

# The Ceresco Messenger

## Pastors Pen ~ September 2015

September is time to get back to the schedules of work and school. Summer will come to close on September 23rd. Autumn begins, the cool crisp air, the beautiful fall colors of the trees. Apples, cider and donuts await us at our favorite orchard, Friday night football games and homecoming for our high school kids.

We have all been busy this summer, with family gatherings and vacations. We have all missed a few Sundays along the way this summer, and rightly so. God wants us to enjoy life and the beauty of the world He created.

However, we must be careful not to let missing Sundays become a habit. We have or are getting our children ready to go back to school. We take them shopping for school supplies and clothes. We want them to be prepared for the school year.

What about preparing our children for spiritual growth? School spirit is great and fun. The Holy Spirit of God is everlasting. Perhaps we should think about Sunday school for our children? A place where they can learn about the love of Jesus. Sunday school can be a safe place, a place of rest for our children.

A week of school can bring anxiety to our children. School teaches our children about math, science and English. But there are many other things taught that go against Christian morals and teachings. Plus just growing up and peer pressure. Like am I pretty enough? Am I athletic enough? Should I drink or use drugs to fit in?

We as Christian parents and the church owe it to our children to provide a safe place. That place should be our homes and the local churches. We should be saying, yes you are special. We love you. Jesus loves you. God has a special plan for your life.

We must combat the teachings of the world, with the love of Jesus Christ. Sunday school is that place where we can show and teach the love of Jesus through God's Word.

Yes Jesus loves the little children of the world. But the parents and the church must provide a way for our children to find Jesus. We teach them how to take care of their bodies, by how we take care of ours. Shouldn't we do the same spiritually?

May God bless the new school year and the Sunday school year.  
God bless, Pastor Gary





Thank you to all who donated school supplies to help children in the Marshall school district with supplies. They were dropped off on September 1 at HCB, and coordinator Nancy said they would be delivered on Friday, Sept. 4th. Thank you!  
~ Deacon Ministry Team

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The Martha Circle would like to thank everyone who helped with the treasure sale in August; including those who donated items, setup and helped with the sale. The money raised will be put to good use in God's name. Thank you to those that purchased items too! You helped us raise \$600. Again thank you for your support!

I am in need of 21 sturdy boxes for food distribution by Oct. 4, 2015. I will have a sign up sheet on the glass case in the foyer. Please sign up for how many you can bring.



Thank you!  
~ Linda Chisholm

**Church Attendance ~ August**

Aug 2 ~ 46, Aug 9 ~ 65, Aug 16 ~ 52, Aug 23 ~ 59, Aug 30 ~ 55.



**Grandparents, We Love You**

We're blessed to know that we are loved by someone wise and true,  
Someone who loves us as we are that someone, of course is you.  
You listen not just when we smile, but even when we grumble,  
Although you sometimes have to say we shouldn't always mumble.  
We want you to know we love you too; We really do adore you.  
We appreciate the things you do, and thank God daily for you.

## 10th Anniversary Celebration!

### St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church

Last year when we celebrated our 160th Anniversary, a group from St. Luke Tabernacle Community Church came and shared in our celebration, providing special music. This year they are celebrating their 10th anniversary.

Their celebration is on September 20, 2015. Sunday Service is 10am to 11:30 or so. Church is at 9559 Greenfield Detroit 48228.

Following the worship service, they will head to First Baptist Church of Detroit , 21200 Southfield Freeway (just north of 8 Mile Rd) in Southfield Michigan. There is a reception and greet time from 1 to 2 pm. Dinner at 2pm.

If you plan to attend, please let Pastor Gary know as soon as possible so we can let St. Luke's know how many to plan for. Thank you!

# Celebrate!!!

**Join us to CELEBRATE 100 Years of Worship!**

**Newton United Methodist Church**

8804 F Drive S on Sunday, Sept. 20th

Worship Service 1 pm, Family Potluck 1:45 pm,

Entertainment 2:30 pm,

Old Time Ice Cream Social 3:15pm

Fried chicken provided by Meijer.

Please bring a dish to pass. Thank you!



## “American Baptists’ White Cross has helped thousands since World War II”

For many years, American Baptist’s “helping hands” have been reaching out to people in need. During World War I, many church women assisted the American Red Cross by providing surgical dressings, bandages, and other medical supplies for U.S. service personnel. In 1919, following the end of the war, two American Baptist women from Cleveland, Ohio organized the “White Cross Service League,” channeling the war effort into support for Baptist mission.

White Cross has been embraced by local churches throughout the United States. Congregations are eager to fill specific requests from mission workers. Through White Cross gifts, church members provide urgently-needed supplies that cannot be purchased with limited mission budgets.

Through the years, American Baptist women have given leadership in this ministry, which now provides some \$800,000 annually in mission support. And entire congregations often work together to fill White Cross requests.

The importance of White Cross is undiminished today, and the need for both funds and practical items is greater than ever. American Baptists are generous and caring people with a true heart for mission. White Cross needs your helping hands!

So, how about joining us on **Saturday, October 10<sup>th</sup>** from 9 am to 3 pm? All are welcome to come help with our “White Cross Work Day”. There will be other West area church ladies here too! We’ll be making roller bandages. Lunch will be provided. It’s a fun time and we get to meet those participating, and make new friends with our sister churches.

Thank you! Joanne Henley, White Cross Chairperson

“White Cross” (for reasons I never learned) is the name of an energetic ministry of American Baptist women and churches. Among other things, they roll bandages and give money to buy hospital supplies for the Congo. These friends, sometimes called “Holy Rollers,” tear old bed sheets into strips and roll them up into bandages.”

What does a Band-Aid cost? Ten cents? Now imagine running a hospital serving patients who make less than a dollar a day. The cost of daily dressing changes for a burn, surgery, or deep laceration, paid at U.S. rates, might exceed a year’s income for most patients. Rolled bandages save lives!

To all the Holy Rollers out there, and those who give to purchase these hospital supplies, we pass on to you the chorus of “Thank You!” expressed by medical staff at eleven Baptist hospitals in the Congo.

If you have missed the blessing of being part of White Cross, join the fun and get involved. To know more contact International Ministries or ask us! It’s a wonderful way to become part of God’s healing work through hospitals in the Congo. Thank you for your prayers and support making our presence here possible.

~ Congo Missionary, Katherine Niles

# SEPTEMBER 2015

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1 Bible Study 10 am	2	3	4	5
Annual Church Meeting is Saturday, 9/12 at 9 am. Meeting is open to the congregation!						
6 Communion Sunday EMT 11:15	7 	8 Back to School Bible Study 10 am	9	10	11	12 Admin Council 9:00 am
13 Grandparent Sunday	14 Boy Scouts Kitchen Committee @ 6	15 Bible Study 10a / 6 pm	16	17	18	19
20 Birthday Party for Maddie Beck	21 Boy Scouts	22 Bible Study 10a / 6 pm	23	24 Messenger Information due @ 12p	25	26
27 Fellowship Sunday	28 Boy Scouts	29 Bible Study 10a / 6 pm	30	OCT 1	OCT 2	OCT 3 Men's Breakfast 8 am

**Be sure to read the articles on page 3.**

**There are two churches celebrating anniversaries on Sunday, Sept. 20th!**

**No church breakfast or family night this month, as the kitchen is being renovated!**

# Happy Birthday!



## September Birthdays

- 1 Shawn Struble  
Julie Holton
- 2 Ted Finch  
DJ Holton
- 3 Gregory Wood
- 5 Ken MacInnis
- 7 Michael Wood
- 8 Matt Ivey
- 10 Sierra Phelps
- 11 Karen Anthony
- 11 Katelyn Green
- 12 Ralph Leigon
- 12 Brandon Davis
- 12 Art Ruthruff
- 13 Travis Paul
- 14 Mary Ivey
- 17 Albert Cole
- 19 Steve Evans
- 20 Jason Ivey
- 20 Michele Babcock
- 20 Robin Johnston
- 22 Justin Casey
- 23 Madison Beck
- 23 Janet Smith
- 24 Ana Kidder
- 25 Kay Davis
- 27 Fred Combs
- 29 Melvin Cole

## September Anniversaries

- 3 Jody & Michele Babcock
- 7 Stephen & Christy Phelps
- 11 Art & Jeri Wood #45
- 19 Alex & Stacey Goodman
- 20 Bob & Deb Beltz
- 26 Don & Ruth St. John
- 27 Dave & Jeannette Glen
- 30 Jayme & Diane Biljum



# Happy Anniversary!

### \* Prayers for Protection for our Children (2 Thessalonians 3:3; Psalm 46:1; John 17:15; Psalm 91)

Lord, I pray Your emotional, physical, and spiritual protection over our kids & grandkids. Keep evil far from them, and help them to trust You as their refuge and strength. I pray You will guard their minds from harmful instruction, and grant them discernment to recognize truth. I pray You will make them strong and courageous in the presence of danger, recognizing that You have overcome and will set right all injustice and wrong one day. Help them to find rest in Your shadow, as they live in the spiritual shelter You provide for them. Let them know that the only safe place is in Jesus, and that their home on earth is only temporary.

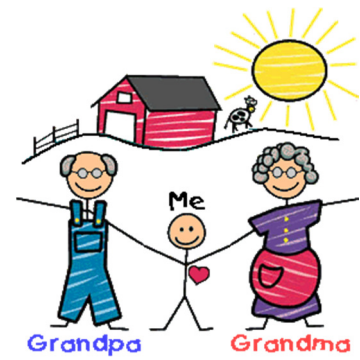
### Flower Schedule

- Sept 6 ~ Sommers
- Sept 13 ~ Ivey
- Sept 20 ~ Casey
- Sept 27 ~ Henley



Administrative Council met a few times briefly in August:

1. Church to purchase laptop for pastor to use, no internet.
2. Approved proposed budget for 2016
3. Approved proposed slate of officers for 2016



We will be celebrating those that have had new grandchildren since last year's Grandparent's Day (9/7/14). If you have a new grandchild, and would like to be honored, please give your information to Linda Cole or Joy Sommers by Tuesday, Sept. 8th. Please provide the baby/child's name, date of birth, height/weight, parent's names, grandparent's names, boy or girl. If you would like to include a picture, please email it to: [CerescoBaptist@gmail.com](mailto:CerescoBaptist@gmail.com)  
Thank you!

And to all grandparents, have a Blessed Grandparent's Day!

## God's Gift of Grandparents

Grandparents are like honeybees; they are the very sweetest.  
They give you hugs and kisses, and their stories are the neatest.

The honey they produce is more valuable than gold,  
For this honey is the lessons That we lovingly are told.

Grandparents want the best for us and say we can achieve any goal  
that we have set, If only we believe.

They help us spread our wings so when we leave our honeycomb,  
We'll make the right decisions Though we be away from home.

Yes, grandpas are like silver, And grandmas are a gem,  
But better than one hundred diamonds are the things I learn from them.

- By Alyssa Marie Bentham



*To be a grandparent is to experience the  
joy of unconditional love.*

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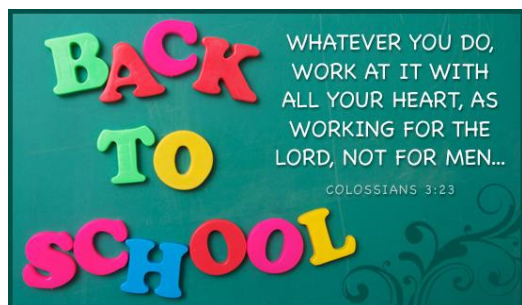
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### Church Schedule

#### Sunday Worship

9:45 am

#### Sunday School

11:15 am

#### Bible Study Tuesdays

10 am & 6 pm