

The Ceresco Messenger of Ceresco Baptist Church - September 2017

From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

I don't know about you, but I can't help but wonder; why do all these people gather in protest? I understand protesting for human suffering. But the best that seems to come from the current protesters is hate, which leads to aggression and sometimes murder.

If we would gather in our hometown churches and quit running toward trouble, perhaps much of the troubles we see today could be averted.

I don't believe God wants us to turn a blind eye to the world's troubles. I also don't think God desires us to join in every movement under the sun. I don't see God at work in these current protests. I see the opposite, which is Satan controlling the mobs. Psalm 34 speaks to me as to how we Christian folk should behave and think. Please take some time to read Psalm 34. Pray and meditate on the verses.

Verse 1: "I will extol the Lord at all times, His praise will always be on my lips." (I don't see this in the protesters).

Verse 3: "Glorify the Lord with me ; let us exalt His Name together." (I don't see God's glory in the protesters).

Verse 13: "Keep your tongue from evil and your lips from telling lies." (There is so much hate coming from the protester's lips. Truth can never be found in hate).

Verse: 14: "Turn from evil and do good ; seek peace and pursue it."

The culture we live in can consume our minds and hearts. The only true peace is found in Jesus Christ. Let us pursue Jesus and all the good in Him. Let us turn away from the pursuit of self-righteousness. Let us pursue a closer walk with Jesus Christ.

In Christ's service, Pastor Gary Schooler

Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you; I love all those little things that you say and do
A walk through the park, a trip to the zoo; Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you
Going to a ball game, fishing on the lake; Eating Grandma's cookies, boy they sure taste great
Going to the circus when it comes to town; Eating cotton candy and laughing at the clowns
Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you; I love all those little things that you say and do
A hug and a kiss, a ride home from school; Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you
Spending time together, talking on the phone; Happy birthday presents, chocolate ice cream cones
Photographs and memories, picnics and parades; Saying that you love me in so many ways
Oh Grandma, Grandpa, you know that I love you; I love all those little things that you say and do
The stories you tell, things I never knew; Oh Grandma, Grandpa I love you

HAPPY GRANDPARENT'S DAY to all our Grandparents!

Martha Circle resumes their monthly meetings on September 13th at 6:30 pm at the Church. We will have our Election of Officers and fill out the Hostess Schedule.

Membership in the Martha Circle is open to any ladies that attend the church, or family or friends of anyone that attends the church. Come join us!

Thank you to everyone that donated items, shopped, or helped with the Annual Treasure Sale in any way! We really appreciate your support!

If you have had a new grandchild since **Sept 10, 2016**, please provide the child's name, birth date, weight, height, parents, grandparents, and great grandparents names. You can also submit a picture to Joy Sommers, or email it to: cerescobaptist@gmail.com. Children through adoption or marriage count too, regardless of whether or not they were newborns! We will celebrate Grandparents on Sunday, Sept. 10, 2017.

Having grandchildren should be considered a blessing from God.

Genesis 24:60 HCSB

They blessed Rebekah, saying to her: Our sister, may you become thousands upon ten thousands. May your offspring possess the cities of their enemies.

Job 42:16-17 HCSB

Job lived 140 years after this and saw his children and their children to the fourth generation. (17) Then Job died, old and full of days.

Proverbs 17:6 HCSB

Grandchildren are the crown of the elderly, and the pride of sons is their fathers.

SIX GOODS GO ~ Spiritual Bubble Wrap

Have you ever wondered if there is spiritual bubble wrap? If there is such a thing, I am certain it is woven together by prayers of faithful people. I'm pretty sure I saw it a few weeks ago in Wyoming when, glimpsing something out of the corner of my eye, I tapped the brakes. It was just in time to see another driver slamming on his breaks as he realized he had run a red-light. Stopping mere inches from my bumper, we locked eyes. He sheepishly grinned and waved. His grin faded, however, as a law enforcement vehicle with flashing red and blue lights pulled up behind him. Jon and I saw another moment of divine intervention two nights later. After exiting the highway, we strained our eyes for a gas station. We were looking so hard in the other direction that it shocked us when a semi-truck barreled in front of us at top-speed, blowing through the red light. Praise the Lord, we had stopped just in time.

Our family of six (plus the dog!) has just finished a network building trip spanning 26 days and 7,000 miles. As we came to the end of the trip, caring folks wondered how we were faring: Were there any problems? How did the car do? How is Pepper? Are you still speaking to one another? Amazingly, we can report that we are well and content. We know that this is not because of good luck or good we have done. It is because Jesus is faithful and He answers prayer.

We thank you for your prayers! Ephesians 6:18-19 says, "And pray in the Spirit on all occasions with all kinds of prayers and requests. With this in mind, be alert and always keep on praying for all the Lord's people. Pray also for me, that whenever I speak, words may be given me so that I will fearlessly make known the mystery of the gospel..." Your prayers are essential!

Please pray in these specific ways:

Our family will begin six weeks of missionary training in North Carolina. Please pray that God will use this training to sharpen our minds for cross-cultural ministry and language skills.

We praise Jesus and are grateful for so many outstanding partner-ships, yet we need a few more. Please pray for new financial partners.

Please pray for schools and churches in Hungary and that many more Hungarians will find hope in Jesus.

Are We There Yet?

We are currently at 90% of our monthly PSG (Personalized Support Goal). We thank God for every partner! To reach our goal, we only need ten new partners to pledge \$100/month. Ongoing gifts in any amount will help us reach our PSG and our family can begin sharing the hope of Jesus in Hungary. We need your help to get there while the window of opportunity is open.

Prayerfully consider: Is God leading you to financially partner with the Goods?

Contact 800-222-3872 x2323 or visit: <https://internationalministries.org/teams/849-good>

Being a grandparent is a great privilege and a source of endless joy and satisfaction. Let's pray this prayer together, a prayer of blessing for grandparents everywhere and the grandchildren they love so dearly.

Dear Father God, thank You for the blessings that come along with being a grandparent. It's a bond of enormous strength, binding together multiple generations. Show us how to relax and enjoy our time together. Thank You for showing us how to respect boundaries, dispense wisdom, and express our love in a creative way to each of our grandchildren. We praise You, Heavenly Father, for Your promise in Proverbs 17:6 CSB, "Grandchildren are the crown of the elderly." Amen

A Prayer of Hope and Healing for Patriot Day, 9/11

by Mary Fairchild

*Dear Heavenly Father,
Today is a difficult day. The memories are painful and some of the wounds I fear may never heal. Yet I pray You will help me to go on living for truth, firm in my hope of Your salvation. May I live for You, Lord, and by doing so, be an example to my friends and family. I pray, just like Jesus, I may learn obedience through these things that I have suffered. Help me not to question why, yet even if I do, give me courage to continue to trust You. Help me take the comfort and strength You've poured into my life and use it to comfort and strengthen others who need hope. I pray I might become a better person and help make the world a better place because of this terrible event. Thank You for the heroes that gave so sacrificially on September 11. Help me to remember their courage and learn from them. I want my life to be worthy of You Lord, so make of it what You desire, and use me to fulfill Your purposes. May the evil of that day cause me and my family to work harder to do good on this earth and to bring Your Light into the dark places. Help me to never stop believing in You and living my life for You.
Lord, heal all those who were crushed and broken on that day. May they come to experience Your presence and know Your peace. Amen*



The Grandma Test

I was out walking with my Grandson. He picked up something off of the ground and started to put it in his mouth. I took the item away from him and I asked him not to do that. "Why?" my Grandson asked.

"Because it's been on the ground; you don't know where it's been, it's dirty, and probably has germs," I replied. At this point, my Grandson looked at me with total admiration and asked, "Grandma, how do you know all this stuff?? You are so smart."

I was thinking quickly and said to him, "All Grandmas know stuff. It's on the Grandma Test. You have to know it, or they don't let you be a Grandma."

We walked along in silence for 2 or 3 minutes, but he was evidently pondering this new information. "Oh . . . I get it!" he beamed. "So if you don't pass the test you have to be the Grandpa."

"Exactly," I replied with a big smile on my face.

Grandparents are a Blessing

When God created grandparents
the world was truly blessed
with all the special joys
that make a family happiest . . .

For grandparents know how to do
the things that warm a heart,
They touch our lives with loving care
right from the very start . . .

They show that they believe in us
and all we're dreaming of . . .
When God created grandparents,
He blessed our lives with love.

Grandpa's Lap

Sitting on my grandpa's lap
Reading a book or taking a nap
It's the safest place to be
To feel his strong arms holding me

And when I say my prayers at night
I ask God to bless and hold him tight,
Cause when it comes to giving hugs,
My grandpa's arms are filled with love.

A Grandparent's Prayer for a New Grandchild

By Naomi Levy

Gift of God, precious child, miracle, my little one. Lay your head on my shoulder. It seems that it was yesterday that I held your mother in my arms just this way. You are a sweet blessing to me, a tiny messenger of joy. Welcome to this magnificent life.

May God grace you with all things that are good and shield you from all harm. May the bonds of our family be your strength. May our love be your comfort. May our faith sustain you. May God be with you, now and always. Amen.

SEPTEMBER BIRTHDAYS

- Sep 1 Shawn Struble
Julie Holton
- Sep 2 Ted Finch
DJ Holton
- Sep 3 Gregory Wood
- Sep 5 Ken MacInnis
- Sep 7 Michael Wood
- Sep 8 Matt Ivey
- Sep 10 Sierra Phelps
- Sep 11 Karen Anthony
- Sep 11 Katelyn Green
- Sep 12 Ralph Leigon
- Sep 12 Brandon Davis
- Sep 12 Art Ruthruff
- Sep 13 Travis Paul
- Sep 14 Mary Ivey
- Sep 17 Nathan Markos
- Sep 17 Albert Cole
- Sep 19 Steve Evans
- Sep 20 Jason Ivey
- Sep 20 Michele Babcock
- Sep 20 Robin Johnston
- Sep 22 Justin Casey
- Sep 23 Madison Beck
- Sep 23 Janet Smith
- Sep 25 Kay Davis
- Sep 27 Fred Combs
- Sep 29 Melvin Cole

Our Church Family Birthdays & Anniversaries



Perfect Birthday
 On your birthday I wish you much pleasure and joy;
 I hope all of your wishes come true.
 May each hour and minute be filled with delight,
 And your birthday be perfect for you!
By Joanna Fuchs

Anniversary Joy
 Your anniversary is a time
 For sharing your affection;
 It's obvious the two of you
 Have quite a deep connection!
 I/We send glad congratulations
 And heartfelt wishes, too,
 For joyful happiness and love
 In everything you do.
By Joanna Fuchs

OCTOBER BIRTHDAYS

- Oct 1 Kamren Collins
- Oct 2 Richard Straub
- Oct 2 Cortney Green
- Oct 2 Jordan Smith
- 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 25 Molly Sommers #1
- Oct 26 Vera Chichester
- Oct 26 Jane Worthington
- Oct 27 Jade Haefele
- Oct 31 Mike Lutz
- Oct 31 Ryllie Staib

SEPT ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Jody & Michele Babcock
- 7 Stephen & Christy Phelps
- 18 Bob & Deb Beltz
- 19 Alex & Stacey Goodman
- 27 Don & Ruth St. John
- 26 Dave & Jeannette Glen
- 29 Jayme & Diane Biljum

OCT ANNIVERSARIES

- 3 Gary & Pat Heidrich
- 25 Russ & Shawn Skinner
- 30 Greg & Michelle #2



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3 Communion Sunday Submit Agenda items for Annual Meeting!	4 Labor Day	5 First Day Of School Bible Study 10:00 am	6 Deacon Ministry Team Meeting 6:00 pm	7	8	9
10 Grand-Parent's Day!	11 Patriot Day Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm	12 Bible Study 10:00 am	13 Martha Circle 7:00 pm	14 Bible Study 6:00 pm	15	16 Admin. Council Meeting 9:00 am
17	18 Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm	19 Bible Study 10:00 am	20 Family Night Potluck, 6:30 pm	21 Bible Study 6:00 pm	22	23
24 Fellowship Sunday	25 Boy Scouts, 7:00 pm	26 Bible Study 10:00 am	27 Information for the Oct. Messenger is due by noon today!	28 Bible Study 6:00 pm	29	30

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God Bless our Children!
 God Bless America!
 In God We Trust!



Flower & Greeter Sign-Up for September 2017

SEPT	FLOWERS	GREETERS
3	Sommers'	OPEN!
10	OPEN	OPEN!
17	Ivey's	OPEN!
24	Casey's	OPEN!