

Ceresco Messenger ~ November 2017

CERESCO BAPTIST CHURCH



Pastor's Pen . . .

In our Thursday evening Bible study, we have been studying the book of Proverbs. There is much knowledge and wisdom contained in these scriptures. However, the knowledge and wisdom of the world seem to conflict often. First, there is knowledge. Knowledge deals with that which already exists. Something that exists now, not in the future. Knowledge of the world is useful in the day-to-day operation of life. Knowledge of God's word is useful for peace in this life and for eternal security. Then there is wisdom. Wisdom is often misused in the Christian language. Wisdom is the ability to know and understand future events. Every great prophet of the Old and New Testaments functioned in this gift of the Spirit. Today there are men and women who supernaturally know of things that will come to pass. This is one of the many gifts of the Holy Spirit. We can call this a gift of prophetic ministry or the gift of the word of wisdom.

Beginning the first of the year I will be preaching on the Gifts of the Holy Spirit. I encourage each of us to begin a time of prayer for the upcoming Holiday season. We have so much to be grateful for here at our Church. I am convinced that if we give our all as the body of Christ here at Ceresco Baptist, we will see a renewal in Christ and His Spirit. Let us put away the things of the world and take on the fullness of Jesus Christ!

Happy Thanksgiving! Pastor Gary Schooler.

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The Best on Earth: A Veteran's Day Tribute

If someone has done military service,
They earn the title "veteran," and more;
They earn our deep respect and admiration;
That they are special no one can ignore.

They sacrificed the comforts we enjoy;
The list is long of all the things they gave.
Our veterans are extraordinary people;
They're loyal, dedicated, true and brave.

When terror and invasion were real threats,
They showed us they could handle any storm.
We owe our freedoms and our very lives
To our veterans, who served in uniform.

Our veterans should be celebrities;
They're exceptional; no other group compares.
We're grateful for the many things they've done;
They're always in our hearts and in our prayers.

We owe our veterans support and friendship;
Let no one ever question what they're worth.
These men and women served us and our country,
Our veterans--the very best on earth.

By Joanna Fuchs

Take Time to Be Thankful!

Colossians 3:12-17 New International Version

¹²Therefore, as God's chosen people, holy and dearly loved, clothe yourselves with compassion, kindness, humility, gentleness and patience.

¹³Bear with each other and forgive one another if any of you has a grievance against someone. Forgive as the Lord forgave you.

¹⁴And over all these virtues put on love, which binds them all together in perfect unity.

¹⁵Let the peace of Christ rule in your hearts, since as members of one body you were called to peace. And be thankful.

¹⁶Let the message of Christ dwell among you richly as you teach and admonish one another with all wisdom through psalms, hymns, and songs from the Spirit, singing to God with gratitude in your hearts.

¹⁷And whatever you do, whether in word or deed, do it all in the name of the Lord Jesus, giving thanks to God the Father through Him.

"Give thanks to the Lord, for He is good. His love endures forever."
~ Psalm 136:1



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)



THANK YOU

**for serving our country
and protecting our freedoms.**

*No one has greater love than this,
to lay down one's life for one's friends.*
John 15:13



Be Thankful!
If you need help, ask God.
If you don't, thank Him.

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



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 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

To our men and women in uniform, past, present, and future, God bless you and thank you!

Our flag does not fly because the wind moves it... it flies with the last breath of each soldier who died protecting it



Monthly Bake Sales resume on Nov. 26th! Money goes to Renovation Fund.

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
 Dec 20 Richard & Kathy Straub
 Dec 23 Ken & Kay Davis

A Message from Educational Ministry Team leader Sharon Hadley!

The **Family Fall Party** was great fun for the 37 kids and adults that attended. We had chili and hot dogs to roast around the fire pit where great conversation was held throughout the party. The s'mores were the topper for some. We played games, which included pin the tail on the cat - put the spider on the pumpkin's eye or nose - a race with a giant tarantula on the witch's broom and the best of all was the bashing of the pumpkin piñata. It was a great time to see the little kids blindfolded and having fun.

On Saturday, December 16th we will have the "**Kid's Christmas Party**" with a lunch and more games.

Family Night Potluck - Wednesday, November 15. This will be our "Thanksgiving Family Night" with turkey and all the trimmings. Also, with it being the time to enter the Christmas season, all will enjoy singing Christmas songs after our meal is finished. So, "over the river and through the woods" to the church we go for Family Night! Please bring a passing dish, and your own table service. Thank you!

Our combined **Thanksgiving Service** will be on Sunday, **Nov. 19th at 3:00 pm** at Ceresco Baptist Church. So far we know First Baptist Marshall, and First Christian will be joining us. We plan to have refreshments after the service. **We would appreciate donations of 'finger' foods for the refreshments.** Thank you!

Martha Circle Minutes, Nov. 8, 2017





Our meeting opened with Gretchen reading from "Loving Promises" - "When Troubles Come and Things Go Wrong" by Helen Steiner Rice. Joanne gave us the White Cross information. Due to our dwindling numbers, and other circumstances, we are going to stop participating in the White Cross. Joy will contact them and let them know that we will no longer be participating. Joy gave treasurer's report - available balance in checking is \$1,204.06. Secretary minutes from October were in the Messenger.

We want to get wooden hangers for the coat rack in the foyer. Looking at approximately \$100, probably less. Joy read a thank you note from Joanne Henley. Joanne mentioned that if the kitchen needs anything, maybe a new roaster, that the memorial money from Sam's memorial could be used to purchase that.

Old Business - the banners are up in the sanctuary! We have another one to do, "Standing on the Promises" - Gretchen is working on the lettering. A few of us went to Amelia's baby shower, and gave her the gift, which she liked. The Foyer updates are done, furniture has been cleaned up beautifully.

Scripture reading for tonight was Colossians 3:12-17. Love Gift \$16.78, Devotional \$6.00. Meeting closed in prayer by Gretchen, and then we had refreshments. There were 5 members present. Our next meeting is Dec. 13th.

November 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Deacon Meeting, 6 pm	2 Bible Study 6 pm	3	4
5	6	7 Election Day Bible Study, 10 am	8 Worship Ministry Team, 5:30 pm Martha Circle, 6:30 pm	9 Bible Study, 6 pm	10 Veterans Day (observed)	11 Veterans Day 
12 Veterans Sunday <i>God bless</i>  <i>our men and women in service</i>	13	14 Bible Study, 10 am	15 Family Night Thanksgiving Potluck 6:30 pm	16	17	18
19 Thanksgiving Service with other churches, 3:00 pm at Ceresco Baptist Church	20	21 Bible Study, 10 am	22	23 Thanksgiving Day ~ Count Your Blessings! Thanks be to God! 	24	25
26 Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale	27 Marshall Christmas Parade	28 Bible Study, 10 am	29 Information for December Messenger is due by noon.	30		

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*Give Thanks to the Lord,
for He is good.*
Psalm 107:1



Veterans Day Blessing

*And ye shall hear of wars
and rumours of wars:
see that ye be
not troubled:
for all these things
must come to pass,
but the end is not yet.*

Matthew 24:6
KJV

Have a Blessed Day!

Christy Eide
Love of Life

COUNT YOUR MANY
BLESSINGS
NAME THEM
ONE BY ONE
COUNT YOUR MANY
BLESSINGS SEE WHAT
**GOD HAS
DONE**