

The Source of Joy

Psalm 4:6-7

Many are asking, "Who can show us any good?" Let the light of your face shine upon us, O Lord. You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound. NIV

How true that is of our situation today. Many are asking. "Who can show us any good?" There is a kind of disillusionment, a pessimism in the air – particularly perhaps in the realm of politics – a dearth of confidence in leadership, a series of agonizing frustrations that have passed over us in recent decades. But in the midst of all this there is an answer.

Who can show us any good? David the psalmist then goes on, "Let the light of Your face shine upon us, O Lord." Real goodness has only one source. It comes from the Lord, and when He lifts up the light of His face upon us, that light dispels our darkness, our anxieties, our worries, our fears. We are filled with joy.

David says, "You have filled my heart with greater joy than when their grain and new wine abound." There's a kind of pleasure and satisfaction and happiness that we get from material abundance, but there's something different that comes only from the light of God's countenance upon our lives. True joy that excels anything that we can get from mere material prosperity or security or satisfaction. So remember, it's the light of God's countenance that will make your life meaningful and secure.

~ Derek Prince Ministries

"The rights of man come not from the generosity of the state but **from the hand of God.**" – John F. Kennedy

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"We have this day restored the Sovereign to Whom all men ought to be obedient. He reigns in heaven and from the rising to the setting of the sun, let His kingdom come."  
- Samuel Adams, 1776 (at the signing of the Declaration of Independence)

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"Without God there is no virtue because there is no prompting of the conscience...without God there is a coarsening of the society; without God democracy will not and cannot long endure...**If we ever forget that we are One Nation Under God, then we will be a Nation gone under.**" ~ President Ronald Reagan

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"A thorough **knowledge of the Bible is worth more than a college education.**"  
- Theodore Roosevelt

## Ceresco Baptist Church ~ Administrative Council Meeting ~ Minutes ~ June 3, 2017

Devotions - Roger opened with prayer, and read the Secret Place devotion for today.

Clerks Report: Minutes from March meeting were in bulletin and in April Messenger

Treasurers Report: Reports distributed, Audit report received from Estep Accounting - no problems. Pastor met with Shannon from Marshall Community Foundation - they have a Ken Combs Memorial Fund. MCC will contact Jean Combs to see what she would like to do with the funds.

Property Management Ministry Team: Rick Frey: Windows going into sanctuary - have them etched for \$295; New doors - Roger's Glass - current doors are not up to code. Replaced ones have to be at least 31" wide. Make 1 36" and the stationary one 24"? Est. \$3,000 to do new doors; Windows in sanctuary - just solid windows, not ones that can be opened. \$5,100 quote; Rick is meeting with the Entryway Task Force tomorrow; Motion by Mary Ivey that we approve \$8,500 for the doors, windows, decals, with funds from the Souder Fund as needed. If more funds are needed, they will come from the same fund. Second by Dawn Frey. Motion passed; Chairs for the round tables in old fellowship hall - black padded chairs at Sam's Club, \$20 each. Motion by Joy Sommers to purchase 24 chairs from Sam's Club, second by Mary Ivey. Motion passed. Will ask about using some of the memorial funds.

Deacon Ministry Team: Sunday, June 18th at 2 pm Funeral for Joyce Clem. Pastor Schlee is officiating; Prayer Chain - emails/calls - all deacons to have access to be able to send the emails and/or make the calls; Food loss from freezer - food is being replaced. Roger will stabilize the freezer shelves better; Vacancy on Deacon Ministry Team - Ed Kirkland; Next meeting is June 7th.

Worship Ministry Team: Kathy is selecting hymns for June; Sing happy birthday second Sunday of each month; June 11th - Graduation Sunday, Dorothy Witmyer giving testimony; June 18th - Father's Day - Heather to give tribute, Joy ask Glennie to make cookies; Flowers in sanctuary can be real or artificial. Those with allergies will watch schedule; During July/August, we will be doing 'pick-a-hymn'; July 2nd Service, we will do pledges to American & Christian flags and the Bible; . Next meeting is scheduled for July 12<sup>th</sup>.

Educational Ministry Team: Easter Youth Day went very well; Need substitute teachers for Sunday school classes; Jacob will be leaving for college, so we will need a new teacher for the 6-8th grade class; Children's Time - schedule to be revamped.

Boy Scouts: Need to remind them that they need to make sure doors are locked properly.

Pastor's Quarterly Report: Mar-May 2017: Bible studies AM & PM; Deacon, education & worship meetings; Hospital visits 5; Funerals 2 - Robin Vandine, Scott Evans; Maplewood Communion 1 per month; Council meeting; MLPG & MLGW pastor meetings; NKPL class (done in June, resumes in Sept.); Visits 22; Met with Shannon Tierman (Marshall Comm. Foundation); Palm Sunday First Baptist, Kalamazoo; Joint Maundy - Newton; Good Friday service; Easter services; Children's Easter event; met with Task teams missions & entry; Sermon prep.; Prayer, reflection and listening; Calls, text & emails. Other: Northern Seminary Campus is being sold; July 11-18, pastor on vacation. Pulpit Supply for July 16th - Pastor looking; Talking with Deacons about having a class to help those that are grieving, etc. Pastor Chuck McNeil has created training material, and is willing to teach it free of charge, but we should pay his mileage. Dates to be determined (5-6 week class). Will invite people from FBC Marshall, and Fairfax.

Missions Committee is Mary Ivey, Marcy Bonney, and Kay Davis. Front Entryway Task Force is Gretchen King, Stacey Goodman, Justin Casey, Jacob Lewis - see PMMT discussion.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS: Moderator & vice-moderator 3 year terms expire 12/17; Appoint nominating committee for 2018, start in late July 2017. - Rick will appoint, Ricky Frey is chair, Joy Sommers volunteered. Internet service at church? Pastor contacted Comcast for a quote, \$80/month. Pastor will also check with AT&T. Motion by Mary Ivey, second by Rick Frey for Pastor/Joy to investigate & secure the best option for internet services at the church. Motion approved. Chromebook for Pastor - using this now instead of laptop. Motion by Joy Sommers, second by Mary Ivey to pay \$159.99 for the Chromebook from the A/V Fund. Computer upstairs (projection) - may replace with pastor's old laptop. Church Breakfasts - revisit at September meeting.

Next Meeting Sept. 16th at 9 a.m. Meeting closed in prayer at 10:48 am, by Pastor Gary.

## Independence Day Prayer

Lord, we stand today as our forefathers have stood before You  
in times gone by,  
Celebrating our history and reveling in all the great things  
that our country has achieved.  
On this day we rejoice in the favor You have graciously given us.  
We thank You for the blessings of liberty, for this generation and  
for the generations to come.  
We thank You for our independence, peace and for all those who have  
bravely given their lives in the defense of freedom and justice.  
We thank You that Your gracious and provident hand has given us so much.

Yet as a nation and people we have not always chosen the right way.  
We ask You to forgive us for these times.  
On this day we commit ourselves to wholeheartedly honoring and serving You.  
With everything that we are, we lay our lives before You.  
Make us a generous people,  
A holy nation,  
A people set aside to love You forever,  
For the sake of the land of the brave and free,  
And the peoples and nations of this world.

Today, we do not presume Your grace for our country.  
Our land is in need of You,  
Our people are in need of You,  
Our industry and business is in need of You.  
May we look only to You  
This Independence Day, dependent on You.

Please come now by Your glorious Holy Spirit,  
Breathe new life into the sinews of this nation.  
May justice flow like rivers,  
And righteousness like a never failing stream,  
Until the whole of our country is covered with Your glory,  
As the waters cover the sea.

We ask all this in the wonderful name of Jesus,  
Who lives and reigns with You and the Holy Spirit.  
One God, now and for all eternity.  
Amen.

*(a modern prayer for the United States of America from [www.lords-prayer-words.com](http://www.lords-prayer-words.com))*

# JULY

| Sunday                                              | Monday | Tuesday                                                                           | Wed.                                              | Thursday                                                                                                                                                                            | Friday                                                                                                                                                                        | Saturday |
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| 2                                                   | 3      | 4                                                                                 | 5                                                 | 6                                                                                                                                                                                   | 7                                                                                                                                                                             | 8        |
| Communion Sunday                                    |        |  | Deacon Meeting<br>6:00 pm                         |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                               |          |
| 9                                                   | 10     | 11                                                                                | 12                                                | 13                                                                                                                                                                                  | 14                                                                                                                                                                            | 15       |
|                                                     |        | Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                           |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                               |          |
| 16                                                  | 17     | 18                                                                                | 19                                                | 20                                                                                                                                                                                  | 21                                                                                                                                                                            | 22       |
|                                                     |        | Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                           |                                                   |                                                                                                                                                                                     | <div style="border: 1px solid purple; padding: 5px;">                     Relay for Life at Calhoun<br/>County Fairgrounds<br/>3pm Friday-3pm Saturday                 </div> |          |
| 23                                                  | 24     | 25                                                                                | 26                                                | 27                                                                                                                                                                                  | 28                                                                                                                                                                            | 29       |
|                                                     |        | Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                           | August<br>Messenger<br>Information<br>due by noon |                                                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                                                                               |          |
| 30                                                  | 31     | Aug 1                                                                             | Aug 2                                             | Aug 3                                                                                                                                                                               | Aug 4                                                                                                                                                                         | Aug 5    |
| Fellowship<br>Sunday<br><br>Church in Use<br>1-5 pm |        | Bible Study<br>10:00 am                                                           | Deacon Meeting<br>6:00 pm                         | <div style="border: 1px solid blue; padding: 10px;">                     We will not have Bake Sales in July<br/>or August. We will resume in<br/>September.                 </div> |                                                                                                                                                                               |          |



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

July 4 Shirley Westphal  
 July 5 Kevin Sommers  
 Jul 10 Phyllis Schooler  
 Jul 10 Joyce Cary  
 Jul 10 Benjamin Markos  
 Jul 15 Jordonn 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 24 Nate Latshaw #9  
 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



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  
 8/16 Scott & Penny Wood #1  
 8/24 Dan & Ruth Johnston  
 8/24 Bud & Vi Halder



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## **Church Schedule**

### **Sunday Worship**

**9:45 am**

### **Sunday School**

**11:15 am**

### **Bible Study**

**Tuesdays at 10 am**