

March

The Ceresco Messenger ~ Ceresco Baptist Church

Pastor's Pen - March 2016

Many of us are familiar with Jesus feeding the five thousand. I would like for you to focus on John 6:5. It reads as follows: Jesus said to Phillip, where are we to buy bread for all these people? Jesus asked Phillip where the disciples could buy bread to feed the multitude that had been following Jesus. The scripture says that Jesus asks Phillip the question in order to test Phillip- to see how he would respond.

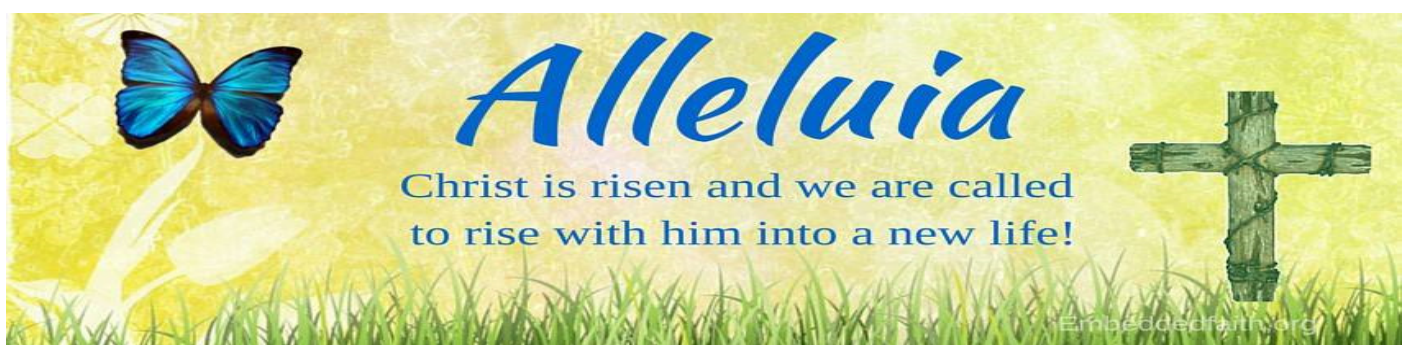
Jesus already knew what he was going to do about feeding the crowd. Phillip did not take into account what Jesus could do. Jesus wanted to see if Phillip would respond in faith or doubt.

This poses the question, do we look at struggles with a limited viewpoint as Phillip did? Or do we view them based on what is possible when Jesus gets involved?

Like many of you, I have watched the news with the shootings in Kalamazoo, the presidential debates and I ask myself, where is God? I think it's not God that has gone missing! I think it is the people's hearts that are missing out on the blessings of knowing Jesus. For some reason we have decided as a people to dismiss God's promises in His word.

Like Philip, we have seen the blessings of God in our lives. We know God is sovereign. I must ask the question, not only to you who are reading this, but I must ask the question to the world. Is it faith or doubt in Jesus that lays in our hearts? I pray that it is faith, not only in the things you have witnessed, but also the things unseen that God is doing.

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary.



GOD'S SACRIFICE

Our Heavenly Father, Look down from above, On the world you've created, Out of words of love, Lord, when you spoke, Precious life into being, You created so perfect, Each and everything, But when we sinned, Perfection was lost, And separation from you, Was the price it cost. I know many times, Throughout the future years, You tried so hard in vain, To draw us all near. It took your dear Son, To pay the ultimate price, When He laid it all down, The most holy sacrifice, The price Jesus paid, Has brought back to you, The fellowship we had. When we were born anew

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HEALING AT THE CROSS

We know when Jesus was crucified, Upon the wooden cross, Our every sin was laid upon Him, All for loving the lost. And we know that when He rose again, He conquered death and hell, Through His resurrection we have Eternal life as well. For this we praise our gracious Lord, And thank Him for His love, For we could never have had this hope, If it wasn't for His spilled blood, But we can know His resurrection power, Right now, while we are here, For we can come to the cross of Christ, And lay down our burdens there, For everything that may hold us back, The hurts from yesterday, At the foot of the cross we lay it down, And then just walk away, For I believe that there is healing, At the cross of Christ. We do not need to carry these loads, For they've all been crucified. Receive from Jesus the healing you need, For your spirit, body and soul. Then you can arise, freed from your past, To walk completely whole, For what He accomplished on the cross, Goes on into eternity, Just reach out your hand and He will too, And receive His victory.

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THE RESURRECTION

We hold so close to our hearts The cross where Jesus died But so much more than the blood-stained cross Is that Jesus came back to life. The stone's been rolled away, The tomb lay open and bare. They looked for Him, and then the angel said, That He is no longer here. Oh what joy they must have felt, To see Him just once more, To eat with Him, to drink with Him, To receive Him back as Lord. So much did He accomplish, Through His death upon the cross, And in His rising from the dead, He reconciled us back to God. Nothing else could bridge the gap, That sin had wrenched apart, Now we can freely go to God, And receive Christ in our hearts,

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Ceresco Baptist Church ~ Administrative Council Meeting Minutes ~ March 5, 2016

Meeting started at 9 am, Roger opened with prayer and devotion based on Phil 4:6.

Clerk's Report - T-Shirt Information – New CBC t-shirts can be ordered for \$12 each, and Polo shirts for \$28. Any profits will go to the General Fund. Still need to get pricing on baseball hats. T-shirts can have the logo either left chest, short on front, or short on back. Variety of shirt colors, and logo can be done in black or white depending on shirt color.

Treasurer's Report - distributed, no questions. Mary reminded us that every two years there must be activity in the savings account.

Property Management Ministry Team - Rick Frey - church roof in serious condition, nursery leaks, need to do something now. Rick explained there's a spot where water pools. Will be addressed when the weather breaks. Parking lot - needs new top coat. We have mud issues at certain times. When frost is gone, that will be taken care of. Belfry soffit flaps in the wind, 4' area is loose, ice shield & flashing, leaking into fellowship hall where there was originally a down spout that caused problems. There are only 2 downspouts on the front. Chimney was removed over the sanctuary. We need a professional opinion on the roof - put a team together to include Rick, Gary, & Mary.

Boy Scouts – March 7th - Eagle Scout dinner & ceremony for Travis Weeks.

Educational Ministry Team - Toddler Worship & Youth Choir are now meeting 2nd & 4th Sundays, and other Sundays as needed. Youth Day is next Saturday, March. 12th, 10am-2pm "Easter Story".

Deacon Ministry Team - recommending a change in the constitution to reflect the church's position on marriage. Changes will be brought to the council, based on Biblical facts, Gary will meet with an attorney that is also a pastor to make sure the wording is correct. Many pastors are now refusing to do any marriages at all in order to get around the rulings. Security issue recommended the door locks be changed, exchange the tumblers, and new keys will be distributed and signed for. Ministry Team chairs should each have a key. Need to better protect the church. There are too many keys out. Pastor will have a 'community key' that can be checked out for a period of time and returned. Unauthorized entrance is possible right now because of the # of keys that are out. Outside groups would need to check out the community key. Requested Rick to get pricing and get locks changed as soon as possible.

Worship Ministry Team - Piano will be removed. Joint Maundy Thursday service at 6:30pm, Pastor Kingery's wife Laura will help provide piano music. Service will include Newton UMC Bell Choir. Good Friday Service. Easter Service, 8 am, coffee/rolls, 9:45 am service will have a baptism, and the choir will sing. Team has been put together to research new hymnals. Congregation's input is requested. Giant print Bible's were recommended - \$50 in in/out account moved to Bible purchase. Additional \$198 needed to take funds from General Memorial to purchase the giant print Bibles, passed. Mary motioned, 2nd by Dawn to move the \$198, Linda Cole motioned, 2nd by Dawn to move the \$50. Mary explained the use of the IN/OUT fund and it's use (what goes in, what it's used for). Pew Bibles - have been selected and will be ordered.

Missions Update- two reports for bulletin board. Angela Sommers and Wayne & Katherine Niles.

Pastor's Report - Hospital visits: 5, Visits: 24, Maplewood communion: 4, Funerals: Attended Jerry Bailey's / preached Bill Worthington's. Happy birthday Jesus party. Christmas Caroling at Maplewood and Marshall rehab. Fairfax Baptist: preached. MLGW and MLG peer meetings: 3. Deacon M/T, Worship M/T, & Educational M/T meetings. Misc.: dealing with Serv-Pro, insurance company, leak in roof in nursery. Bible studies, preparing sermons, numerous Emails, text and phone calls. Meeting with Pastor Sally and Pastor Kingery for joint Maundy Thursday service. Margaret Pray is the only one left at Maplewood. Evening Bible Study starts next week. Morning Bible Study during SS hour starts tomorrow, will run through April. Many counseling sessions. Serv-Pro needs to be paid - waiting for the insurance check to do that.

New Business: Swiss Steak Supper - May 14th 5-7 pm. Pastor will call AT&T regarding phone problem. Annual reports need to be approved by council. Kitchen workers need to be healthy - need to have a log in of workers, etc. Meeting adjourned at 11:00 am. Next meeting June 4th at 9 am.

American Baptist Women's Ministries celebrates their 65th Anniversary in 2016!

Have You Been Part of AB Women's Ministries since 1951? During the 65th anniversary celebration in 2016, we'd like to recognize any American Baptist woman (still living) who has been part of our ministries since the charter year of 1951. If you, or a woman that you know, is part of that group, please contact us with your name, or her name, and current contact information. Send the information to AB Women's Ministries at info@abwministries.org, or by calling (610) 768-2288, or by mailing it to AB Women's Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851. Thank you! ~ ABWM

Martha Circle Minutes, March 9, 2016

Devotions given by Kathy, "The Tornado's Silver Lining" - about God's protection through a tornado, and helping others that were affected by the storm.

Secretary/Treasurer Report - Joy read minutes from Feb. meeting. Bank account was resolved, checking balance is \$846.64. Joy read updates from Missionary Niles, Angela Sommers.

ABW - 65th Anniversary: Have You Been Part of AB Women's Ministries since 1951? During our 65th anniversary celebration in 2016, we'd like to recognize any American Baptist woman (still living) who has been part of our ministries since the charter year of 1951. If you, or a woman that you know, is part of that group, please contact us with your name, or her name, and current contact information. Send the information to AB Women's Ministries at info@abwministries.org, or by calling (610) 768-2288, or by mailing it to AB Women's Ministries, P.O. Box 851, Valley Forge, PA 19482-0851.

Sunshine - Pam sent several cards. She will get flowers for Margaret Pray's funeral on Monday.

White Cross - items are ready to be sent. Pam & Joanne will get this done. Need to reimburse Joanne for 2 books of stamps, \$19.60. Darlene will have receipts to submit too.

Kitchen coming along well and Swiss Steak Supper has been scheduled for May 14th, 5-7 pm.

Old Business - "The First Stone" - let him among you who is without sin cast the first stone.

New Business - Mother/Daughter Potluck - May 7th - need to plan it out! Theme, etc.

Treasure Sale in August 26-27th. Friday 2-6 pm, Saturday 10-4 pm. Have people start saving items! Read and discussed Matthew 26:6-13. April Bible Passage: Mark 14:66-72 "Peter's Denial" Devotional: 8.00, Love Gift: 5.44

Next meeting is April 13, 2016 at 6:30 pm.

Church
Attendance

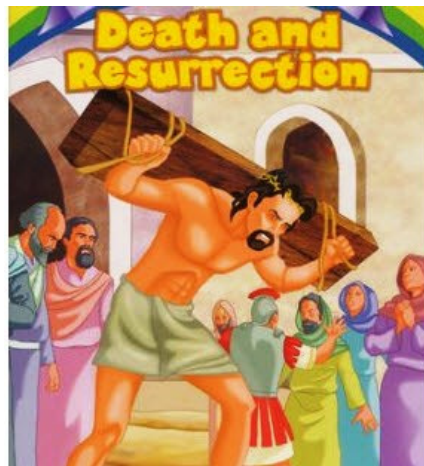
February 2016

7th ~ 54

14th ~ 51

21st ~ 48

28th ~ 48



Youth Day, March 12, 2016

**Join us for our Easter Youth Day!
Movies, crafts, food & fun.**

10:00 am - 2:00 pm

**Toddlers through 5th Grade, and
older youth can attend too!**

YOU TOOK MY PLACE!


One day, a man went to visit a church. He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, "I always park there! You took my place!"

"The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That's my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, "That's where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and His appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on His hands and on His sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed Him and called out, "What happened to you?"

The visitor replied, as His hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from His eye, "I took your place!"

A photograph of three crosses on a hill at sunset. The sky is a mix of orange, yellow, and blue. The crosses are silhouetted against the bright light of the setting sun. The text is overlaid on the top left and bottom center of the image.

Light conquered
darkness and goodness
conquered sin

*"God so loved the world
that He gave His only begotten Son."
- John 3:16*

MARCH

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	1	2	3	4	5
		Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm				Administrative Council 9:00 am
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Sunday Choir Practice 9:00 am	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Choir Practice 5:30 pm Martha Circle 6:30 pm			YOUTH DAY Easter Theme 10 am - 2 pm
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
Choir Practice 9:00 am	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Choir Practice 5:45 pm Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm			
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
Choir Practice 9:00 am Palm Sunday Brunch	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm		Maundy Thursday Service 6:30 pm	Good Friday Service 6:30 pm	
27	28	29	30	31	1	2
Easter Sunday Services at 8:00 am & 9:45 am Choir Practice 8 am	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm		Information for April Messenger due by noon		



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 Brayden Entsminger
 Mar 18 Pam Kirkland
 Mar 20 Deborah Beltz
 Mar 21 Mike Halverson
 Mar 22 Cassidy Perkins
 Mar 22 Danny Sommers
 Mar 27 Sarah (Frey) Collins
 Mar 29 McKenzie Babcock
 Mar 30 Jody Davis

Apr 1 Emily Biljum
 Apr 4 Alicia Beck
 Apr 5 Gary Heidrich
 Apr 6 Zane Allen Ivey
 Apr 7 Kevin Smith
 Apr 9 Emily Holtz
 Apr 10 Jenny Markos
 Apr 11 Jase Casey
 Apr 11 Shannon Kraft
 Apr 12 Eric Schlee
 Apr 12 Michelle Hatton
 Apr 12 Patty Lutz
 Apr 13 Lindsey Casey
 Apr 13 Ruth Paschen
 Apr 13 Irene Raabe
 Apr 14 Charity Gary
 Apr 14 Reed Goodman
 Apr 16 Darlene Anthony
 Apr 19 Stephany Hatton
 Apr 19 Don St. John
 Apr 24 Stacey Goodman
 Apr 24 Hasley Moore
 Apr 24 Scotie Wood
 Apr 27 Albert Anthony
 Apr 27 Nathan Tuttle
 Apr 28 Linda Schlee
 Apr 29 Jeannette Glen
 Apr 30 Katie (Anthony) Rogers

Happy Anniversary

Mar 8 Albert & Margie Cole
 Mar 24 Bill & Laurann Frey
 Apr 4 Rick & Dawn Frey
 Apr 5 Roger & Joy Sommers
 Apr 20 Bill & Kelli Holgram



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Church Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:15 am

Bible Study Tuesdays

10 am, 6 pm