

July - August 2016

The Ceresco Messenger ~ Ceresco Baptist Church

Pastor's Pen

July 4th is Independence Day for us Americans. What does independence mean for those of us who are followers of Jesus? I believe John 8:36 speaks to us regarding freedom in the spiritual sense. Our faith in the Son of God sets us free from the bondage of slavery of sin.

As Americans we are free to choose the things that feel good for us to do, though they may be unclean in the sight of God. With freedom comes a huge responsibility. What we often choose to do has consequences on our lives and those around us.

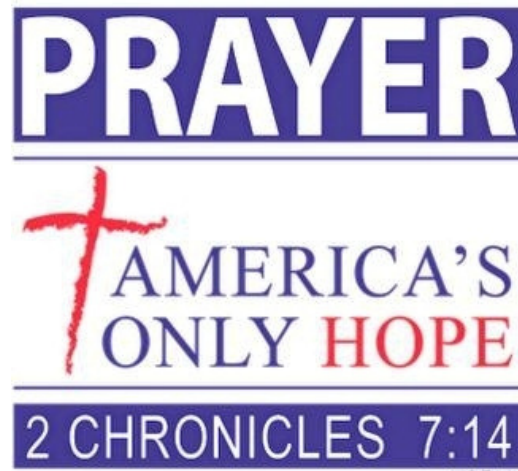
Freedom in Jesus leads us to good and healthy decisions, giving us the freedom to truly enjoy life as God intended. Joh 8:36 reads "So if the Son sets you free, you will be free indeed." By faith we are saved, by our actions we live in that freedom in Jesus. Faith is great to have, but without action, is it truly alive?

2 Chronicles 7:14 "If My people, which are called by My name, shall humble themselves, and pray, and seek my face, and turn from their wicked ways, then I will hear from heaven, and will forgive their sin, and will heal their land."

If My people . . . , 'IF' being the main question. I pray that the Church of today will humble themselves before our God and seek His ways, because that is where true freedom is found.

May God's hand rest on His Church and the United States of America.

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary.



Ceresco Baptist Church ~ Administrative Council Meeting Minutes ~ June 11, 2016

Devotion - Roger "When You Approach Me" from "Jesus Calling" - need to have silent time with God.

Present: Roger, Rick & Dawn, Mary, Pastor, Richard, Joy, Kathy, Jeri.

Clerks Report: Minutes from March meeting were in Messenger, Membership - Dismissal of Diana Kidder, Need to get pricing on items in addition to t-shirts and polo shirts

Treasurers Report: **Mary Ivey** Report distributed - Motion by Dawn Frey to move the following memorials into the General Memorial, 2nd by Jeri Wood; Dew, Raabe, Worthington Memorials to General Memorial.

Property Management Ministry Team: Rick Frey/Pastor Church Roof Project - the leak in the roof has been fixed! Once nursery is done, will fix the ceiling in the fellowship hall. Church keys got changed - Rick has list of those that have keys to the church, and there is a community key that Pastor has, and it can be checked out when needed. Certificates of Deposit: we have 3 CD's - one will be maturing at the end of June. If we do nothing, it rolls over to December 2017 date. \$10,000 CD. Motion by Jeri Wood, 2nd by Dawn to cash out the \$10,000CD that matures June 20, 2016 and put it into the savings account for the special renovations fund. Planning to work on sidewalk and parking lot at side of the church. Box around the pipes in the kitchen is done. Joy needs to send the pictures of the finished product to Ryan at the Health Department. Roger rototilled the patch out back that needs to be reseeded for grass. Art Ruthruff had said he would seed it. Need to do something to keep people from driving at that area. Maybe some large rocks. Pastor reported - Nursery - Bob Beltz and Pastor are going to rip out the dry-wall in the nursery and replace the insulation. Bob is going to donate the material and time, and Pastor will help him. Need to have a dumpster onsite - big enough for that and for some church clean-up. Should have the furnaces checked periodically. Need to power wash the church and the parsonage. Siding on steeple needs to be put back up

Deacon Ministry Team: Food distribution - increase in the amount of people being helped. Jacob Lewis is our Junior Deacon. Constitution needs to be updated to address marriage.

Worship Ministry Team: Kathy Straub June 12 - Graduation Sunday, June 19 - Father's Day, July/August - Favorite Hymn, July 3 - Pastor Larry Rubin (Pastor Gary on vacation), August 7 - Rev Richard Schlee (Pastor Gary on vacation). Hymnal Search Update - committee is still researching (collecting favorite songs from the congregation).

Educational Ministry Team: Jeri Wood Next Youth Day is Saturday, September 24th, 10am-2pm with a Harvest theme. Need substitute teachers for Sunday school classes. Will be doing VBS with First Baptist Church of Marshall at FBC Aug. 12-14th Need to get updated materials for the Sunday School classes (except Adults) - Pastor wants to review any SS material. Especially need material for the younger children - Jeri's and Sharon's classes. Will have Family Pumpkin Carving in late October

Boy Scouts: Pastor Gary/Rick Peter Brooks has one new church key, and is responsible for it.

Missions: Update from Wayne & Katherine Niles will be put on bulletin board.

Pastor's Quarterly Report: March/April/May

Visits: 33, 1 hospital visit, 1 funeral, WMT/EMT/Adm Council/Deacon meetings. Spoke at Travis Week's Eagle Scout ceremony. Easter Youth Day, Palm Sunday service at Lakeview Baptist, Bible Studies Tues mornings/evenings, Maundy Thursday combined service at CBC, Good Friday service at CBC, Easter Sunrise Service, Jacob Lewis' membership class, Easter Service, baptized Jacob Lewis, dedicated Kendall. Food distribution, meeting with Rob & Diana Kidder, MLG Peer Group meetings, and MLGW luncheons. National Day of Prayer service in Marshall, Pulpit Exchange with Lakeview Baptist. Lenten luncheon 3 times at SMBC. Family Nights and Swiss Steak Supper. Prepare sermons, prayer time, emails, texts, calls (numerous). Pastor in the process of reviewing how he does the New Membership Classes, "What does it mean to be a member at Ceresco Baptist Church?" - why do you want to become a member, finding a place in service to God, etc. Membership requires baptism - is there a Biblical reason for this?

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS: Create new bulletin insert. Rick Frey is retiring from Katz on July 26th. Church directory with photos, including church pictures, etc.

Motion by Rick, second by Jeri to close the meeting. Pastor closed in prayer, meeting closed 10:25 am.

Next Administrative Council meeting is scheduled for September 3, 2016.

Minutes submitted by Joy Sommers, Church Clerk

The old upright piano in the music room is free to anyone that wants to give it a new home! Let Rick, Roger, or Pastor know if you are interested in the piano!!!

July 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28	29	30 
31						

Are you a cancer survivor, or do you know somebody that is? Then please join us at the 20th Relay for Life of Calhoun County East at the Calhoun County Fairgrounds July 29-30th, 3 pm Friday-3pm Saturday. Help us Fight Back against cancer!

CELEBRATE YOUR FREEDOM IN CHRIST AND OUR GREAT NATION.

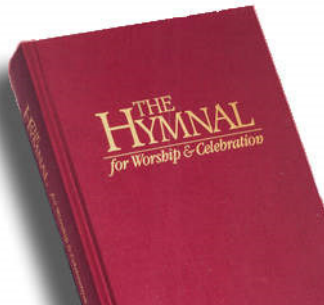
NOW THE LORD IS THE SPIRIT, AND WHERE
THE SPIRIT OF THE LORD IS, THERE IS FREEDOM.

2 CORINTHIANS 3:17 NIV



The Worship Ministry Team is in the process of looking at new hymnals for the church. They have been asking for people to submit their favorite hymns from the current hymn book to help in selecting a new hymnal.

There is a box on the glass case for you to submit your favorite hymns. If you haven't already submitted yours, or highlighted yours on the sheets that were passed around during church a couple of Sundays, then please do so soon.



You can also email your favorite hymns to:
cerescobaptist@gmail.com

Thank you!

Speaking of Favorite Hymns!

During July & August, we are doing "Pick A Hymn" each Sunday. There is a box on the table by the door to submit your favorite hymns!



Church Worship Information

Children's Time Schedule:

1st & 3rd Sunday - Pastor Gary
2nd & 5th Sunday - Joy Sommers
4th Sunday - Sharon Hadley

Hymn Leader Schedule:

1st & 3rd - Kathy Straub
2nd, 4th & 5th - Joy Sommers

Toddler Worship: 2nd & 4th Sundays
Communion Sunday - 1st Sunday of each month
Fellowship Sunday - last Sunday of each month

Vacation Bible School will be with First Baptist Church of Marshall, Aug. 12-14th at First Baptist Church, Marshall!

More details in future bulletins!

Treasure Sale!



Come to our Annual Church Treasure Sale!

Friday, August 26th, 2:00 pm - 6:00 pm

Saturday, August 27th, 10:00 am - 4:00 pm

One person's junk is another person's treasure!

All items or sold by **donation**. You decide how much you want to give for your purchases! That means everyone can afford to buy at the treasure sale! You name your price!

If you want to donate good, clean, usable items to the sale, please contact Gretchen King, Darlene Anthony, or Joy Sommers.



Congratulations, Rick Fryg!

Retiring from Katz Well Drilling
after 39 years of service!

Retirement Open House

August 6, 2016 5:00 pm

The Robin's Nest

16181 10 Mile Road

Battle Creek, MI



August

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
31	1	2	3	4	5	6
No Family Night Potlucks during July & August No Youth Choir Practice either		Bible Study 10:00 am Tupperware Party at Church at 6 pm All are welcome				Men's Breakfast 8:00 am Rick Frey's Retirement Party at Robin's Nest 5:00 pm
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Pastor Richard Schlee (Pastor Gary on vacation)		Bible Study 10:00 am			VBS at First Baptist, Marshall	
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
<i>Calhoun County Fair Week</i>						
VBS ends		Bible Study 10:00 am				
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
		Bible Study 10:00 am			Church Treasure Sale Friday 2-6 pm Saturday 10 am - 4 pm	
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
Fellowship Sunday		Bible Study 10:00 am	Information for September Mes- senger due @ noon! Email: cerescobap- tist@gmail.com			SEPT 3 9:00 am Quarterly Administrative Council Meeting



July 4 Shirley Westphal
 July 5 Kevin Sommers
 Jul 10 Phyllis Schooler
 Jul 10 Joyce Cary
 Jul 10 Benjamin Markos
 Jul 15 Jorrdon Steele
 Jul 15 Andrew Sommers
 Jul 15 Malia Scott
 Jul 17 Alyssa Holder
 Jul 17 Isaac Wood
 Jul 21 Skylar Marie Miller
 Jul 21 Bradley Thomas
 Jul 21 Ryder Goodman
 Jul 26 Rick Frey
 Jul 27 Robert Lutz
 Jul 27 Kyle Sorell
 Jul 27 Floyd 'Pete' Burrows

Aug 1 Sharon Hadley
 Aug 5 Christy Phelps
 Aug 10 Kaleb Collins
 Aug 10 Kate Skinner
 Aug 11 Jacob Lewis
 Aug 12 Veronica Anthony
 Aug 12 Bruce Boice
 Aug 13 Allison Biljum
 Aug 13 Jason Holder
 Aug 13 Jonathan Holder
 Aug 16 Jeri Wood
 Aug 16 Dorene McJunkin
 Aug 16 Joy Sommers
 Aug 20 Patricia Heidrich
 Aug 21 Nancy Reed
 Aug 22 Jack Biljum
 Aug 25 Rick Bonney
 Aug 25 David Hadley
 Aug 26 Whitney Rose Ivey
 Aug 28 Tyler Sommers
 Aug 28 Kristen Sommers



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

8/2 Derek & Emily Holtz
 8/11 Jim & Darlene Anthony
 8/15 Dick & Linda Schlee
 8/17 Mike & Shirley Young
 8/24 Bud & Vi Halder
 8/24 Dan & Ruth Johnston



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Church Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:15 am

Bible Study Tuesdays

10 am