

Ceresco Messenger ~ September 2018

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During my time away, I gave some thought to why there is so much hurt and pain in our culture today. I came to the conclusion that sin is the root cause.

1 Corinthians 15:22 reads: "For as in Adam all die, so in Christ all will be made alive." As Adam and Eve were deceived by Satan and sinned against God, we too have been deceived. No human being can conquer sin. It is only through Christ Jesus that sin can be defeated. Our culture has pushed God out of our decision making. Until we recognize that in is against God Himself, we will continue to spiral out of control.

In John 6:11, when Jesus took a few loaves and a few fish and fed thousands of people as much as they needed. I think the loaves represent Jesus' body and the fish His flesh that bled on Calvary. Jesus is saying "I am all that you need". All who are hungry for meaning in this life we live, just return to Jesus.

In the service of the Holy Spirit, Pastor Gary Schooler.



Please join us for our Annual Fall Church Party!
We will have a Hot Dog Roast & Chili
Hit the Piñata & Pictures with Mr. Scarecrow



The Martha Circle has RADA Cutlery for sale. If you would like to see what we have, it will be on display Fellowship Sunday, during our Fellowship & Refreshments, September 30th. If you have questions, contact Joanne Henley.

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ Administrative Council Meeting ~ Minutes ~ 9/8/18

Devotions by Rick, "Acres of Diamonds" - sometimes what we are looking for is already right there in our backyards, overlooked. We need to harvest souls for the jeweler (Christ).

Clerks Report: Joy Sommers: Minutes from June meeting were in the Messenger. Need to finish my part for Lifetouch on the new Photo/Church Directory.

Financial Secretary: Dawn Frey Quarterly Totals - \$12,694.01, \$13,027.10, thru Aug \$9,776.15. Projected amount \$55,638.31, budget 63,772.00. Bank information - another CD matures on Monday, so now is a good time to switch to the new bank as discussed several meetings ago, from 5/3 to SMBT. Mary Ivey & Dawn Frey have authorization to open the new bank account, as approved several meetings ago.

Treasurers Report: Mary Ivey Reports handed out & discussion; Joy motion to approve expense report as submitted, 2nd by Roger, motion passed.

Pastoral Relations Committee: Gretchen King Committee met on August 28th. Discussed Pastor's salary, and are proposing an increase of his salary to \$30,000. Provided Mary Ivey with the proposal so she could calculate additional expenses for budget. Motion by Dawn to increase Pastor's salary from \$28,300 to \$30,000 effective 1/1/19, second by Joy Sommers.

Budget Committee: Mary Ivey/Dawn Frey: Proposed Budget for 2019. Motion by Joy Sommers, 2nd by Joanne Henley to approve budget for 2019, knowing it will increase slightly for SS & Retirement for Pastor, maybe \$3,000 increase in expenses.

Nominating Committee: Roger Sommers Proposed Slate of Officers for 2019 presented. Motion by Dawn Frey, 2nd by Joanne Henley to approve the proposed slate of officers, motion passed. Committee was Roger & Joy Sommers, Gretchen King

Property Management Ministry Team: Hall has been wrapped. Bees removed from back entrance door area. Front walkway at parsonage was completed by Bob Beltz & Dave Hadley

Deacon Ministry Team: Gretchen King/Roger Sommers: Reviewed their budget at the last meeting. Looking to switch banks. Handed out food this past week for 211.

Worship Ministry Team: Joanne Henley: Joanne is selecting hymns for Sep/Oct. Joy doing hymns for Nov/Dec. Celebrating Grandparents Sunday on Sept. 16th. Special Music - Joanne/Donna on Sept. 23, looking for volunteers for special music! Oct 1st is World Communion Day. Next meeting is Oct. 30th at 5:30 pm. Mary will continue as chair for 2019, Gretchen vice chair. Alice Gombas, Joanne Henley and Joy Sommers remain on worship ministry team for 2019. Will remember the victims of 9-11 on Sunday. Worship Banners are changed each season.

Educational Ministry Team: Sharon Hadley/Joy Sommers: Church Fall Party, October 25th, Children's Time looking for volunteers. Christmas Shoe Boxes—Phyllis getting information.

Boy Scouts: Resume scout meetings on Monday, Sept. 10th. Leaders meet the 4th Wed of the month all year long (Eagle Scouts). Rick Frey had to talk with them about keeping the doors shut. Scouts will also be meeting Oct. 16th, 6:30-8 pm. Scouts need to be respectful of the facility. Representative of Council will talk with them at their first meeting to remind them of the rules.

Pastor's Quarterly Report (June-Aug): Visits 6, hospital visits 4, wedding/counseling 1, funeral 1, Deacons, Worship, Council meetings, Pastor Good's last service, Morning Bible Studies, Mt Zion mortgage burning celebration, Maplewood - Communion each month, Gave prayer at Cancer Survivor Dinner, MLGP & MLGW meetings, Calls, texts, emails, 8 office visits, Sermon preparation and much prayer

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS: Gates/signs for parking lot - update - Pastor Gary is taking care of this now. Enbridge is covering the costs. Sound system needs to be upgraded, Joy needs to contact Keith Nunn to review and see what we can do. Family Night, **Sept. 19** will be our **Annual Meeting to vote on the Budget & Slate of Officers for 2019.**

Next Quarterly Meeting is December 1, 2018.

2018 Administrative Council Members are: Rick Frey, Joy Sommers, Mary Ivey, Dawn Frey, Marcy Bonney, Ron Chisholm, 2nd Member at Large, Deacon Rep, PMMT Chair, EMT Chair, WMT Rep (not Mary or Joy). Quorum for an Administrative Council meeting is 7 A/C members.

Joy closed in prayer, and meeting adjourned at 9:50 am

Martha Circle Minutes

Ladies of the Martha Circle met on Wednesday, Sept.12th.

Gretchen opened with prayer.

Joy gave the treasurer's report, current available balance is \$505.64. Treasure Sale brought in \$600, we gave \$300 back to the church.

American Baptist Women – Meeting August 16th to try to jump start the women's ministry programs. Gretchen and Joy attended in Battle Creek. Group decided to try to band some churches together to get some programs going. Roxie didn't want to see the ABW fall into the cracks and disappear. Ceresco Baptist is in with First Baptist of Marshall, Fairfax Church, and Tekonsha Baptist Church. Dorothy McClendon is replacing Margaret Rose. Desperately need roller bandages, so we need to do those at some point this winter.

Sunshine – many cards have been sent by various circle ladies. Discussed additional cards to send out.

Old Business – Treasure sale – did really good, keep it at one day. The last quilt banner we made is hanging at the top of the stairs at front of the church. Glennie cut and pieced the quilt together, and then Gretchen put the back on it.

New Business - We meet the second Wednesday of the month, starting at 6 PM (*1/2 hour earlier*). RADA Cutlery – will display what we have on Fellowship Sunday so we can take orders. September – Bake Sales on Fellowship Sundays resume, money to go to the Roof Fund.

Correspondence: Read thank you's from Scotie Wood, Linda Chisholm, and Helen Wieas.

Slate of Officers for 18/19: President Gretchen King, Secretary/Treasurer Joy Sommers, Missions Joy, Sunshine Joanne Henley & Vi Halder, Love Gift Linda Chisholm. Elections closed, passed.

Meeting schedule was passed around for hostesses. June meeting will be our picnic. December we will have a Christmas potluck & white elephant gift exchange instead of a business meeting. Joy will type up the schedule as completed tonight.

Scripture Reading for October meeting is Luke 10:25-37.

Missions: Joy read an update from Wayne Niles.

Offerings: Love Gift Offering: \$14.75 Devotional Offering: \$14.00

Meeting closed in prayer by Gretchen. We then enjoyed refreshments.

We made two fleece blankets after our refreshments.

Next meeting is October 10th at 6 pm. All ladies of the church are invited to attend!

September 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes- day	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
2	3	4	5	6	7	8
Communion Sunday						Church Breakfast 8:0 am Administrative Council Meeting 9:00 am
9	10	11	12	13	14	15
Grandparent's Day	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Patriot Day Bible Study 10 am Remember the victims of 9/11/01	Martha Circle 6:30 pm			
16	17	18	19	20	21	22
Honoring Grandparents today!	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Family Night Potluck & Annual Meeting 6:30 pm			
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10 am				
30	Oct 1	Oct 2	Oct 3	Oct 4	Oct 5	Oct 6
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale	Boy Scouts 7:00 pm	Bible Study 10 am				Quarterly Deacon Fund Offering tomorrow

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



Oct 1

Kamren Collins

Oct 2

Richard Straub

Oct 2

Cortney Green

Oct 2

Jordan Smith

Oct 6

Jensen Dean Casey

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 19

Craig Thomas

Oct 21

Kalie Tuttle

Oct 25

Molly Sommers

Oct 26

Vera Chichester

Oct 26

Diana Kidder

Oct 26

Michelle McJunkin

Oct 26

Jane Worthington

Oct 27

Jade Haeefe

Oct 31

Mike Lutz

Oct 31

Ryllie Staib



Sept 3

Jody & Michele Babcock

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Stephen & Christy Phelps

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Andrew & Kristen Sommers

14

Danny & Rayna Sommers

18

Bob & Deb Beltz

19

Alex & Stacey Goodman

26

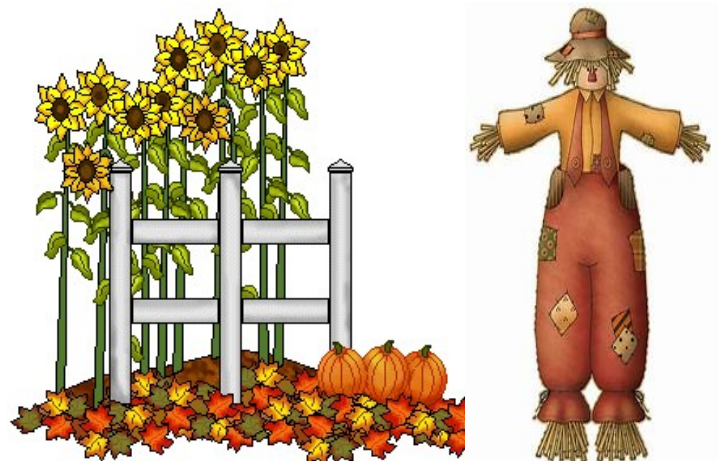
Dave & Jeannette Glen

27

Don & Ruth St. John

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Jayme & Diane Biljum



Oct 3

Gary & Pat Heidrich

25

Russ & Shawn Skinner

30

Greg & Michelle Wood

Standard of living, entitlement, privilege ... and all sorts of thoughts **~ by Angela Sommers**

Just some thoughts floating around in my head ... about some things that aren't really comfortable to discuss or think about. Standard of living and entitlement are tricky, tough topics that I have been trying to process through for the past couple months.

A Story ... I live in Cambodia and am married to my wonderful Cambodian husband, but I am an American by birth and passport, my white skin prevents me from ever passing as Khmer. My husband and I recently went on a short holiday with some Khmer friends. We went on a boat cruise along the river, the boat cruises are run by privately owned companies. If you walk along the river of this small relaxing tourist town, there are many of these nightly boat cruises. They all cost \$5 for foreigners and \$2.5 for locals. Now we all get on the same boat and enjoy the same cruise experience, but merely because I am a foreigner I need to pay double. Is this right? Is this wrong? ... I don't know.

This scenario is not an isolated instance. Foreigners will often get charged more when negotiating prices at the local market, taking tuk tuk rides, ... the hospital where I will soon be giving birth even charges a different delivery price for foreigners and locals. Are the goods and services received any different? No, but for some reason this is the way of things. I suppose things like this have been happening for centuries and some might call it unfair, while others might call it smart business.

Its an interesting thing to me. People in many developing countries look at a white face and ... with good reason ... assume that we are rich. And their assumption would most likely be correct, compared to them we are rich. So, is it so wrong of them to make this assumption and to try to make more money off of us, because they know we can afford it?

Maybe its injustice or maybe ... its justice hmmm. I've had some interesting discussions about this with local Khmer friends. I currently don't make a salary, I'm a volunteer with a Christian NGO that serves very poor children and families. So, I say "yes, its okay to charge more of those tourists or expats who make a salary much higher then typical Cambodians, but what about missionaries and NGO workers who do not make that salary?" The response was something I did not want to admit but was so true. My Khmer friends said "maybe that is the case, but you have an option." "You have the potential to make more money." And this I cannot argue with because it is true. I am a native English speaker, I have a Bachelor's degree from the USA, and I have a white face. These factors give me a greater earning potential then my Khmer friends, who have worked hard to study English, perhaps even have a degree from Cambodia but simply because they were born and raised in Cambodia it will be very difficult for them to get to the same earning potential as I have. There are certain things that as an American, I take for granted. Another comment they said that struck me hard was "you will never see a western foreigner working in a brick factory or garment factory for around a \$100 a month". Its true ... you just would not see that because we have options, while those who do this hard labor don't that's why they are working in those conditions, they don't have other options.

They don't have greater earning potential at present and they don't have the means to increase their earning potential. This is what I call the deathly cycle of "survival mode". I see so many Cambodians stuck here. This is precisely the cycle we work to break at Flame, by giving children scholarships to assure they attend school and giving them additional education at the activity centers and leadership training ... it gives them opportunities and options that they simply do not have. Opportunities and options ... this is why people want to immigrate to the US. I have no desire to get political here ... I hate politics. I have opportunities and options that I was simply born into because I was born in the US. I would not give up my USA passport. Yes, there is poverty in the US. Yes, there corruption. Yes, there is discrimination. But being a native English speaker, possessing an American passport are things that I did not have to work for but are blessings I was born into. I don't know why I was blessed with these things but I do know God expects me to bless others with the blessings he has given me.

Grandparents & Grandchildren

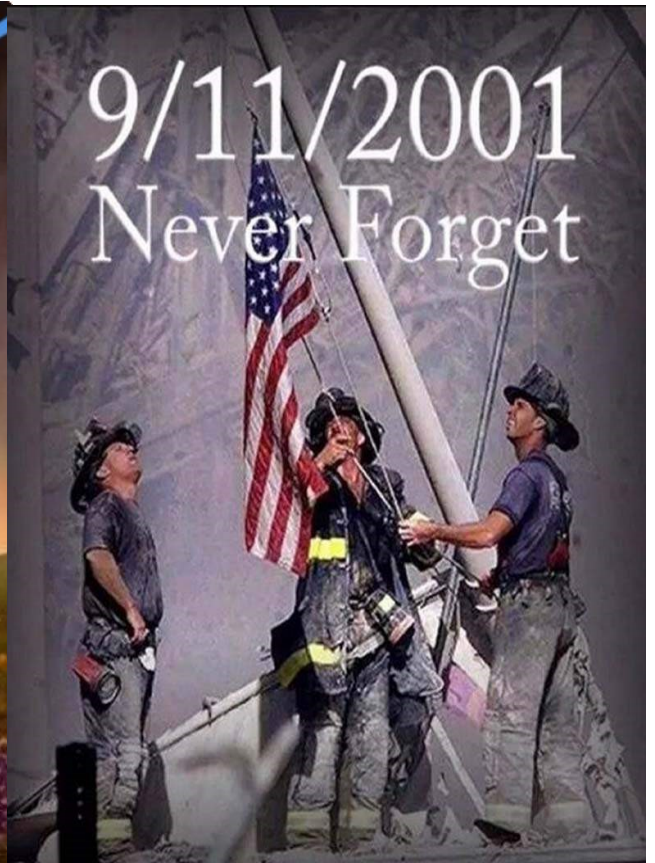
Grandparents bestow upon their grandchildren the strength & wisdom that time & experience have given them.

Grandchildren bless their Grandparents with a youthful vitality & innocence that help them stay young at heart forever.

Together they create a chain of love, linking the past with the future. The chain may lengthen, but it will never part.

~ Unknown

9/11/2001 Never Forget



A Prayer of Blessing for Grandparents' Day

by Safiyah Fosua

Big Mama and Paw-Paw, Memaw and Pop-Pop,
Grams and Poppie, Nanna and Grandpa

If it were not for our grandparents
Where would some of us be?
If it were not for their sacrifices
Where would some of us have landed?

We bless you for gifts of love and time and patience
We bless you for the sacrifices you made in middle
age and retirement
So that we would not feel the sting of want.

God bless you
For helping your children raise us
For teaching us your faith
For praying for us when we were lost
For keeping a strong light shining
In a world full of darkness.

We bless God
For grandparents
For godparents
For surrogate parents everywhere!

A Prayer for the Anniversary of 9/11

by the Rev. Jeremy Pridgeon

O God, our hope and refuge,
in our distress we come quickly to you.
Shock and horror of that tragic day have subsided,
replaced now with an emptiness,
a longing for an innocence lost.

We come remembering those who lost their lives
in New York, Washington D.C., and Pennsylvania.

We are mindful of the sacrifice of public servants
who demonstrated the greatest love of all
by laying down their lives for friends.

We commit their souls to your eternal care
and celebrate their gifts to a fallen humanity.

We come remembering
and we come in hope,
not in ourselves, but in you.

As foundations we once thought secure have been
shaken, we are reminded of the illusion of security.

In commemorating this tragedy, we give you thanks
for your presence in our time of need and we seek to
worship you in Spirit and in truth, our guide and our
guardian. Amen.

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Flower Schedule

Sept 2 - Glennie
Sept 9 - Sommers
Sept 16 - Bonney
Sept 23 - OPEN
Sept 30 - OPEN
Oct 7 - OPEN
Oct 14 - OPEN

Joy Sommers can do the flower shopping for you if you would like assistance providing flowers for a Sunday worship service!