



The Ceresco Messenger ~ Ceresco Baptist Church

Pastor's Pen

October is a time of harvest for our farmers. This got me to thinking, what about the harvest of Gods kingdom? Matthew 9:37-38 reads: Then he said to his disciples, that the harvest is plentiful but the workers are few. Ask the Lord of the harvest, therefore, to send out workers into His harvest field. The harvest is the lost in our neighborhoods and cities. And perhaps the one who steps into our Church on any given Sunday morning. The fields are the streets, the dark corners of society, and yes, inside the Church.

Our vision statement here at Ceresco Baptist Church reads: Ceresco Baptist Church is to be a "Beacon" to the community by seeking to establish loving, caring relationships for senior adults, families, youth by creating activities that will be challenging, exciting and fulfill God's greater purpose.

The last four words in our vision statement, **fulfill God's greater purpose** is the key to success for God's plan. We should foster the love of Jesus onto others. God's purpose is for all to have a personal relationship with Jesus.

To be a beacon - Webster defines a beacon as: a signal fire. One on a hill, any light for warning or guiding, a lighthouse. A person or thing that warns, offers encouragement or guidance.

We have recited Psalm 119:105 all year, "Your word is a lamp for my feet a light on my path." Church, if we can maintain walking in the light of Jesus Christ, we will indeed accomplish our vision for God's sake.

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary



This Is The Time; This Is The Hour

The Lord our God will say to us
To not limit what He can do,
For He is a God of the unlimited,
There's nothing He can't do through you

For God is doing a new thing
In our lives, today, this hour
To raise us up to be His army,
Clothing us with His power

Remember not the former things,
The things that are in the past
Behold, He is doing a new thing
And will capture human hearts

It's time now to go out and gather
In the harvest of the Lord,
For there are many whose souls are ready
More than we've known before

So take His light into those places
Of darkness and misery,
That they may know the God of love
To give hope and a destiny

Then they may shine right where they are
So others may come to the light
And they in turn may come to know
The saving grace of Christ

Then Jesus' light may radiate there
Like a beacon in the night,
No longer groping in the darkness,
But shining forth God's light

May the spirit of God arise in you
And empower you much more
So His glory may be seen with you
As you proclaim the risen Lord

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A Special Harvest

The Lord blesses us abundantly
when we plant this type of seed--
love our neighbors as ourselves
and helping others who are in need...

Cultivate the soil and watch the crops grow,
you shall reap a great harvest
with the love & kindness you show...

seasons comes and go,
but your crops shall never die,
just have a little faith
and give it a try!

Luke 10:2

*“Therefore said he unto them,
The harvest truly is great,
but the labourers are few:
pray ye therefore the Lord
of the harvest, that He would
send forth labourers into His harvest.”*



Martha Circle Minutes, September 14, 2016

Ladies of the Martha Circle met on Sept. 14th at the church with 8 present: Darlene, Veronica, Viviana, Ruth, Linda, Joanne, Gretchen, and Joy.

Gretchen read from Women at the Well, Mark 1:13, "In the Wilderness".

Joy read minutes from May meeting, and gave update on income & expenses since the last meeting. \$5 turned in for RADA sale. \$993.89 is available checking balance. Joy read thank you from Sam Henley, and Friendship House.

Darlene read mission update from Katherine Niles, titled "Choirs at Night, Boiled Potatoes in the Morning."

White Cross - nothing new received yet. We will have a White Cross Work Day on October 8th, 10am-4pm. If participating, please bring scissors. Martha Circle provides soups & salads. Gretchen, Linda doing salads, Joanne will bring soup. Need to see if anyone else can bring stuff. Ruth & Vi will be gone. Gretchen will check with the others.

Gretchen mentioned she has a 'quilt top' that needs to be completed at some point in the future. Maybe even make some other quilts.

Sunshine - need to send a card to Joyce Cary. Need to send card to Family of Louise Robinson, Ellen Grimes (encouragement), Nancy Reed.

Nothing new to discuss about the kitchen. Fellowship hall still being fixed.

Old Business - Thanks to Anthony's for letting us store Mead's stuff for the treasure sale! Any other suggestions for next year? Went well! Need to remember that pricing is by donation, and it doesn't matter what people offer for their purchase! Try to have a bake sale out front same day as Treasure Sale next year. Try to get others in Ceresco to have their garage sales same dates as the Treasure Sale.

New Business: Pastor Gary would like the Martha Circle to head up a bunch of Bake Sales to raise funds for the church. Oct/Nov/Dec - When? Where? Find out what bazaars are going on so we can see if we can sell at another location. Check with Pennfield & Harper Creek to see if we could sell baked goods there. Think about and report back next month. Or do a sale by taking orders instead? Pies, cakes, rolls, breads, cookies, doughnuts, fudge, etc.

Fellowship Sundays - have small bake sales at the same time, funds go to the church. First bake sale will be Oct. 30th (Fellowship Sunday).

Election of Officers - motion by Ruth, second by Joanne, to keep the same officers that we had for 2016 serve in 2017. Motion passed.

Love Gift Offering: \$14.87

Devotional Gift: \$13.00

RADA \$5.00

Bible reading for next month: Proverbs 27:1-10

~ Submitted by Secretary, Joy Sommers

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ Administrative Council Meeting

MINUTES ~ September 11, 2016 ~ 9:00 a.m.

Devotions - Roger. Read about God of All Comfort, Cor. 1:3

Present: Roger, Gretchen, Linda Cole, Mary Ivey, Pastor, Darlene, Linda & Ron, Joy.

Clerks Report:

1. Minutes from June meeting were in Messenger

2. Will be placing additional order for CBC shirts/etc. - Church paying invoice, congregation paying the church. Profit to renovation fund. Do not have to pay the sales tax as we are tax exempt.

Treasurers Report: Mary Ivey

Report distributed - any time we deposit into the savings account, we are charged a small fee. Dawn & Mary are going to switch it to a regular savings account (instead of commercial) so we don't have these fees.

Proposed Budget for 2017 was distributed. Motion by Darlene to accept the budget with adj to Pulpit Supply to \$400. Second by Linda Cole. Motion passed.

Property Management Ministry Team: Gary

Fellowship Hall Ceiling is done \$2,900 and \$100 for dumpster. Have some touch up to do.

Rick fixed the steeple area. Front of church and parsonage have been power washed. Back of church needs some scraping and repainting.

PMMT needs to have quarterly meetings. Members don't realize they are on the committee because there haven't been any meetings.

Deacon Ministry Team:

Grandparent's Day September 11, 2016 – Received information on Katelena Anastaia Briedis, Corah Kay Tu Ly, and Livia Grace Haefle.

Thanksgiving and Christmas Baskets are coming up quickly. We will receive names and need to plan accordingly

Justin Casey and Jenny Markos have been suggested as replacement deacons in the coming nominations. We feel that they are ideal.

Proposed changes to Church Constitution. Motion by Mary Ivey that we accept the proposed changes, 2nd by Darlene Anthony. Motion passed.

Worship Ministry Team:

Hymnal Search Update (Gretchen/Kathy/Joy) - need to review favorite hymns with sample hymnals.

Lindsey Casey choosing hymns for September, Kathy Straub choosing for October.

Special Music Sept. 11th and 18th

Altar Call hymns: Amazing Grace, Rock of Ages, Jesus Paid It All, In the Garden

Hymn Leader – every other week, Kathy/Joy rotate. That way Kathy can lead Youth Choir on the Sundays the Markos kids are able to attend. Joanne will fill in from time to time.

All members of WMT plan to serve again in 2017.

Educational Ministry Team:

1. Next Youth Day is Saturday, October 29th, 4-7 pm (Family pumpkin carving)

2. Need substitute teachers for Sunday school classes

3. Joy to order updated materials for the Sunday School classes (except Adults)

4. Sharon Hadley has volunteered to be the EMT Chair for 2017

5. All members of the EMT plan to serve again in 2017

Joy to order materials for Junior Church, Kay Davis & Linda Cole willing to do Jr Church once a month.

Boy Scouts:

2016-2017 Calendar of Events is not finalized yet

Eagle Scout Board Meetings are the last Wednesday of the month.

Regular Scout Troop meetings continue to be on Mondays.

Ceresco Baptist Church - Administrative Council Meeting

MINUTES - September 11, 2016 - Continued

Nominating Committee - Rick Frey, Chair:

Asked all ministry teams to find out if their members planned to remain for 2017

Contacted current officers, and all are serving again for 2017.

Members at Large - Darlene & Richard are willing to serve again if nobody new is willing to serve. Roger contact some others to see if they are willing to serve: Joanne Henley, Pam Kirkland

Need to list duties of the nominating committee chair - Pastor/Joy to do this.

Pastor's Quarterly Report: March/April/May

Visits: 38; Hospital visit: 2; Funeral: Cindy Melendez; MLP meetings; MLPW meetings; Tuesday Bible study; Admin. Council meeting; Deacon meetings; Worship meetings; EMT meetings; Help Bob with nursery; Food distribution; Communion Maplewood; Membership class (1); Marriage counseling; Counseling. Many calls received and outgoing, emails, text. Sermon prep, prayer and meditation on God's word and direction.

In April 2017, Jews for Jesus here. Take a Love gift offering, and overnight lodging. Five other churches are being invited.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS:

1. Would anyone like to learn how to do the Food Distribution? Put in bulletin.
2. Worship Night America, Oct. 25, 2016 – Chris Tomlin, Check with Bogar?
3. Have a "Compassion International" Sunday? Compassion Sunday is a nationwide event involving thousands of sponsors and churches across the country. It's your opportunity to share your heart for children in poverty with the members of your church family. And as a direct result, God can use you to help kids find sponsors and begin a new life filled with hope. Will revisit at another time.
4. Need to restock the tissue boxes in the pews.

AB Convention in October. Gary & Phyllis attending. And possibly Gretchen, Jacob, Roger.

Next Meeting will be Saturday, Dec. 3, 2016

Meeting closed with prayer at 10:05 am.

Congregational Vote on Sunday, September 25, 2016

Meeting called to order by Assistant Lay Moderator, Rick Frey. Each item was read, and by show of hands, congregation voted to approve:

Proposed Budget for 2017 - no changes requested, approved by congregation.

Changes/additions to the Church Constitution as published in bulletin for three weeks - no changes requested, approved by congregation.

Ceresco Baptist Church Apparel, etc.!

The first round of church t-shirts, jackets, hats, and bags has been purchased & delivered. If you are interested in a church t-shirt, polo shirt, windbreaker, baseball hat, or a bag, please let Joy Sommers what you would like to order! We will be placing a second order in mid-to-late October. To email your order, please send it to:

CerescoBaptist@gmail.com

Thank you! Joy Sommers, 269-420-0614 (questions / orders)

CHURCH ATTENDANCE

September

4th ~ 48, 11th ~ 49, 18th ~ 42, 25th ~ 46

October means fall family activities at the church!

We start off with a family potluck on Sunday, Oct. 9th for Pastor Appreciation Sunday. Then our family night potluck on Wednesday, Oct. 19th at 6:30 pm. And last but not least, our annual pumpkin carving & meal on Saturday, Oct. 29th, 4-7 pm.

Please bring your family along to these activities! They are each a great time of fellowship!



White Cross Work Day

Each fall we have a White Cross Work Day. This year's is on Saturday, October 8th from 10 am to 4 pm. There will be ladies from several other churches joining us.

Please join us even if you can't stay for the entire day. Any time you can share with us is appreciated! A light lunch of soups and salads will be provided. All are welcome to join us, so please come, and bring a friend! Also, if you have scissors, please bring those along too.

Thank you! ~ Joanne Henley, White Cross Chairperson

The Deacon Ministry Team has purchased **2017 calendars**. We want to hand them out to those people that leave for the winter. The rest of the congregation will get theirs at a later date. So, 'snowbirds' - please see Linda Chisholm to get your calendar before you leave!



Join us on Sunday,
October 9th for the
**St. Joe River Boys
Gospel Quartet!**

They will do a concert
for our worship ser-
vice! This is also
Pastor Appreciation
Sunday, and we will
have a potluck dinner
after the worship ser-
vice, at 12:30 pm

The St. Joe River Boys have been singing together for going on seven years. The group is made up of four men who are passionate about spreading the good news of Christ to others through worship and fellowship. Over the course of their ministry they have taken the gospel to churches, parks, as well as one of the local jails. They have seen an impact in the lives of others through the sharing of the gospel. They believe God has given them a purpose of singing and sharing in worship with others. The members of the group include David Tuckey, Jerry Thenen, Mark Smith and Corey Wooden.

Bake Sale Fundraiser!

Starting on Fellowship Sunday, October 30th, in addition to having refreshments provided by someone in the congregation, we will also have baked goods for sale to go to the church renovation fund. If nobody signs up for refreshments on a particular Fellowship Sunday (last Sunday of the month), then we will only have bake sale items for refreshments. The sign-up sheet for Fellowship Sunday is on the bulletin board.

Pastor Appreciation Sunday

October 9th is Pastor Appreciation Sunday, so we will have a potluck following the worship service. We will eat at 12:30 pm in order to give people time to run home for their passing dish if needed. We ask each family to bring a passing dish, your own table service, and your own beverage if you don't want coffee, water, or sugar-free punch.

We will not have Sunday School on October 9th since we are having a potluck dinner
after the Worship Service with the St. Joe River Boys.

October 2016

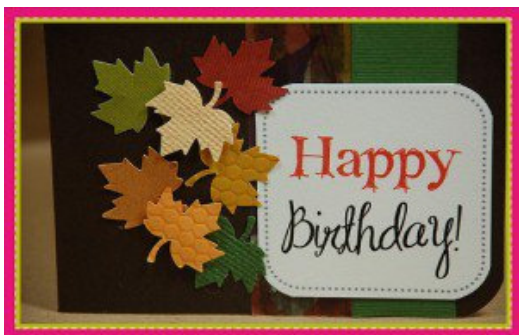
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	1
	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Pastor Gary & Phyllis will be on vacation the week of October 10th			
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
World Communion Day	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm				White Cross Work Day! 10am-4pm
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Pastor Appreciation Sunday & Potluck St. Joe River Boys in Concert!	Columbus Day Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Tupperware Party at the Church, Stacey Goodman	Martha Circle 6:30 pm		
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm	Family Night Potluck			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm				Family Pumpkin Carving & Meal 4-7 pm
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
Women's Sunday Fellowship Sunday / Bake Sale!	Halloween Trick or Treat 5:00-7:00 pm	Bible Study 10:00 am 6:00 pm				

Happy Birthday



Oct 1 Kamren Collins
 Oct 2 Cortney Green
 Oct 2 Richard Straub
 Oct 2 Jordan Smith
 Oct 2 Bruce Entsminger
 Oct 8 Kevin Collins
 Oct 9 Dave Glen
 Oct 9 Terry Ivey
 Oct 10 Heather Hess
 Oct 10 Jaymie Staib
 Oct 15 Dawn Frey
 Oct 15 Tina Green
 Oct 16 Jean Combs
 Oct 19 Craig Thomas
 Oct 21 Kalie Tuttle
 Oct 26 Diana Kidder
 Oct 26 Vera Chichester
 Oct 26 Michelle McJunkin
 Oct 26 Jane Worthington
 Oct 27 Jade Haefele
 Oct 31 Mike Lutz
 Oct 31 Ryllie Staib

Nov 1 Scott Chisholm
 Nov 3 Margie Cole
 Nov 3 Alex Goodman
 Nov 5 Lora Finch
 Nov 6 Devin Phelps
 Nov 7 Dick Halstead
 Nov 10 Ken Davis
 Nov 10 Jean Gordon
 Nov 11 Travis Weeks
 Nov 12 Betty Halverson
 Nov 12 Tyler Thomas
 Nov 13 Brad Gary
 Nov 16 Mike McJunkin
 Nov 17 Jody Babcock
 Nov 18 Art Wood
 Nov 18 Shirley Lawcock
 Nov 20 Gladys Smith
 Nov 21 Brianne Holtz
 Nov 24 Bridget Holder
 Nov 25 Olive Derrick
 Nov 25 Jessie Wood
 Nov 26 Roger Sommers
 Nov 28 Aneesa Tejada
 Nov 28 Kelly Wood
 Nov 28 Becky Wood
 Nov 29 Bessie Ivey
 Nov 29 Mya Lynn Haefele



Happy Anniversary

OCT 3
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Nov 1
 Nov 3
 Nov 12
 Nov 15
 Nov 16
 Nov 16

Gary & Pat Heidrich
 Russ & Shawn Skinner
 Paul & Marilyn Mead
 Mike & Pam Lutz
 Rick & Marcy Bonney
 Art & Donna Ruthruff
 Brian & Barb Gary
 Carl & Joyce Clem

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Church Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:15 am

Bible Study Tuesdays

10 am & 6 pm