

Ceresco Messenger ~ October 2017



CERESCO BAPTIST CHURCH

From the Desk of the Pastor . . .

Today the Church must dig deep into our faith in our Savior Jesus Christ. The Church is in a different place in history than ever before. I have set in many meetings with other pastors in various denominations. Church attendance is falling like never before, at least as far back as I can recall. I don't really have a clear cut answer as to why. I know that the regular attenders are loyal to Jesus. I however do have an idea as to why. There are way too many other things that take our focus away from serving Jesus; like sporting events, dance recitals, along with a long list of other priorities.

I sense the American Christian Church has become too relaxed and actually just plumb lazy when it comes to serving Jesus. The Burmese Church along with other Churches from that region are prospering in the kingdom of God. So naturally I ask the question, why is this the case? I think that the Burmese and the other Churches from that region need God more than us Americans. They have come from a place of oppression, and they have cried out to God for deliverance, and God has answered their cry.



I remember the day when the Church and family were an important part of our way of life. We have lost that way of life as a people of this nation. We have become a people of self-indulgence, where all that we are concerned about is what can others do for us. How can my church and my country serve me? Well take a good hard look around, has this behavior served us well?

Like many of you, I am very concerned about the Church in today's culture. I realize as a pastor I am looked to for guidance, and I am prepared to guide by way of God's authority and leading of the Holy Spirit. We need to decide if serving God is worth the effort. Do we stay and battle for the Lord or do we cut and run? Running has never solved any problem in the history of the Church.

If we look at the lives of Jesus and all the disciples found in God's word, they always went in prayer to God, they sought His ways, His face. We must learn from God's word that we must do the same. There are no amount of programs or self-will that will propel the kingdom of God forward today. We must seek His ways and then get up and go. We must humble ourselves and be in submission to God.

Let us serve God first together and in unity, and the rewards will show themselves. The Church belongs to God, we are the caretakers. Let us keep God's house lifted up in the name of Jesus.

God bless, Pastor Gary



All are invited to a **Baby Shower for Amelia Davis** on Saturday, Oct. 28th at 1 pm. Whistle Stop Park Depot, 210 E Michigan, Grass Lake, MI. She is registered at Target. Please RSVP to Phyllis, 517-230-8889.



KEEP
CALM
IT'S A
BABY
GIRL

“Baby Marley is excited to make her arrival!”

Family Fall Gathering

Saturday, Oct. 28th, 5 pm

Behind the Church

Hot dog roast, s'mores, cider & doughnuts, games, and piñata.

There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the stairs for food to help out.

Bring a chair, and a roasting stick (put your name on it). If the weather is bad, we will hold the event indoors at the church.



Best Poem in the World!

I was shocked, confused, bewildered as I entered Heaven's door,
Not by the beauty of it all, by the lights or its decor.

But it was the folks in Heaven who made me sputter and gasp--
the thieves, the liars, the sinners, the alcoholics, the trash.

There stood the kid from seventh grade who swiped my lunch money twice.
Next to him was my old neighbor who never said anything nice.

Herb, who I always thought was rotting away in hell,
was sitting pretty on cloud nine, looking incredibly well.

I nudged Jesus, "What's the deal? I would love to hear Your take.
How'd all these sinners get up here? God must've made a mistake.

And why's everyone so quiet, so somber? Give me a clue."

"Hush, child," said He "They're all in shock.
No one thought they'd see you."

Judge NOT!

**Remember – Just going to Church doesn't make
you a Christian any more than standing in your
garage makes you a car!**

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 Diana Kidder
 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 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 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 Kelly Wood
 Nov 28 Becky Wood
 Nov 28 Aneesa Tejada (Kidder)
 Nov 29 Bessie Ivey
 Nov 29 Mya Lynn Haefele



Oct. 3 Gary & Pat Heidrich
 Oct. 25 Russ & Shawn Skinner
 Oct. 30 Greg & Michelle Wood
 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

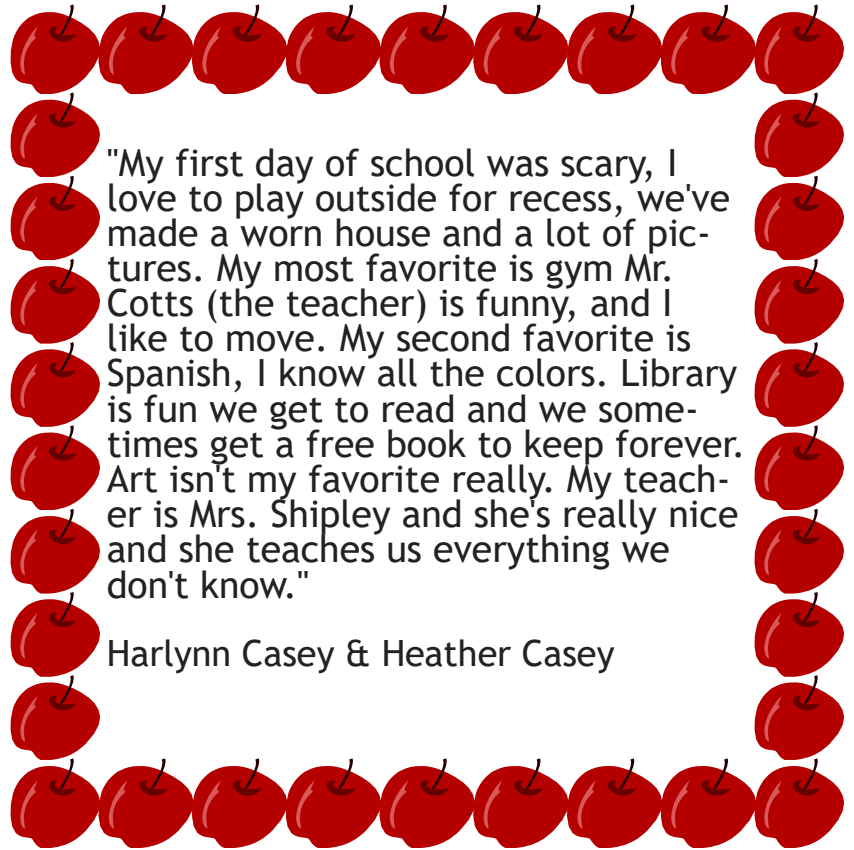


Address update!

Pensacola Christian College
Jacob Lewis
Box 2362
250 Brent Lane
Pensacola, FL 32503

**Church Attendance
Last Quarter:**

- July 2 ~ 31
- July 9 ~ 45
- July 16 ~ 41
- July 23 ~ 42
- July 30 ~ 38
- August 6 ~ 39
- August 13 ~ 35
- August 20 ~ 62
- August 27 ~ 34
- September 3 ~ 29
- September 10 ~ 36
- September 17 ~ 36
- September 24 ~ 45



If you need an updated Church Directory, please contact Linda Chisholm.



Martha Circle, Sept. 13, 2017 Minutes

Present: Gretchen, Kathy, Joy

Treasure sale money of \$450 will go to the Renovation Fund for the church entryway. Donate \$50 to the American Red Cross for Hurricane Irma Relief Fund.

White Cross - Joanne will be stepping down from White Cross, RADA and Martha Circle. We will discontinue with RADA for now.

Officers for 17/18 - President/Gretchen, VP/Kathy, Secr/Treas-Joy, White Cross - Ask Pam, Missions/ABW-Joy, Sunshine - Donna/Pam (ask), Love Gift ??.

Hostess/Devotion schedule: Oct-Joy, Nov-Kathy, Dec-Gretchen.

Had our picnic at the church in June.

Banners for the sanctuary - we have a couple in process. Phyllis is working on one for the fellowship hall. Looking for three specific patterns - Joy to look further.

Bake sales resume September 24th on Fellowship Sunday.

Scripture Reading for October meeting: Luke 10:38-42

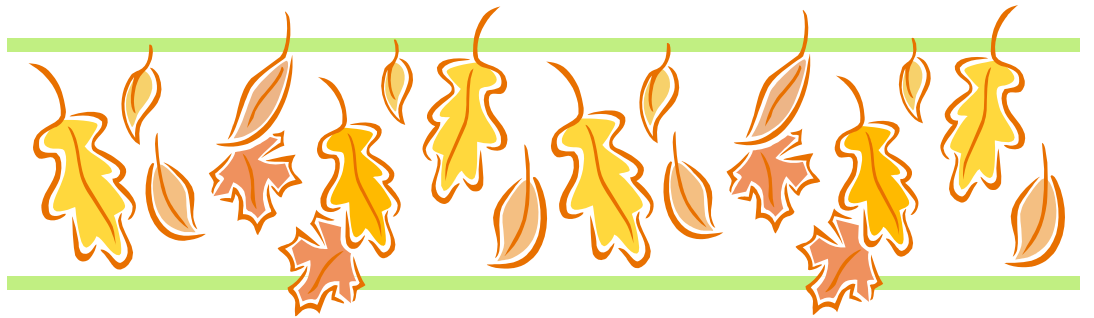
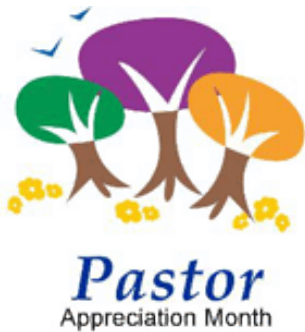
Meeting closed in prayer by Gretchen at 8 pm.



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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1 Deacon's Sunday Communion Sunday World Communion Day	2 Scouts 7 pm	3 Bible Study 10:00 am	4 Deacon Ministry Team Meeting 6 pm	5 EMT Meeting 5 pm Bible Study 6:00 pm	6	7 Caring Skills Training 9-12
8 Hurricane Relief Special Offering	9 Columbus Day obs. Scouts 7 pm	10 Bible Study 10:00 am	11 Martha Circle 6:30 pm at Church	12 Bible Study 6:00 pm	13	14
15	16 Scouts 7 pm	17 Bible Study 10:00 am	18 Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm	19 Bible Study 6:00 pm	20	21
22	23 Scouts 7 pm	24 Bible Study 10:00 am	25	26 Bible Study 6:00 pm	27	28 Fall Family Gathering 5:00 pm
29 Pastor Appreciation Sunday & Brunch	30 Scouts 7 pm	31 Bible Study 10:00 am Halloween Join us for trick-or-treating at the Church on Halloween evening! We will have refreshments for the grown-ups too!		Oct. 28th, 1:00 pm, Baby Shower for Amelia (Schooler) Davis at the Whistle Stop Park Depot, 210 E Michigan, Grass Lake, MI.		

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October is Pastor Appreciation Month!
We will celebrate Pastor Appreciation on Sunday, Oct. 29th
After the service, we will have a potluck.
Please make plans to attend.
Thank you!