

# November

The Ceresco Messenger ~ Ceresco Baptist Church

## Pastor's Pen

As I think about Thanksgiving, my mind goes to the dinner table. The turkey, corn, mashed potatoes, dressing and cranberry, as well as the family and friends. As Christians we are thankful for the food and family around the Thanksgiving meal.

As I reflect back over the years, my favorite memory was the prayer over the meal and those around the table. I have been blessed to hear the prayers from grandparents, parents and others. Some years we would go around the table and hear from the youngest to the oldest of what they were most thankful for. I guess one could say not only did we feed our appetites, but our souls were fed as well.

With that said, John 21:15 speaks to me. (Jesus said to Simon Peter son of John, do you love me more than these? Yes Lord he said, you know that I love you. Jesus said, feed my Lambs).

I don't think Jesus was thinking of the Thanksgiving meal or of food at all. I also don't think Jesus was trying to see which disciple loved him the most. I think Jesus was saying, will you take the love I have for you and share it with others. So they may have the same relationship that you and I have.

Friends, will we as the body of Christ take the love of Jesus to our communities? Do you love Jesus as much as Jesus loves you? If so, wouldn't one want to share this love story with another?

As the holiday season begins let us share the love story of Jesus birth, His teachings, His death and His resurrection. As Jesus said to Peter, Jesus also says to each one of us: go and feed my people, with the greatest love of all time.

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary

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!



## Let Us Be Thankful

by [Margaret Cagle](#)

The days are getting shorter.  
A chill is in the air.  
Many birds are flying South.  
We see them here and there.

Strokes from God's paint brush  
Paint the autumn leaves  
In orange, red, and yellow hues,  
Into pretty patterns, He weaves.

The harvest has been reaped  
And has been safely gathered in.  
We're ready for Thanksgiving Day  
When we visit relatives and kin.

We are thankful for our blessings,  
Which from our God overflowed.  
There are so many, we can't count,  
To us, our God hath bestowed.



## We Gather Together

We gather together to ask the Lord's blessing;  
He chastens and hastens his will to make known;  
The wicked oppressing now cease from distressing,  
Sing praises to his name: He forgets not his own.

Beside us to guide us, our God with us joining,  
Ordaining, maintaining his kingdom divine;  
So from the beginning the fight we were winning;  
Thou, Lord, wast at our side, All glory be thine!

We all do extol thee, thou leader triumphant,  
And pray that thou still our defender wilt be.  
Let thy congregation escape tribulation;  
Thy name be ever praised! O Lord, make us free!  
Amen

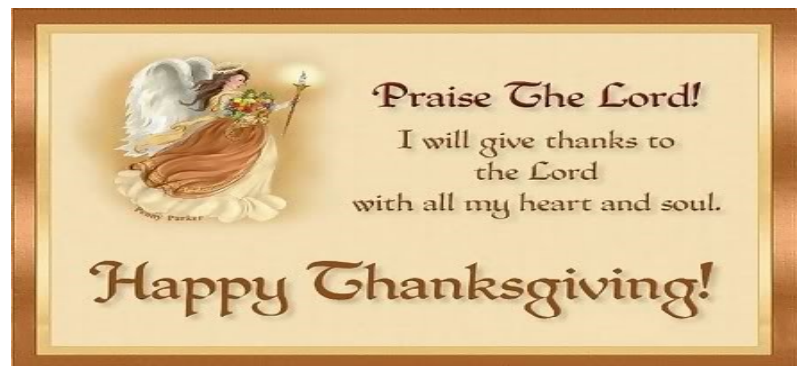
--Traditional Thanksgiving Hymn  
(A translation by Theodore Baker: 1851-1934)

## **Psalm 95:2-3**

New International Version (NIV)

<sup>2</sup> Let us come before Him with thanksgiving  
and extol Him with music and song.

<sup>3</sup> For the LORD is the great God,  
the great King above all gods.



## **Colossians 3:16-17** New International Reader's Version (NIRV)

<sup>16</sup> Let the message about Christ live among you like a rich treasure. Teach and correct one another wisely. Teach one another by singing psalms and hymns and songs from the Spirit. Sing to God with thanks in your hearts. <sup>17</sup> Do everything you say or do in the name of the Lord Jesus. Always give thanks to God the Father through Christ.



Looking ahead to Christmas, we like to have several poinsettias decorating the sanctuary during Advent & Christmas. Anyone may bring poinsettias. Homer FFA is selling beautiful poinsettias. They come in 4 standard colors: pink, marble, red, cream. They also have 4 premium colors: blue, purple, fuchsia, chameleon. The standard colors are \$14 each, and premium colors are \$16 each.

If you would like to order a poinsettia from the fundraiser, contact Joy Sommers at 269-420-0614 or cerescobaptist@gmail.com.

You may purchase poinsettias from other sources too. Poinsettias can be brought starting Nov. 27th. If you want to take your poinsettia after Christmas, please take it with you on Sunday, January 1st.



Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday, November 26th. There will be a light meal for those that help decorate for the Christmas season. We will start at 5:30 pm.

**Ladies & Gentlemen . . . We Need You!**

Please join the choir for the Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Christian on November 23rd at 6 pm.

The practice for the combined choir will be Sunday, November 6 at 12:30 pm at First Christian. The two songs are easy hymns so anyone desiring should be able to participate.

Please join us if you can! Thank you!

## The Noble and the Brave: A Veteran's Day Tribute

When America had an urgent need,  
These brave ones raised a hand;  
No hesitation held them back;  
They were proud to take a stand.

They left their friends and family;  
They gave up normal life;  
To serve their country and their God,  
They plowed into the strife.

They fought for freedom and for peace  
On strange and foreign shores;  
Some lost new friends; some lost their lives  
In long and brutal wars.

Other veterans answered a call  
To support the ones who fought;  
Their country had requirements for  
The essential skills they brought.

We salute every one of them,  
The noble and the brave,  
The ones still with us here today,  
And those who rest in a grave.

So here's to our country's heroes;  
They're a cut above the rest;  
Let's give the honor that is due  
To our country's very best.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



## A CUT ABOVE: A VETERAN'S DAY PRAYER

Dear Lord, We pray for blessings on this assembly of extraordinary men and women, who did things most people don't want to do, went to places we would never want to visit, and lived at length in uncomfortable surroundings we can't even imagine.

They did what they did from devotion to their country's freedom, honor and reputation.

They endured difficult service because they are exceptional people, a cut above the rest of us, who live safe, comfortable lives.

We pray that you will bless them mightily, Lord.

Lavish on them now abundant comforts and pleasures they so often did without.

We pray that our country will always honor their service expressing frequently profuse gratitude for their service to keep us safe and free.

In Jesus' name we pray; Amen.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



# Bake Sale Fundraisers!

Oct. 30th was our First Bake Sale! If you weren't able to attend, you can still participate! We are taking orders for baked goods to be delivered in time for holiday gatherings. If you would like to order something, please send an email to [cerescobaptist@gmail.com](mailto:cerescobaptist@gmail.com) or call Gretchen King (269.213.4125) or Joy Sommers (269.420.0614). We'll find someone to make what you want, and have it available on Sunday, Nov. 20th. Pricing will be determined soon! All money raised goes to the Church Renovation Fund.

## Martha Circle Minutes, October 13, 2016

Ladies of the Martha Circle met on Oct. 13<sup>th</sup> at the church with 7 present: Gretchen, Joanne, Linda, Donna, Pam, Kathy, Joy.

Donna read "Not What You Want, But What God Wills" for our devotion about praying to God.

Joy read minutes from the September meeting. Checking balance should be \$1,011. Also have a check from Marcy for \$40 for treasure sale. Joy read a thank you from Amelia & Josh Davis for their wedding gift.

White Cross - Received \$20 from Margaret Rose to help with costs of sending the roller bandages. Donna also donated \$20 toward the costs of mailing the roller bandages. Joanne has the new packet of information for 16/17. Roller bandages of various sizes, flannel receiving blankets, etc. Also can purchase baby layettes, etc. Quotas have not been received. Joanne has a brochure of the history of White Cross and history of International Ministries. Missionaries Niles & Gutierrez - both are in need of roller bandages. FBC Marshall Pastor Good's son is going into the mission field. Had a group of 15 at the White Cross work day, went well.

Sunshine – Donna & Pam sent cards to several people that lost family members, illness, accidents, etc. Pam will send a card to Casey's on birth of baby. Zander – 3-month old boy that is very sick needs our prayers.

Old Business – need to make more blankets at our next meeting.

**Bake Sale** on Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> – need to see if anyone else would like to donate baked goods for the sale.

Let people just give donations for the first sale. Then maybe decide on prices for the next time. Could also take orders for items. If they'd like to have them for Thanksgiving, they could place orders. Need to do the December sale on Dec. 18<sup>th</sup>.

New Business – Women's Sunday? - skip this year – plan for September 2017.

Christmas trees & decorations – last year's trees were disposed of, and Diana Kidder took all the decorations she had purchased. So all that is left are the window decorations. Lighted garland was also Diana's. Need new wreaths for the front of the church. Joy willing to donate a 7' Christmas tree (is now at the church).

Hanging of the Greens on Nov. 26<sup>th</sup>. Potluck supper at 5:30 pm, and then decorate. Sunday, Nov. 27<sup>th</sup> is the first Sunday of Advent. See if people would be willing to bring a special ornament to place on the church tree and leave here for future use. That way everyone has a chance to help with the decorations.

Love Gift: \$17.80 Devotional: \$23.00

Bible Study for next month: Luke 19:1-10

# November 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale Fundraiser	Trick or Treat at Church! 5-7 pm Coffee, Cider, Hot Chocolate & Doughnuts too!	Bible Study 10 am & 6 pm		Educational Ministry Team Meeting 6 pm		
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am & 6 pm	Martha Circle Meeting 6:30 pm		Veteran's Day Thank you, Veterans!	
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Veteran's Sunday	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am & 6 pm	Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm			
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
Baked Good Orders will be available for payment & pickup!	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am & 6 pm	Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Christian Church 6 pm	Happy Thanksgiving! Praise God from Whom all blessings flow.		5:30 PM Hanging of the Greens & light supper
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	1	2	<b>3-Dec</b>
	Boy Scouts 7 pm  Marshall Christmas Parade	Bible Study 10:00 am				Church Breakfast 8 am, Administrative Council Meeting 9 am





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 King  
 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

Dec 2 Michael Wood  
 Dec 5 Cindy Combs  
 Dec 7 Mike Lutz  
 Dec 11 Paige Holtz  
 Dec 13 Glennie Swann  
 Dec 14 Pat Yost  
 Dec 17 Shirley Young  
 Dec 19 Scott Wood  
 Dec 21 Rayna Sommers  
 Dec 24 Carl Clem  
 Dec 26 David Smith  
 Dec 27 Candace Ivey  
 Dec 27 John Paschen  
 Dec 28 Marilyn Mead  
 Dec 28 Donna Ruthruff  
 Dec 30 Viviana Anthony



## Happy Anniversary

Nov 1 Paul & Marilyn Mead  
 Nov 3 Mike & Pam Lutz  
 Nov 12 Rick & Marcy Bonney  
 Nov 15 Art & Donna Ruthruff  
 Nov 16 Brian & Barb Gary  
 Nov 16 Carl & Joyce Clem  
 Dec. 23 Ken & Kay Davis

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### Church Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:15 am

Bible Study Tuesdays

10 am & 6 pm