

The Ceresco Messenger

January 2015

Happy New Year
2015



Pastor's Pen

As I reflect over the past year, Hebrews 6:19 speaks to me. ("We have this hope as an anchor for the soul, firm and secure"). Last year at this time we were in a time of transition. Who would be the next pastor of Ceresco Baptist Church? For Phyllis and I, what was God's will for us? What was next? During that 2 month period waiting to see what God's next move was to be, I felt safe and secure that God had me anchored in His will. Sure, I had some confusion at times, but I knew that God was in control.

We as a church have seen God's hand at work. We have had new members join us, baptisms and child dedications. I know I have grown spiritually over the last year, I hope you have too.

I have seen how we as a church surround our friends and community in time of loss and hardships. The love we show is a reflection of Jesus Christ. All that we do is for the glory of God and for the Kingdom of God on earth. The work we do for the Kingdom of God on earth will, by the grace of God, bring in souls for the kingdom of God in heaven.

I feel that we should always be a church in transition, always allowing the Holy Spirit of God to anchor us where He wants us. Then allow God to pick up His anchor and move us to another anchor point. If we allow God the freedom in our hearts, we can be a witness of Jesus' love to many.

I believe the year of our Lord 2015 will see God's hand move like we have not seen in some time. Maybe I am naive, or maybe I just have faith. I choose faith. How about you? We together at Ceresco Baptist have a great opportunity to see God's glory unfold right before our eyes. Lets join together and pray for God's will, then together, lets follow Him.

God's not dead! He is just waiting for the world to call on His Holy Name. May God bring us close this year, may we see the fullness of God's glory.

In Christ's service , Pastor Gary.
HAVE A BLESSED AND HAPPY NEW YEAR !!

May God bless you!



To all my Church Family: Thank you very much for the Christmas monetary gift....it's truly a pleasure to help plan the music throughout the year....we are fortunate to have so many willing to use their voices for the different Sun.'s by way of choir, duets, trio's and solo's. If you or someone you may know would like to provide special music some Sun., please let me or one of the worship members know. Thanks again . . . I love you all . . . Joanne Henley

Thank you for the monetary gift, I gave it back to be used to further God's work at Ceresco Baptist Church. It has been a pleasure and a learning experience to serve the Lord at CBC for the past 48 years. It seems like it was yesterday when I was asked to play for the Carol choir and Sunday school openings! Through this encouragement I was given the opportunity to become high school then 2 different college accompanists, this only happened through all of you and Christ our Lord! He led me through my musical career as a teacher and accompanist gaining 2 music degrees during this process, I thank you all as well as Him for my life. Blessings to all. . . . Diana (Moor) Kidder

Thank you to the Ceresco Baptist Family for remembering me at Christmas time. It is a joy to serve our Lord! . . . Mary Ivey

Thank you to my Church Family for the Christmas gift. I feel blessed to be able to help with the worship service each week. I am also thankful for Jeri Wood, Diane DeYoung, and Phyllis Schooler for helping me when needed. All is done to glorify God! . . . Joy Sommers



Mary Circle of Ceresco Baptist Church

The Mary Circle met Dec. 15th at Maplewood in Marshall. Present were Margie Cole, Barb Hoppe, Margaret Pray, Joyce Cary, and Kay Davis. The circle missed Edythe Weaver's presence and Skip Katz was not able to attend.

Margie read a couple of devotions that reflected life as we see it.

The continuation of the Mary Circle was discussed, and as a result this is the last meeting of the Mary Circle.

Refreshments were provided by Margie and Kay. Visiting and reminiscing concluded the meeting.

Margie gave each one a felt Santa she had made with treats inside. Barb gave each one a Christmas tin full of caramel corn. ~ Kay Davis

Church Attendance: Dec 7 ~ 45;
Dec 14 ~ 50, Dec 21 ~ 59; Dec 28 ~ 58

Martha Circle of Ceresco Baptist Church

The Martha Circle of Ceresco Baptist Church met at the church on Dec. 17, 2014. Hostess Gretchen King read from "The Family Album" a book Connie Leigon gave to us. Two readings: Charles Dickens from "A Christmas Carole", Peter Marshall "The Old Things are Best."

Present: Gretchen, Pam K, Linda C., Jeri, Darlene, Veronica, Viviana, and Joy. Secretary/Treasurer report given by Joy Sommers. Checking balance is \$187.37 after outstanding reimbursements. Motion by Pam, 2nd by Jeri to give \$25 to Scholarship girl for Christmas, and \$50 to the missionaries, Jeri/Darlene - motions passed. Letter from SAFE Place - requesting additional funds - will try to send some later.

White Cross - Pam - sent the Christmas items. Waiting to do more roller bandages in January.

Kitchen - still need some small tongs.

ABWM: Did not issue check to ABW yet, as they need more than \$70 in order to pay the \$280, and not have to close the checking. Motion by Darlene, 2nd by Jeri - change amount to \$100. Passed.

Sunshine - Pam sent cards to several people the past month.

Special Offerings - RMMO in December - motion by Darlene, second by Jeri to give \$25. Motion passed.

Old Business: Meetings will be the 2nd Wednesday of the month from now on.

Love Gift: \$ 5.30 Devotional: \$13.00

Our next meeting is Jan. 14th at 6:30 pm with Joy Sommers as hostess. Pam Kirkland is February hostess, Linda Chisholm is March hostess.

We enjoyed refreshments provided by Gretchen, and made another fleece blanket.

Flower Schedule is wide open for Jan/Feb!

JANUARY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Happy New Year!!!	2	3 Men's Breakfast 8 am
4 Communion Sunday & Deacon Fund Offering	5 Scouts 7 pm	6 Bible Study 10 am/ 6pm	7	8	9	10
11	12 Scouts 7 pm	13 Bible Study 10 am/6 pm	14 Martha Circle 6:30 pm	15	16	17
18	19 Scouts 7 pm	20 Bible Study 10 am/6 pm	21 Family Night Potluck, 6:30	22	23	24
25 Fellowship Sunday	26	27 Bible Study 10 am/6 pm	28 Information for February Messenger due by noon.	29	30	31

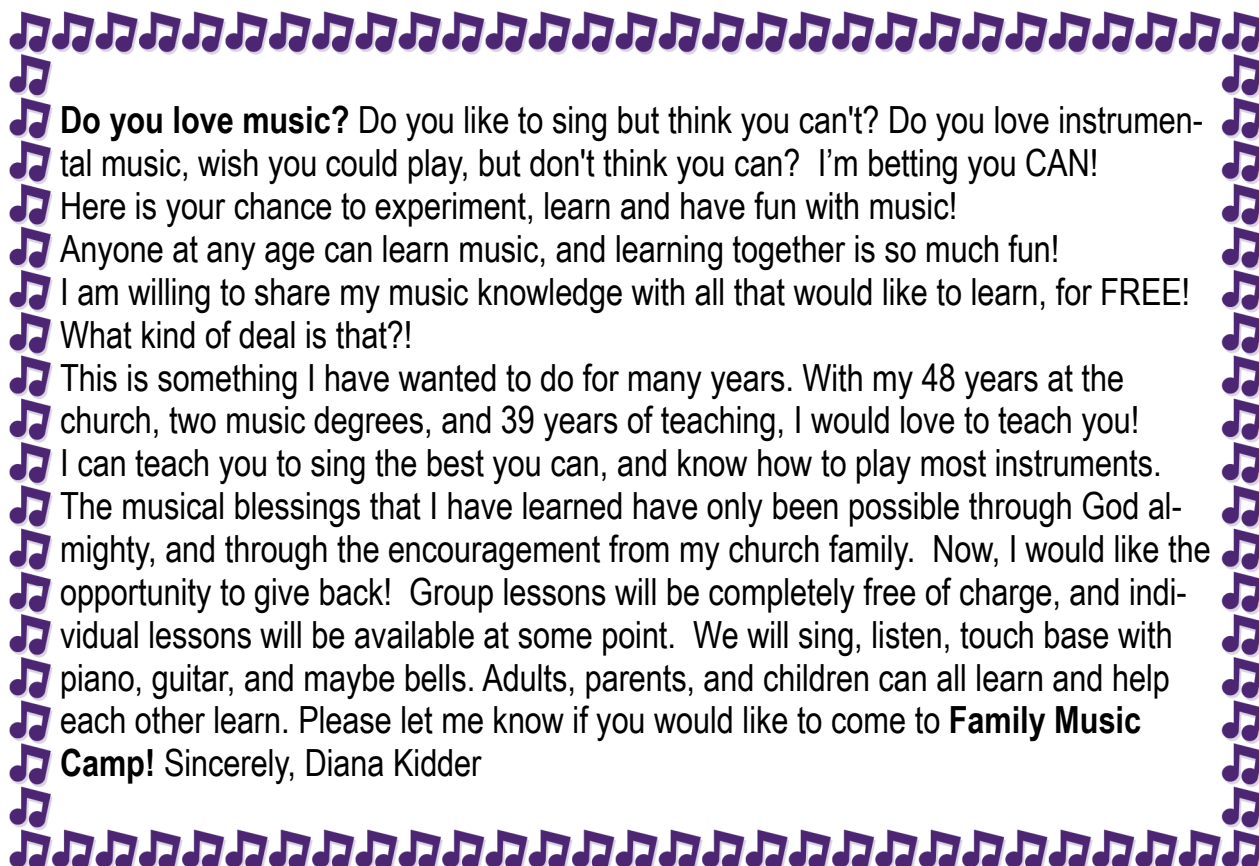
PRAYER REQUESTS

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

Annual Reports for 2014

Last year is history, and now we need your history reports! Please submit your ministry team annual reports to Joy Sommers by January 31st. They may be handed in, or emailed to CerescoBaptist@gmail.com. Every circle / committee / ministry team that conducted business last year needs to submit an annual report.

Thank you! ~ Joy Sommers, Church Clerk.



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. With my 48 years at the church, two music degrees, and 39 years of teaching, I would love to teach you! I can teach you to sing the best you can, and know how to play most instruments. The musical blessings that I have learned have only been possible through God almighty, and through the encouragement from my church family. Now, I would like the opportunity to give back! 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

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On Sunday, December 28th, we had a guest speaker. **Ms. Angela Sommers** provided us with a presentation on the mission work she and her team have been doing in Thailand this past year. They have all grown spiritually, and continue to grow as they do work for the Lord. Their next goals are to support & train the local churches, open a community center where they can teach children about God, and do outreach to the village schools.

Angela's prayer requests are:

- the hearts of the Thai people to be open to receive the gospel of Jesus Christ
- wisdom and guidance as we go through the process of gaining foundation status
- unity within our team that the Thai people would see Christ's love through our love for one another

If you would like to support Angela's mission work, here is the information:



Hope for Thailand

Hello, My name is Angela Sommers. I am a missionary to Thailand. Thailand is a Buddhist country in much need of the gospel and the life that it brings. Join me in ending injustice in Thailand through the life giving power of knowing Jesus.



Please fill out the form below if you would like to support my ministry

To support financially, please make checks payable to Victory Life Church with ANGTHAIL in the memo and mail to:

ATTN: Thailand Missions ANGTHAIL
Victory Life Church
3833 Hudson Drive
Stow, OH 44224

Name: _____

How do you prefer to receive updates?

_____ email: _____

_____ mailing: _____

If you would like to receive updates on Angela's Mission work in Thailand, you can send her an email to:

angelanicolesommers@gmail.com

If you would like her to mail information to you, please give your name and mailing address to Joy Sommers and we will make sure you get put on Angela's mailing list!

Thank you for your prayers for Angela and her team's mission work in Thailand!



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HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Jan 2	Jack Winters	Feb 4	Nicole Thomas
Jan 2	Alexandria Hamaker	Feb 5	Nadine Coats
Jan 3	Margaret Pray	Feb 9	Chris Sorell
Jan 4	Avery Blair Goodman	Feb 13	Bill Worthington
Jan 7	Olivia Gary	Feb 18	Glen Cary
Jan 11	Richard Schlee	Feb 23	Mike Hatton
Jan 13	Bob Beltz	Feb 25	Kelcie Collins
Jan 13	Amelia Schooler	Feb 26	Gretchen King
Jan 18	Sam Henley		
Jan 18	Christin Berry		
Jan 18	Brian Gary		
Jan 19	Jean Clark		
Jan 20	Gary Schooler		
Jan 23	Paul Mead		
Jan 24	Chelsea Kilbourn		
Jan 25	Emily Ivey		
Jan 25	Bryan Davis		
Jan 28	Harlynn Casey		
Jan 28	Brad Kidder		
Jan 28	Diane Burrows		
Jan 29	Ava Marni Bene		
Jan 31	Bailey Davis		



Happy Anniversary!

Jan 2 John & Ruth Paschen



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

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God loves you,
And so do we!
~ Ceresco Baptist Church



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