

The Ceresco Messenger

Pastor's Pen ~ May 2015

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



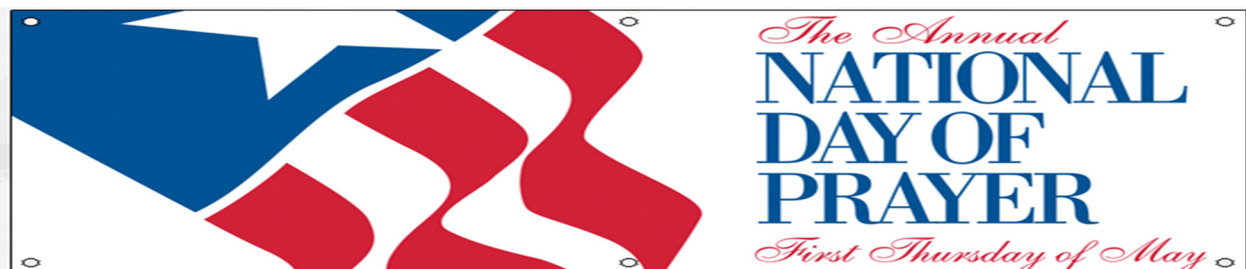
Many of you been watching the T.V series A.D. The Bible. In the episode that aired on April 19th, we were able to see a visual of the Holy Spirit that came upon the disciples, found in the 2nd chapter of Acts; the violent wind that came from heaven, the fire that came to rest on each of them. They came to speak in different languages, and more importantly, they were filled with the Holy Spirit - the Spirit of God and the authority to carry God's love to the world.

In chapter one of Acts we read of Jesus giving proof that He did indeed conquer death. And He was very much alive! Jesus gave them the command to stay in Jerusalem and wait for the promised gift of the Holy Spirit. They asked Jesus, Lord are you going to restore the kingdom of Israel? Jesus reply: it is not for you to know the times and dates. Jesus said wait. I now leave you, but I will send you the Holy Spirit.

Friends, the church of today was built on this gift of the Holy Spirit. Peter and the rest of Jesus' followers, relied on the wisdom of the Holy Spirit to witness to the world of God's love, found in His Son Jesus Christ.

To continue the church of today, we must rely on the Holy Spirit to guide us, so we can witness with God's truths and love. We as a church in today's world are not much different than when Peter preached the word of God. Peter was an outcast to the authorities of the world. But Peter served the one and only true Authority, Jesus Christ. And through Peter's faith and guidance of the Holy Spirit, a Church of God was born.

Unlike Peter, we do not have to wait on the Holy Spirit to come. He is already here, waiting on those who will hear His prompting and will feel compelled to raise God's church back to where He intended it to be. May God fill you with His Holy Spirit!! In Christ's service, Pastor Gary.





Mothers Prayer ~ Anonymous

I said a Mother's Day prayer for you
To thank the Lord above
For blessing me with a lifetime
Of your tenderhearted love.

I thanked God for the caring
You've shown me through the years,
For the closeness we've enjoyed
In time of laughter and of tears.

And so I thank you from the heart
For all you've done for me
And I bless the Lord for giving me
The best mother there could be!



All that I am,
or hope to be, I
owe to my
angel mother.

My Mother, my friend so dear
throughout my life you're always near.
A tender smile to guide my way
You're the sunshine to light my day.

I UNFRIEND YOU

I guess with the internet age and Facebook, you can collect scads of friends. Faces of others you don't even know and yet you call them friends. I know some who use it only to keep up with family and kids and friends who, otherwise, they would have little or no contact with. Others may keep it very limited and private.

I know one person who posted himself on Facebook and in a few weeks had several hundred friends and knew not one. You can get a feel of someone's integrity, lifestyle, personality, how empty or how joyless their life may be just by the needless information they post daily. But then again, it's also a way to inform others of joys and blessings that have come across their path. I have heard of someone who "unfriended" others on Facebook because of the garbage they consistently post.

I do not belong on Facebook only because of my own choice of not having the desire. However, I do have many true friends and I know their voices and I know their faces. We don't always agree on each other's opinions or attitudes but we don't have to "unfriend" each other.

We have a Friend, and by faith, we know He has our names "posted" in the Book of Life. He knows our voices and He knows our faces. If we walk with Him truly, He will never "unfriend" us.

~ Sharon Hadley

Motherhood ~*Helen Steiner Rice*

The dearest gifts that heaven holds,
The very finest, too,
Were made into one pattern
That was perfect, sweet, and true;
The Angels smiled, well-pleased, and said:
"Compared to all the others,
This pattern is so wonderful
Let's use it just for Mothers!"
And through the years a mother has been
All that's sweet and good
For there's one bit of God and love,
In all true Motherhood.



A Mother's Love - Author Unknown

There are times when only a mother's love
Can understand our tears,
Can soothe our disappoints
And calm all of our fears.
There are times when only a mother's love
Can share the joy we feel
When something we've dreamed about
Quite suddenly is real.
There are times when only a mother's faith
Can help us on life's way
And inspire in us the confidence
We need from day to day.
For a mother's heart and a mother's faith
And a mother's steadfast love
Were fashioned by the angels
And sent from God above.

One Great HOUR OF SHARING

OGHS supports disaster relief, development projects, and refugee ministries of the American Baptist Churches and its partners.

One Great Hour of Sharing ("OGHS") is one of four annual offerings received by American Baptist churches. OGHS makes the love of Christ real for individuals and communities around the world who suffer the effects of disaster, conflict, poverty or severe economic hardship, and for those who find themselves refugees or displaced within their home country.

We are collecting for the OGHS offering during May and June. There will be special envelopes in the pews. There will be a sign up sheet for those that plan to make a contribution in honor of or in memory of females (Mother's Day bulletin insert) and males (Father's Day bulletin insert. Information for Mother's Day is due May 3rd. Information for Father's Day insert is due June 14.



“Create Your Own” Pizza Party

All Teens in 6th-12th Grades are Invited!

Saturday, May 2nd, 6-8 pm

We'll provide the crust & toppings,
and you create your own special pizza!

Toppings include sausage, pepperoni, bacon, mushrooms,
green peppers, red peppers, pineapple, mozzarella cheese,
cheddar cheese, and ham.

Bring a friend, and come have some fun!

If you plan to attend, please send an email to
CerescoBaptist@gmail.com and let us know how many will
be attending with you! We hope to see you there!!!

PRAYER

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2 CHRONICLES 7:14

**Join us at the Fountain in Marshall on
Thursday, May 7th at 6:30 pm
for our National Day of Prayer.**

Win-Some Women Spring 2015 Retreat, Grand Hotel on Mackinac Island!

Win-Some Women is a Christian based organization with an all volunteer steering committee, presenting bi-annual retreats featuring speakers, music, comedy, and drama, together with worship and prayer. It is a unique fellowship of women from all denominations and walks of life. Win-Some Women began with 50 women in our northern Michigan community and has expanded to include women in more than 40 different states, and Canada. The day and a half retreats are held in the spring and fall of each year at the historic Grand Hotel on picturesque Mackinac Island, Michigan. We look forward to seeing you at one of our events. Come with your mother, daughter, sister, or friend and experience the joy, the peace, and the Love of God.



THEME: "SPIRITUAL COMPASS"

"Looking unto Jesus, the author and finisher of our faith ." Hebrews 12:2a (KJV)

ONE NIGHT STAY:

TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY MAY 12 & 13, 2015
WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY MAY 13 & 14, 2015
THURSDAY & FRIDAY MAY 14 & 15, 2015

TWO NIGHT STAY:

TUESDAY, MAY 12, 2014 - THURSDAY, MAY 14, 2015
WEDNESDAY, MAY 13, 2014 - FRIDAY, MAY 15, 2015

Go to: <http://win-somewomen.org/> for additional information!

MAY 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
*Junior Worship for 2 1/2 - 4 yr olds on the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month.		*Junior Choir for 3rd grade & up meets during Worship Service 2nd & 4th Sundays			1	2 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am TEEN NIGHT 6-8 pm
3 Communion Sunday	4 Scouts 7 pm	5 Bible Study 10 am Bible Study 6:00 pm	6	7 Worship Ministry Team 5:30 pm	8	9 Church in use
10 * Mother's Day	11 Scouts 7 pm	12 Bible Study 10 am	13 Martha Circle 6:30 pm	14	15	16
17	18	19 Bible Study 10 am	20 Family Night Potluck, 6:30	21 Deacon Ministry Team 5:00 pm	22	23
24 * 31 Fellowship Sunday	25 Memorial Day	26 Bible Study 10 am	27 Information for the June Messenger due by noon	28	29	30



We now have **Junior Worship** during the regular worship service. This is for children 2 1/2 - 4 years old. Phyllis Schooler will be teaching the children during this special time. They will learn Bible stories, sing songs, do a craft, and have fun! Junior Worship will be on the 2nd & 4th Sundays each month.



NEW ~ Junior Choir! Open to 3rd grade through 12th grade students. Choir practice will be on the second & fourth Sundays of each month. Kathy Straub will work with the students, and we would like to have them sing during a worship service from time to time.



Join us for our monthly **Family Night Potluck** on Wednesday, May 20th at 6:30 pm. Please bring a dish to pass, your own table service, and your favorite family game. Following the meal, we will have some family game time!

FLOWER SCHEDULE

May 3 ~ Glennie
May 10 ~ Hart
May 17 ~ OPEN
May 24 ~ Sommers
May 31 ~ Henley
June 7 ~ OPEN
June 14 ~ Halder
June 21 ~ Sommers
June 28 ~ OPEN



Martha Circle Report

Martha Circle of Ceresco Baptist Church met at the church on April 8, 2015, with Gretchen, Jeri, Kathy, Joanne, & Joy present. Hostess was Jeri Wood.

Ezekiel 33:1-9 Bible Study read by Jeri.

Secretary/Treasurer - available checking balance is \$220.42.

Missions - On Location in Gana - article discussed by Gretchen. Snatching girls 8-12 years old to be slaves at a shrine for the rest of their lives. If they try to escape, they are stoned to death. Need to keep them in prayer. Joy read updates from Mya Hernandez, Tim & Patti Long, Wayne & Katherine Niles, & Angela Sommers.

White Cross - Joanne reported on the survey results - for 2015-2016 White Cross will have less paperwork, ability to make donations online, etc.

ABW - New theme for 2015-2017

Old Business - No Mother/Daughter potluck this year. Treasure Sale - Aug. 28/29th date has been confirmed with Dawn. Start putting information in the Messenger that we are collecting stuff for the treasure sale. Have a RADA table at the sale. Friday 2-6, Saturday 10-4 for the Treasure Sale.

New Business - discussed April 26th Fellowship Sunday for Vi's birthday, Martha Circle to provide the food.

Collections: Love Gift \$23.69, Devotions \$22.00

Scripture for next month: Proverbs 11:1-8, 12:13-14

Meeting closed in prayer at 8:03 pm. We enjoyed refreshments provided by Jeri and then did a fleece blanket.

BIRTHDAY!

May 3	Valerie Halder	June 1	Pam Lutz
May 3	Brian Halverson	June 2	Austin Frey
May 5	Alexander Finch	Jun 3	Laurann Frey
May 5	Jayme Biljum	Jun 3	Tylor Hatton
May 6	Jared Babcock	Jun 4	Linda Chisholm
May 9	Darla Thorpe	Jun 5	Shelly Wood
May 13	Rob Kidder	Jun 7	Garrett Gary
May 13	Tahlia Kidder	Jun 9	Ed Kirkland
May 15	Bill Frey	Jun 10	Bud Halder
May 15	Marcy Bonney	Jun 11	Randy Reed
May 17	Kendra Davis	Jun 12	Josh Ivey
May 17	Kalab Gary	Jun 12	Nickie Palmiter
May 19	Heather Casey	Jun 16	Garrett Eli St. John
May 23	Kerah Hatton	Jun 17	Isaac Entsminger
May 24	Trish Ivey	Jun 17	Barb Gary
May 25	Diane Biljum	Jun 17	Kyle Gary
May 25	Ronnie Hildebrant	Jun 18	Joyce Clem
May 26	Trey Casey	Jun 19	Chad Hart
May 26	Shawn Skinner	Jun 21	Angela Sommers
May 26	Brad Halverson	Jun 26	James Anthony
May 28	Linda Cole	Jun 26	Wayne Paul
May 30	Mikey Wood	Jun 28	Hailey Shepherd
		Jun 29	Brianna Markos

HAPPY ANNIVERSARY !!!

5/3	Brad & Ana Kidder
5/6	Craig & Nichole Thomas #20
5/7	Brad & Charity Gary
5/21	Trey & Lindsey Casey
5/26	Jimmy & Alexandria Hamaker
5/31	Sam & Joanne Henley

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



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~ Ceresco Baptist Church

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Together.

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Church Schedule

Sunday Worship 9:45 am

Sunday School 11:00 am

Bible Study Tuesdays 10 am

Bible Study Tuesdays 6 pm

Family Night Potluck

3rd Wednesday 6:30 pm