



The Ceresco Messenger ~ Ceresco Baptist Church

Pastor's Pen - April 2016

How do we live the Christian life in today's world, with today's people, addressing today's problems?

We must stay focused on the cross which Jesus gave His life on. We need to close our eyes every now and again, and envision the cruelty Jesus suffered. A man whose body was literally torn open and bones exposed. Blood running down His face onto His opened flesh. Blood that was spilled for you and me, that we may experience salvation. Filled with hope, peace, and most importantly love and forgiveness.

We should remember when Jesus looked upon the crowd and asked His Father God to forgive them, for they know not what they are doing. Jesus prayed for His enemies.

We should follow the seventy disciples Jesus sent out to evangelize. These seventy took God's word to the lost and hurting people. I am sure that the seventy came together from time to time to worship as a church body. But church didn't stay on the pew until the following Sunday. They recognized that they came together to hear and celebrate the message of God's word, then got up and took the message to their cities and neighborhoods.

I fear today that the church has got caught up in the world's ways. That is, we have become self-centered, that church is only for the congregation.

I feel with all my heart and spirit that God is waiting for today's church to reclaim the authority and power of the cross. That grace of the cross is to be shared with all. For the blood of Jesus, although personal, is for all mankind.

The church of today is in critical condition. As believers in the cross of Jesus Christ our Savior, we the church should be a place of intensive care. To minister the message of the cross, so all that are in critical condition can at least have a fighting chance to live the abundant life.

We can see the power and victory the cross has to offer. I can envision whole cities and neighborhoods submitting to God. We should have a vision and long to see the Christian army full of the Holy Spirit of God moving through our communities, conquering death, hell and the grave. Through the power of Jesus Christ, visions of Christians - successful, upright and blessed.

I pray that we as a church share in the vision. That by the authority of Jesus Christ all things are permissible and possible as long as we seek God's will.

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary

Christian One-Liners

Prayer God answers Knee-Mail.

The Boss Under the same management for over 2000 years.

Come As You Are

You are not too bad to come in and you are not too good to stay out.

Insomnia Cure If you can't sleep, try counting your blessings.

Nutrition The best vitamin for a Christian is B1.

Yummy Try our Sundays. They're better than Baskin-Robbin's.

Cosmetic Surgery Come in and have your faith lifted.

Refunds Try Jesus. If you don't like Him, the devil will gladly take you back.

Seating Where will you be seated in eternity? Smoking or non-smoking?

Tithing Give God what's right -- not what's left.

Which Way?

Man's way leads to a hopeless end -- God's way leads to an endless hope.

Two Ears

Since God gave us two ears and one mouth, He must have wanted us to do twice as much listening as talking.

Stand If you don't stand for something, you will fall for anything.

Anger The person who angers you, controls you!

Grading God doesn't grade on the curve, He grades on the cross.

Flying If God is your Copilot - you're in the wrong seat!

Unconditional Love

Yes, God loves us all, but He favors "fruits of the spirit" over "religious nuts!"

The Message

Our job isn't to change the message. Our job is to let the message change us.

Promises

God didn't promise a calm passage. He promised a safe landing.

Praying

When you pray, don't give God instructions. Just report for duty!

Forbidden Fruit

A forbidden fruit will create many jams.

Greatness

You can tell how great a person is by what it takes to discourage him.

God's Will

The will of God will not take you to where the grace of God will not protect you.

Best Formula

1 cross + 3 nails = 4 given.

Problems

The problem ahead of us is never as great as the Power behind us.

Peace

Peace starts with a smile.

Benefits

Working for God does not pay much, but His retirement plan is out of this world.

God & His Attributes

From everlasting to everlasting, thou art God— Psalm 90:2

Because we are such self-centered and existentially focused creatures, it is hard for us to take in the fact that our parents were once teenagers or newlyweds, that there was a time when we did not even exist, or especially that there have been hundreds and hundreds of generations that have lived before and that will live after us, if Christ does not come back first.

But there is one Person who still lives today who witnessed the Constitutional Convention in 1787, who saw Luther nail his 95 theses to the door of Castle Church in 1517, who was present at the crucifixion of Jesus Christ, who observed Moses as he led the children of Israel through the Red Sea, who talked with Adam in the Garden of Eden, and who existed in perfect satisfaction before the earth was even created.

God is *eternal*. He has always existed and always will exist. He predates and will last longer than time. He has no beginning and no end. But the psalmist reminds us of a truth more impressive still: not only has God always existed, but He has always existed *as God*. He did not have to work His way up to the position or earn the right to be God. He has always been, and will always be, God.

The great comfort of this truth is that God will not only still be here when we grow old and then face death—or when our children grow old and face death—but He will also still be God. His power, His dominion, His wisdom, His love, His goodness will not be diminished in any way by time or circumstances or world events.

What a great encouragement to our faith, to know that we believe in and trust a God Who is eternally God—*from everlasting, to everlasting* He is God.



Volunteers Needed for Church Spring Cleaning!

Date will be
announced soon!

Are you interested in getting a **Ceresco Baptist Church** t-shirt, polo shirt, or baseball hat? You can place your order at church, or email Joy at CerescoBaptist@gmail.com to place your order! Need to know your name, phone number, t-shirt size, color, and logo placement (left chest / short front / short back). T-shirt will be \$12 each. Polo shirts will be \$28 each and logo will be on the left chest for polo shirts. Color choices are on display at the church. Here is a sample of a purple shirt:



The Worship Ministry Team is in the process of researching new hymnals. If there are hymns in our current hymnal that you want to see in the new hymnal, please let us know. There is a box on the glass case, and slips to fill out hymns you like. If you're rather write out a list of hymns you would like in the new hymnal, that's fine too! Just put it in the box.

Thank you for your help!



Save the Date!
Our Annual
Mother/Daughter
Potluck is Saturday,
May, 7, 2016
11:30am - 2pm

Please join us!

Applebee's
Enjoy a short stack for a tall cause.
You're invited to an
RELAY FOR LIFE FUNDRAISER
Tickets are \$ 5.00each / \$3.00 10yrs & under
When: **Saturday April 23, 2016**
Where: **Applebee's Neighborhood Grill & Bar**
1205 W Michigan Ave
Marshall, Mi 49068
**All proceeds go to the 2016 Relay For Life Survivor Events
Cash Donations only please.....
PAINT YOUR WORLD PURPLE
Sponsored By:
Denny's Classic Diner OPEN 24 HOURS
FAMILY FARE SUPERMARKETS
Applebee's COMMUNITY connections

See Joy Sommers for tickets!

Relay for Life of Calhoun County East - Annual Applebee's Pancake Breakfast Fundraiser is Saturday, April 23rd, 8:00 am - 10:00 am. Tickets are \$5 each, Kids 10 years and under are \$3.00. Proceeds fund our Survivor Dinner, and other survivor events throughout the year. Joy Sommers has tickets for sale. Call 269-420-0614. Thank you!





Friday, April 1st - no activities

Saturday, April 2nd - Men's Breakfast at 8:00 am

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Deacon's & Communion Sunday Spring Break Week >>>>		Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Martha Circle 6:30 pm			
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm			Relay for Life Applebee's Pancake Breakfast in Marshall 8-10am
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
Fellowship Sunday	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Messenger Information due by Noon!			



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

May 3 Valerie Halder
 May 3 Brian Halverson
 May 5 Alexander Finch
 May 5 Jayme Biljum
 May 6 Jared Babcock
 May 9 Darla Thorpe
 May 13 Rob Kidder
 May 13 Tahlia Kidder
 May 15 Bill Frey
 May 15 Marcy Bonney
 May 17 Kendra Davis
 May 17 Kalab Gary
 May 19 Heather Casey
 May 23 Kerah Hatton
 May 24 Trish Ivey
 May 25 Diane Biljum
 May 25 Ronnie Hildebrant
 May 26 Trey Casey
 May 26 Shawn Skinner
 May 26 Brad Halverson
 May 28 Linda Cole
 May 30 Mikey Wood



Happy Anniversary

Apr 4 Rick & Dawn Frey
 Apr 5 Roger & Joy Sommers
 Apr 20 Bill & Kelli Holgram

May 3 Brad & Ana Kidder
 May 6 Craig & Nichole Thomas 1995
 May 7 Brad & Charity Gary
 May 9 Chad & Cassidy Hart
 May 21 Trey & Lindsey Casey
 May 26 Jimmy & Alexandria Hamaker
 May 31 Sam & Joanne Henley

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Church Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:15 am

Bible Study Tuesdays

10 am, 6 pm