Chisholm (prayerrequest230@comcast.net) if you have corrections/additions for the directory. Thank you!

The logo features a central shield with vertical stripes of red, white, and blue. Above the shield is a stylized eagle with wings spread. Below the shield is a circular emblem containing a detailed eagle with its wings spread, perched on a globe.

Bridget Holder and Boy Scout Troop 4309
cordially invite you to attend the
Eagle Scout Court of Honor for

Jason Holder

Saturday, March 21, 2015
2:00 p.m.

Paragon Charter Academy
3750 McCain Road
Jackson, MI 49201

Reception following ceremony

RSVP by Saturday March 14, 2015 to 517-782-6806
or holderb13@aol.com

Congratulations, **Jason Holder!** Eagle Scout Court of Honor will be held Saturday, March 21, 2015.

The Love of God

May you know the love of God,
 in all of its glory and fullness
 may you uncover its very depth
 and the meaning of His richness.
 May you discover the love of God,
 in all of its purity and loveliness
 may you perceive its very height
 and be filled with His faithfulness.
 May you sense the love of God,
 in all of its peace and kindness
 may you feel its very breadth
 and be calmed by His tenderness.
 May you discern the love of God,
 in all of its grace and gentleness
 may you detect its very length
 and behold all of His mercifulness.
 May you love the Lord, your God,
 with all of your heart and soul
 may you come to Him right now
 and let Him make your life whole!

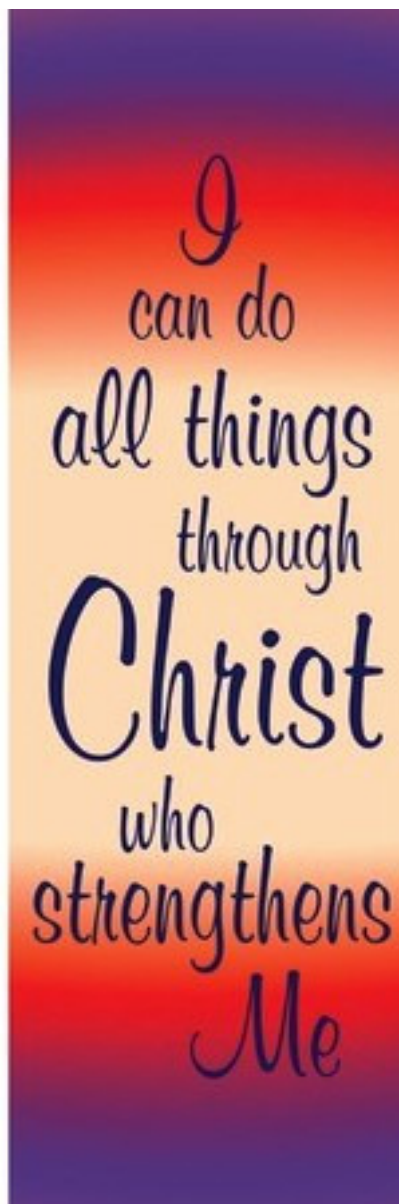
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***Ephesians 3:17-19***

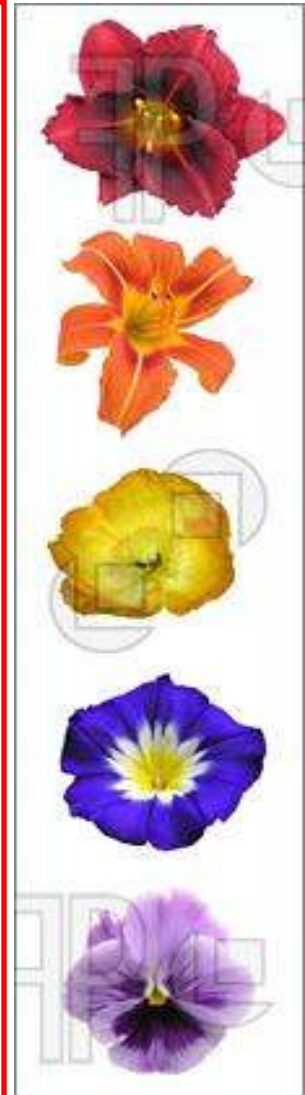
*King James Version*

*“That Christ may dwell in your hearts by faith;  
 that ye, being rooted and grounded in love,  
 May be able to comprehend with all saints  
 what is the breadth, and length, and depth,  
 and height; And to know the love of Christ,  
 which passeth knowledge, that ye might be  
 filled with all the fulness of God.”*



## God's Boxes of Love

I have in my hands two boxes  
Which God gave me to hold  
He said, "Put all your sorrows in the black,  
And all your joys in the gold."  
I heeded His words, and in the two boxes  
Both my joys and sorrows I store  
But though the gold became heavier each day  
The black was as light as before  
With curiosity, I opened the black  
I wanted to find out why  
And I saw, in the base of the box, a hole  
Which my sorrows had fallen out by  
I showed the hole to God, and mused aloud,  
"I wonder where my sorrows could be."  
He smiled a gentle smile at me.  
"My child, they're all here with me."  
I asked, "God, why give me the boxes,  
Why the gold, and the black with the hole?"  
"My child, the gold is for you to count your blessings,  
the black is for you to let go."



## Dear Jesus,

Please bless the person  
reading this right now.  
Watch over them and  
protect them today.  
And, show them  
peace and love.  
May you walk  
beside them  
and guide  
their steps.  
~Amen



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# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Feb 4 Nicole Thomas  
 Feb 5 Nadine Coats  
 Feb 9 Chris Sorell  
 Feb 13 Bill Worthington  
 Feb 18 Glen Cary  
 Feb 23 Mike Hatton  
 Feb 25 Kelcie Collins  
 Feb 26 Gretchen King

Mar 1 Tommy Burke  
 Mar 3 Derek Holtz  
 Mar 4 Chris (Chip) MacCrossen  
 Mar 4 Garrett Skinner  
 Mar 9 Brian Markos  
 Mar 9 Ron Chisholm  
 Mar 9 Monica Entsminger  
 Mar 10 Barb Griffin  
 Mar 11 Ruth St. John  
 Mar 12 Denise Green  
 Mar 13 Martin Coats  
 Mar 13 Lucas Finch  
 Mar 13 Bill Westphal  
 Mar 14 Jada Haroff  
 Mar 15 Joanne Henley  
 Mar 15 Vi Halder  
 Mar 18 Pam Kirkland  
 Mar 20 Deborah Beltz  
 Mar 21 Bill Raabe  
 Mar 21 Mike Halverson  
 Mar 22 Danny Sommers  
 Mar 27 Sarah (Frey) Collins  
 Mar 29 McKenzie Babcock  
 Mar 30 Jody Davis

## Happy Anniversary!

Mar 8 Albert & Margie Cole  
 Mar 24 Bill & Laurann Frey

## 10 Things God Can't Do

1. God can't get tired. (Isaiah 40:28)
2. God can't take on a job he can't handle. (Jeremiah 32:17)
3. God can't be unholy. (Isaiah 6:3)
4. God can't be prejudiced. (Acts 10:34-35)
5. God can't break a promise. (Psalm 89:34)
6. God can't remember sins he's chosen to forget. (Isaiah 43:25)
7. God can't make a loser. (2 Corinthians 2:14)
8. God can't abandon you. (Deuteronomy 31:6)
9. God can't stop thinking about you. (Psalm 139:17-18)
10. God can't stop loving you. (Jeremiah 31:3)

Just wanted to say  
 Hi and remind you  
 that God loves you,  
 and so do I!

A friend loveth at all times.  
 Proverbs 17:17



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# FEBRUARY

**God loves you,**

**And so do we!**

~ Ceresco Baptist Church



**American Baptist**  
CHURCHES of MICHIGAN

Loving God and leading strong,  
**Together.**

## The Ceresco Messenger

### Church Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:45 am

Sunday School 11:00 am

Bible Study Tuesdays 10 am

Bible Study Tuesdays 6 pm

Men's Breakfast

1st Saturday 8:00 am

Family Night Potluck

3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm