

# Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

Ceresco Messenger, August 2019

## ***Footprints in the Sand***

One night a man had a dream.  
He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the LORD.  
Across the sky flashed scenes from his life.  
For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand:  
one belonging to him, and the other to the LORD.

When the last scene of his life flashed before him  
he looked back, at the footprints in the sand.  
He noticed that many times along the path of his life  
there was only one set of footprints.  
He also noticed that it happened at the very lowest and saddest times of  
his life.

This really bothered him and he questioned the LORD about it:  
“LORD, you said that once I decided to follow you,  
you’d walk with me all the way.  
But I have noticed that during the most troublesome times in my life  
there is only one set of footprints.  
I don’t understand why when I needed you most you would leave me.”

The LORD replied:  
“My son, My precious child, I love you and I would never leave you,  
During your times of trial and suffering,  
when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.”

## **The Collect**

Keep us, O God, from pettiness; let us be large in thought, in word, in deed.  
Let us be done with fault-finding and leave off self-seeking.  
May we put away all pretense and meet each other face to face —  
without self-pity and without prejudice.  
May we never be hasty in judgment and always generous.  
Let us take time for all things; make us to grow calm, serene, gentle.  
Teach us to put into action our better impulses, straightforward and unafraid.  
Grant that we may realize it is the little things that create differences,  
that in the big things of life we are at one.  
And may we strive to touch and to know the great common human heart of us all,  
and, O Lord God, let us forget not to be kind!

— Mary Stewart, April 1904



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 13 Allison Biljum  
 Aug 13 Jason Holder  
 Aug 13 Jonathan Holder  
 Aug 16 Joy Sommers  
 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  
 Aug 30 Scott Boysen

Sept 1 Shawn Struble  
 Sep 2 Ted Finch  
 Sep 5 Ken MacInnis  
 Sep 8 Matt Ivey  
 Sep 10 Sierra Phelps  
 Sep 11 Karen Anthony  
 Sep 11 Katelyn Green  
 Sep 12 Brandon Davis  
 Sep 12 Art Ruthruff  
 Sep 13 Travis Paul  
 Sep 14 Mary Ivey  
 Sep 17 Nathan Markos  
 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  
 Sep 30 Ellie Daevy #1

Do you have a birthday or anniversary to add to these lists? Do you see one that should be removed?  
 Please send an email to [cerescobaptist@gmail.com](mailto:cerescobaptist@gmail.com)

**H** - is for the Happiest of all days  
**A** - is for All the wishes and praise  
**P** - is for the Presents you'll open with delight  
**P** - is for the Party that will last into the night  
**Y** - is for the Year leading up to your day

**B** - is for the Balloons a celebration they'll say  
**I** - is for the Ice cream to have with your cake  
**R** - is for the Ribbons and decorations you'll make  
**T** - is for the Theme you've decided to throw  
**H** - is for the Hats made with confetti and a bow  
**D** - is for the Day you know will be fun  
**A** - is for Another great year that is done  
**Y** - is for Your special day.



8/2 **Derek & Emily Holtz**  
 8/11 **Jim & Darlene Anthony**  
 8/15 **Dick & Linda Schlee**  
 8/15 **Alice & Ryan Gombas**  
 8/16 **Scott & Penny Wood**  
 8/24 **Bud & Vi Halder**

9/3 **Jody & Michele Babcock #25!**  
 9/7 **Stephen & Christy Phelps**  
 9/11 **Andrew & Kristen Sommers**  
 9/14 **Danny & Rayna Sommers**  
 9/18 **Bob & Deb Beltz**  
 9/19 **Alex & Stacey Goodman**  
 9/26 **Dave & Jeannette Glen**  
 9/27 **Don & Ruth St. John**  
 9/30 **Jayme & Diane Biljum**



### Pick A Favorite Hymn!

We are picking a favorite hymn each Sunday through August. We would like you to select a favorite hymn and put it in the box in the foyer.

**Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews, Transitional Pastor**

**Office Hours are:** Thursdays 5:30-7:30 pm,  
Fridays 3:00-5:00 pm, Saturdays 9:00-11:00 am.  
Please call for an appointment!

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*The Martha Circle meets March - December on the second Wednesday of the month. This is open to all ladies of the church. Our next meeting is Wednesday, August 14th at 6 pm. Come check out a meeting! It's a great time of fellowship!*



## Treasure Sale

### ANNUAL TREASURE SALE

**AUGUST 24, 2019**

**FROM 9 AM TO 3 PM**

We will be collecting clean, usable items and clothing for the sale starting Sunday, Aug. 18th. Thank you!

Pricing is by your donation! You decide how much you want to pay.

### Church Bulletin Mistakes . . .

The eight graders will be presenting Shakespeare's "Hamlet" in the church basement on Friday at 7 pm. The congregation is invited to attend this tragedy.



Thursday Night Potluck Supper. Prayer and medication to follow.

The service will close with "Little Drops of Water" - One of the ladies will start quietly and the rest of the congregation will join in.

This afternoon there will be a meeting in the North and South ends of the church. Children will be baptized at both ends.

Remember in prayer the many who are sick of our church and community.

Next Sunday a special collection will be taken to defray the cost of the new carpet. All those wishing to do something on the new carpet will come forward and do so.

Bean Supper will be held on Tuesday evening in the church hall. Music will follow.

At the evening service tonight, the sermon topic will be "What Is Hell?" Come early and listen to our choir practice . . .



Don't let worry kill you, let the church help.

For those of you who have children and don't know it, we have a nursery downstairs.

# August 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28	29	30	31	1	2	3
		Bible Study 10 am				
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
Communion Sunday		Bible Study 10 am				
<b>Vacation Bible Sch. at 2nd Missionary Baptist 4:30-7pm</b>						
11	12	13	14	15	16	17
		Bible Study 10 am	Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm			
<b>Calhoun County Fair Week</b>						
18	19	20	21	22	23	24
Collecting good clean usable items for the Treas- ure Sale		Bible Study 10 am	Pastoral Search Com- mittee Meeting 6 pm	Worship Ministry Team Meeting 5:30 pm		Annual Treasure Sale 9am-3pm
<b>Back to School this week . . .</b>						
25	26	27	28	29	30	31
Fellowship Sunday, Bake Sale, & Shop the Treasure Sale leftover items!		Bible Study 10 am	Information for the September Messenger is due by noon. Anyone may contribute!			
<b>Labor Day Weekend</b>						

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### Community Collaborative Vacation Bible School 2019

This year we are participating in Vacation Bible School with Christ United Methodist Church, Convis United Methodist Church, Fairfax Community Baptist Church, Faith Temple COGIC, Mt Zion AME, New Deliverance MBC, St Mark CME, Second Missionary Baptist Church, Shiloh MBC, Unity Baptist Church, and Washington Heights United Methodist Church.

VBS is August 5-9, 2019, from 4:30-7 pm each night. There will be a light meal served, fellowship & fun, games, arts & crafts, and Bible lessons. This is open for preschool through 100 years old and up!

Join this fun experience! VBS will be at Second Missionary Baptist Church, 485 N Washington Ave, Battle Creek.

