



"Why Go To Church?"

A Churchgoer wrote a letter to the editor of a newspaper and complained that it made no sense to go to church every Sunday. "I've gone for 30 years now," he wrote, "and in that time I have heard something like 3,000 sermons. But for the life of me, I can't remember a single one of them. So, I think I'm wasting my time and the pastors are wasting theirs by giving sermons at all."

This started a real controversy in the Letters to the Editor column, much to the delight of the editor. It went on for weeks until someone wrote this clincher:

"I've been married for 30 years now. In that time my wife has cooked some 32,000 meals. But, for the life of me, I cannot recall the entire menu for a single one of those meals. But I do know this ... they all nourished me and gave me the strength I needed to do my work. If my wife had not given me these meals, I would be physically dead today. Likewise, if I had not gone to church for nourishment, I would be spiritually dead today!"

How true that is. In today's society, we have become so busy that when it comes to lightening up the load, one of the first things we give up is our commitment to our spiritual nourishment, which is going to church on a regular basis.

When you are DOWN to nothing ... God is UP to something!

Faith sees the invisible, believes the incredible and receives the impossible! Thank God for our physical AND our spiritual nourishment!

B.I.B.L.E. (Basic Instructions Before Leaving Earth!)

When you carry the Bible, Satan has a headache.

When you open it, he collapses;

When he sees you reading it, he loses his strength,
and when you stand on the Word of God, Satan can't hurt you!

Thank you to all that donated items for the food pantry! ~ Linda Chisholm



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"We're teaching our children the importance of regular church attendance . . . what time should we pick them up?"

MONTHLY ATTENDANCE

- Mar 3 ~ 45
- Mar 8 ~ 70
- Mar 15 ~ 49
- Mar 22 ~ 40
- Mar 29 ~ 69
- Apr 5 ~ 55
- Apr 12 ~ 54
- Apr 19 ~ 58
- Apr 26 ~ 59
- May 3 ~ 53
- May 10 ~ 63
- May 17 ~ 60
- May 24 ~ 39
- May 31 ~ 54

Anyone that would like some pussy willows may take some from the sanctuary. If you put them in water, they may grow. Or leave dry to keep them as they are.

~ Bessie Ivey

CLASS OF
Twenty Fifteen

Celebrate the graduation of
Jason & Jonathan Holder

Clark Lake Community Center
3740 Ocean Beach Rd
Clarklake, MI
Sunday, June 21
2:00 pm-5:00 pm

Celebrating the Graduation of
Nathan Steven Berry

Open House Party
Saturday, June 6th
2pm until 5pm
144 Shadow Bend Lane
Battle Creek, MI 49014
(269) 282-0418
Harper Creek High School

CLASS OF 2015

2015 Graduation Party

PLEASE JOIN

Travis Weeks

DATE: *6-13-15* TIME: *1-4pm*

PLACE: *9765 B. N*
Battle Creek, mi 49014

An Invitation
50th Wedding Anniversary

NO gifts please

For: *Glen & Joyce Cary*

Date & Time: *6-13-15* *4-6pm*

Place: *9765 B. N*
Battle Creek, mi 49014

R.S.V.P. *269-420-2475*



Kaylah Babcock, Harper Creek High School
Nathan Steven Berry, Harper Creek High School
Meredith Cherney, Lakeview High School
Bradley Thomas, Harper Creek High School
Jason Holder, Jackson High School
Jonathan Holder, Jackson High School
Travis Weeks, Harper Creek High School
Kenneth John MacInnis, Kellogg Community College
Malia Jade Scott, Kellogg Community College
Laura Sheets, Kellogg Community College

A Graduate's Prayer

Dear Lord,
As I look toward the future, Bright hope conducts this prayer,
For I know the plans You have for me, Were wrought with divine care.
Holy Spirit, lead me. Let me run at your command,
Yet be still and know that You are God, When trouble's close at hand.
Your Word will be a lamp for me, A guide to light my way,
A solid place to set my feet, A compass when I stray.
May I live my life to praise You, Not for fortune, nor for fame,
May everything I say and do, Bring glory to your name.
May my eyes stay fixed upon You, As I seek the way that's pure,
Tasting your love and goodness, Sleeping and rising secure.
Planted by your living streams, I'll delight in all your ways,
Hidden by your sheltering wings, With new mercies for each day.
Even in a dangerous land, When storms threaten to destroy,
At the cross I'll stand upon the Rock, My Strength, my Hope, my Joy.
Dear Lord, show me your favor, At all times keep me blessed,

Administrative Council Minutes, June 6, 2015

Prayer by Pastor at 9:03 am

Clerks Report: Joy Sommers Minutes from March meeting were in Messenger. All email to Joy regarding church information, please send to: CerescoBaptist@gmail.com

Treasurers Report: Report distributed, motion by Rick Frey, 2nd by Dawn Frey to approve report as written.

Pastoral Relations Committee Members: Don St. John (Chair), Stacey Goodman, Art Wood, Darlene Anthony, Joy Sommers. Committee reviewing pastoral vacation – comparing to others in the area. Next meeting is Oct. 7th

Property Management Ministry Team: Rick Frey Parsonage Roof has been replaced, Side parking lot completed, Need to do sidewalk to back door – may have it be an Eagle Scout project, Need parking bumpers for new parking area, Windows, window wells need to be re-painted – might be an Eagle Scout project. Pastor said Travis Weeks & Austin Frey have volunteered to help out over the summer. Jacob Lewis is also willing to help.

KITCHEN COMMITTEE: Roger Sommers. Committee has not met. Members are: Art Wood, Donna Ruthruff, Joanne Henley, Linda Chisholm, Nancy Reed, Roger & Joy Sommers, and Rick Frey. 1. Kitchen must be brought up to the Health Department Code—this is the first order of business. Then other renovations will be done in phases, one area at a time. Roger will contact Chad Hart at Besco Water Treatment this week to get the water softener lined up for us so that we have decent water once we do the plumbing upgrades. We have the stainless steel countertop already. Need to have a pump to take water to sewer, so will need to cut into the floor to do this.

Deacon Ministry Team: Linda Cole Roger Sommers and Art Wood terms end 2015 ; Deacon Checking account need to remove Nancy Reed & Art Wood, add Gretchen King & Linda Cole. Food Bank thanked us for \$200 .

Worship Ministry Team: Joanne Henley Projector bulb has been replaced, light bulbs have been changed in sanctuary, June 7th new opening and closing songs; Opening "Here We are to Worship" m closing "Make Me a Blessing " Heather Casey choosing hymns for June. Favorite Hymns may be written down and placed in basket in foyer w/name of song, pg. # and your name. A hymn will be drawn out each week and sung during worship service. If anyone wishes to do special music, please see anyone on the worship team. Would like to have choir sing, "My Country Tis' of Thee" July 5th. Practices would be Sun. mornings at 9:00 on June 28th and July 5th.

Father's Day...June 21st; Tribute to Fathers by Heather Casey, cookies for fathers from Glennie Swann. Have men sing that day? When reciting scripture verse do verse and scripture reference (Philippians 4:13) Kathy Straub is working with the youth choir twice a month (2nd & 4th Sun. 's), may need to switch to 1st & 3rd Sundays. Next meeting is Aug. 12th, 5:30 pm.

Educational Ministry Team:

Toddler Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sundays is going well. Next Youth Day will be in the fall. Next meeting will be in July. Aug 7-9th have a VBS weekend with First Baptist of Marshall. Family Nights have been well attended – if you have ideas, give to Jeri or Joy. Evening Bible Study resumes in September. Sharon Hadley will be teaching Sunday School for 3rd-5th grade students starting June 14th. Motion by Joanne, 2nd by Linda Cole for Joy to purchase graduate gifts. Graduates are: Jason Holder, Jonathon Holder, Nathan Berry, Bradley Thomas, Travis Weeks, Meredith Cherney, Ken MacInnis, Malia Scott , Kaylah Babcock, and Laura Sheets.

Boy Scouts: Pastor Gary Done until September, Pastor attended Eagle Scout Court of Honor & dinner.

Missions: Joy Sommers Angela Sommers to share with us before leaving for Cambodia, Read update from Wayne & Katherine Niles – will put on bulletin board.

Pastor's Report: March 2015 - May 2015. Pastor shared all he has been doing the past 3 months—many visits, meetings, counseling, special services, wedding, Youth day, Family nights, Maplewood communions, prayer. Pastor will be on vacation July 3rd-11th – Pastor Chuck McNeil will preach on July 5th and do the communion. He will also cover for any emergencies.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS: Swiss Steak Supper in October, Roger is chair, any volunteers let Roger know. Projection Software upgrade \$149, Motion by Joanne, 2nd by Dawn Frey. Use money from A/V fund. CD Copier is broken, \$150 to replace, Motion by Joanne, 2nd by Linda Cole to replace it. Volunteers for lawn mowing or yard work? Sign up sheet on bulletin board..

Special Meeting Sunday July 12th after worship to establish budget committee and nominating committee (Jeri is Chair). **ANNUAL MEETING:** Sept. 12, 2015 at 9 am after Church Breakfast, approve slate of officers and 2016 budget proposal.

Roger closed in prayer at 10:45 am

Submitted by Joy Sommers, Church Clerk

Family Night - May

My guess would be that close to 50 attended. All we did was eat and talk and what fun. Who would think that there could be so much to discuss about so many different dishes and who brought what. Just for fun, other than the dish you brought, can you name two other dishes that were brought and who sat on each side of you and across from you? Be sure to make plans to attend the next "Family Night" on June 17th at 6:30pm. "The Lord Invites Us To His Banquet Table"

~ Sharon Hadley

Sunday School News

There will be a class beginning Sunday, June 14th for the 3rd, 4th and 5th graders. Come and learn adventures from the Bible!

Youth Group News

The next youth gathering will be in July. Keep watch for more info!

Kids Korner

Unscramble the following:

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Questions:

1. Who led the people out of Egypt?
2. Who turned water into wine?

Look for the answers in next month's Messenger!!

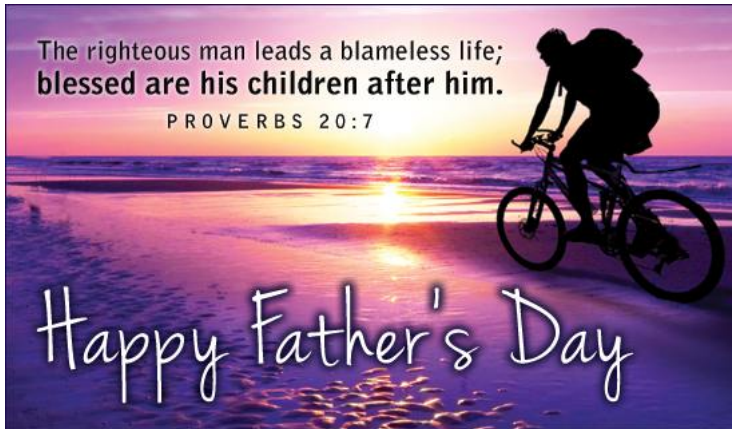
What's in it for the kids during a Sunday Worship Service?

In addition to Children's Time, on the 2nd & 4th Sundays we have Toddler Worship with Phyllis Schooler, and Youth Choir with Kathy Straub. We have Junior Church on the 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th Sundays. On the 3rd Sunday we have the children sit through the adult worship service to get familiar with the regular Sunday service. The Nursery is available every Sunday.

Bring your children & grandchildren to church with you! We love to share the good news of Jesus with them!

JUNE 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5	6 Church Breakfast 8:00 am Adm Council 9 am
7 Communion Sunday & Children's Choir	8	9 Bible Study 10 am	10 Martha Circle Family Picnic 6:30 PM	11	12	13
14 Graduation Sunday	15	16 Bible Study 10 am	17 Family Night Potluck, 6:30	18	19	20
21 Father's Day	22	23 Bible Study 10 am	24	25 Messenger Information Due at noon	26	27
28 Fellowship Sunday & Angela Sommers	29	30 Bible Study 10 am				



A father is neither an anchor to hold us back, nor a sail to take us there, but a guiding light whose love shows us the way.

The essence of the father's role
Is to mirror God's own heart
And to value instruction in God's ways
With the grace that God imparts
Every father needs God's wisdom
To carry out his role,
As the tower of strength and support
For each fragile heart he holds
And there's no greater reward in life
For a father to take his place
And uphold the values of the Lord
With integrity and grace.

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Father's Day Poem

God took the strength of a mountain, The majesty of a tree, The warmth of a summer sun, The calm of a quiet sea, The generous soul of nature, The comforting arm of night, The wisdom of the ages, The power of the eagle's flight, The joy of a morning in spring, The faith of a mustard seed, The patience of eternity, The depth of a family need, Then God combined these qualities, When there was nothing more to add, He knew His masterpiece was complete, And so, He called it... Dad

- *Anonymous*

"One night a father overheard his son pray: Dear God, Make me the kind of man my Daddy is. Later that night, the Father prayed, Dear God, Make me the kind of man my son wants me to be."

- *Anonymous*

"A good father is one of the most unsung, unpraised, unnoticed, and yet one of the most valuable assets in our society."

-- *Billy Graham, Christian Evangelist*

Psalm 103:13 - "As a father has compassion on his children, so the LORD has compassion on those who fear him"

FLOWER SCHEDULE

June 7 ~ Kirkland
June 14 ~ OPEN
June 21 ~ Sommers
June 28 ~ Halder
July 5 ~ Sommers
July 12 ~ OPEN
July 19 ~ OPEN
July 26 ~ OPEN

Have a Favorite Hymn?

During the summer months we will be picking a favorite hymn from the basket in the foyer. Please write down your favorite hymn, #, and your name. We will start drawing favorite hymns on June 14th.



Martha Circle Report

Ladies of the Martha Circle met on May 13th at the church. Present: Gretchen King, Linda Chisholm, Pam Kirkland, Vi Halder, Ruth St. John, Joanne Henley, Jeri Wood, Darlene-Veronica-Viviana-Carl Anthony, Nadine Coats, and Kathy Straub.

Darlene read minutes of previous meeting. Checking balance is \$242. Card from Raphael was read. Several cards were sent out this past month.

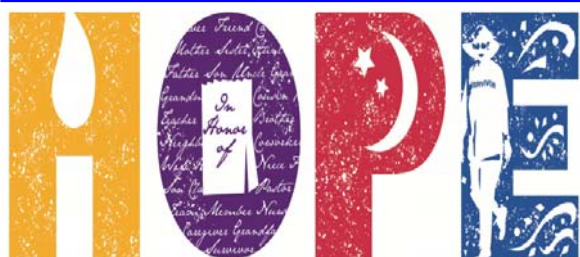
We are collecting good clean usable items for the Treasure Sale which will be Friday, Aug. 27th (2-6pm) & Saturday, Aug. 28th (10am-4pm). Pricing will again be by donation.

Our family potluck picnic will be on June 10th, 6:30 pm at the Historic Bridge Park in Battle Creek. Please bring your own table service & beverage, a passing dish, and lawn chairs (just in case).

Pam is collecting old towels to give to the Haven of Rest.

We still have RADA cutlery for sale! See Joanne Henley if you need to place an order. Reimbursed Joanne \$62.95 for items purchased to sell. Money was turned in from selling RADA (\$80.25).

Meeting closed at 7:34 pm with refreshments. Our Love Gift was \$30.46, and our devotional was \$24.00. Next meeting is our annual family picnic, June 10th.



RELAY FOR LIFE 2015

Are you a Cancer Survivor?

If you would like a Survivor Invitation for the Relay for Life of Calhoun County East, please see Joy Sommers. If you plan to attend the Survivor Dinner on July 8th, your RSVP is DUE by June 22nd.

Relay is July 17-18th at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds. Please join us!!!

More information on Church bulletin board!

BIRTHDAY!

June 1	Pam Lutz	July 4	Shirley Westphal
June 2	Austin Frey	July 5	Kevin Sommers
Jun 3	Laurann Frey	Jul 10	Phyllis Schooler
Jun 3	Tylor Hatton	Jul 10	Joyce Cary
Jun 4	Linda Chisholm	Jul 10	Benjamin Markos
Jun 5	Shelly Wood	Jul 15	Andrew Sommers
Jun 7	Garrett Gary	Jul 15	Malia Scott
Jun 9	Ed Kirkland	Jul 17	Alyssa Holder
Jun 10	Bud Halder	Jul 17	Isaac Wood
Jun 11	Randy Reed	Jul 21	Skylar Marie Miller
Jun 12	Josh Ivey	Jul 21	Bradley Jacob Thomas
Jun 12	Nickie Palmiter	Jul 26	Rick Frey
Jun 16	Garrett Eli St. John	Jul 27	Robert Lutz
Jun 17	Isaac Entsminger	Jul 27	Kyle Sorell
Jun 17	Barb Gary	Jul 27	Floyd 'Pete' Burrows
Jun 17	Kyle Gary		
Jun 18	Joyce Clem		
Jun 19	Chad Hart		
Jun 21	Angela Sommers		
Jun 26	James Anthony		
Jun 26	Wayne Paul		
Jun 28	Hailey Shepherd		
Jun 29	Brianna Markos		

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!!

6/1	Rob & Diana Kidder
6/8	Kevin & Sarah Collins
6/10	Mike & Betty Halverson
6/14	Albert & Karen Anthony
6/17	Melvin & Linda Cole
6/19	Glen & Joyce Cary
6/22	Jeff & Tina Green
6/26	Justin & Heather Casey
??	Ed & Pam Kirkland
6/29	Dick & Bonnie Halstead



HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!!

7/3	Brad & Karyn Halverson
7/7	Gary & Phyllis Schooler
7/9	Peter & Paula Briedis
7/20	Bill & Shirley Westphal
7/22	Floyd 'Pete' & Diane Burrows
7/23	Ted & Lora Finch
7/26	Ron & Linda Chisholm
7/30	Bruce & Monica Entsminger

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God loves you,

And so do we!

~ Ceresco Baptist Church

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The Ceresco Messenger

Church Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:45 am

Sunday School 11:00 am

Bible Study Tuesdays 10 am

Family Night Potluck

3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm

(Sept-June)