

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

September 2021

“In the beginning...”

We all know the history of how God created the heavens and the earth and everything in the heavens and the earth. We know how Eve ate the fruit of the “tree of knowledge of good and evil” Genesis 2:17. We know God became angry with humankind and flooded the earth. Or do we?

The Tuesday morning Bible Study group is studying the book of Genesis. After finishing a study of the book of Revelation (note, it is not plural), we decided we should find out how things became so bad that God would send His Son to save the world and is planning to come back again.

What we have learned so far in the book of Genesis has shown us that we might know, on the surface, the history of the creation. But...we either overlooked or didn't study the fine details. Here are some.

One of those details is the word, “with.” Many of us in the Bible Study group believed that Eve was alone when she ate the fruit of the forbidden tree and then went to Adam. But...she wasn't alone. Genesis 3:6 tells us that *Adam was “with” Eve when she took some of the fruit and ate it.*

Did you know that God was sorry He created mankind? No one knows how many years after Adam and Eve were banished from the Garden of Eden (Genesis 3:23) before the flood. Cain and Abel were born to Adam and Eve and sin grew. Descendants were born and many lived hundreds of years. “By the time Noah was 500 years old, he was the father of Shem, Ham, and Japheth.” (Genesis 5:32)

People began to multiply on the earth. God said, “My Spirit will not put up with humans for such a long time, for they are only mortal flesh. In the future, their normal lifespan will be no more than 120 years.” (Genesis 6:1-3) Humankind continued on their sinful ways. Sound familiar?

God saw the human wickedness on the earth and it broke His heart. He said, “*I am sorry I ever made them.*” (Genesis 6:7). Wow, how frightening that God was that sad!!! He decided then to wipe the human race, which He created, from the face of the earth with a flood. He was even sorry He created the large and small animals and the birds of the sky. God was that sorry and covered the entire earth with water deep enough that it was miles above the highest mountaintops. (Genesis 7:19-20)

Did you know the flood waters came from more than the rain? “...on the seventeenth day of the month [after Noah and his family had entered the ark], *all the underground waters erupted from the earth, and the rain fell in mighty torrents from the sky.*” (Genesis 7:11)

Did you know that Noah released a raven and a dove but only the dove returned to the ark? *Read Genesis 8:6-9.* Ravens are carnivores and with the entire earth destroyed by the flood there was plenty of debris floating in the water for the raven to sit on and enough food for it to survive until the waters receded and land appeared. The dove however, had nothing to eat and no tree branches to perch on, so it returned to the ark until Noah released it later and it found an olive branch and dry ground.

These are just a few of the interesting things the Tuesday morning Bible Study group have discovered. The group has very lively discussions and thought-provoking questions. We meet Tuesday mornings for two very short hours from 10 am to noon. Gretchen King is the leader and does a fantastic job of research and bringing clarity to the study. Bible Study is open to everyone, you will be glad you came.

(Scripture quotes are from the New Living Translation – NLT.)

AUGUST QUIZ QUESTION:

Does God want us to come to Him about everything

ANSWER: Yes, (Philippians 4:6-7). Pray about everything.
1 Thessalonians 5:16-18. Pray without ceasing.
1 John 5:14-15. He promises to hear and answer our requests that align with His Will.



SEPTEMBER QUIZ QUESTION:

Why did God confuse the people with different languages?

Pastor Mary's Installation Service!

**Sunday, September 19, 2021 during our Sunday Worship Service
Worship service will start at 9:30 am that day only**

We will have several guest pastors in attendance.

We will have light refreshments in the Fellowship Hall afterwards.



During the World Mission Offering this September, our church has the opportunity to join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. God can use your participa-

tion not only to change lives internationally, but also to deepen your own discipleship in Christ. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

"We've been surprised by God's glory" - John 1:16

There are special envelopes in the pews for the WMO!

Martha Circle Meeting - Minutes August 11, 2021

Members of the Martha Circle met at the church. Members present: Darlene Anthony, Ruth St. John, Vi Halder, Veronica Anthony, Linda Chisholm, Joyce Cary, Sharon Hadley, Viviana Anthony, Gretchen King, Joanne Henley, Mary Fair-Matthews.

Devotions: Veronica read from Jesus Calling, and scriptures Rev. 22:17, John 6:37, and Ephesians 3:16-19.

Secretary/Treasurer – minutes of last meeting were in the August Messenger. Our checking balance is \$820.30. Ad has been placed for the Treasure Sale, which will cost \$103.87.

Sunshine – need to send a card to the new couple in the village that bought Glennie's house: Kali & Derek Dekker, 103 N Main St, Ceresco, MI 49033; ask Donna about sending a card to her brother (T/Y), send get well card to Marcy.

Missions – Rev. Jeni Pedzinski (former scholarship girl) – her birthday is Nov. 2nd. Haven't heard back from the other missionaries on their birthdays/anniversaries.

Treasure Sale – Sign-up sheet was sent around, Sharon will ask Rick Frey to put signs out. We haven't decided what mission to support with some of the sale proceeds. Motion by Joyce Cary, second by Veronica Anthony to just put in checking for now, and decide later.

Fellowship Sundays resume on Sept. 26th. Add Bake Sale back on October 31st.

Operation Christmas Child – people that don't want to pack boxes could donate items for the boxes, and Martha Circle can pack the boxes. Joy signed up for the Project Leader workshop at Calvary Baptist Church in Battle Creek on Saturday, Sept. 11th. Can look through treasure sale stuff to see if there's anything that could be put in the boxes.

Scholarship Girl - Motion by Joanne, second by Ruth to give Veronica \$25 for her birthday. (Ck 1224).

Correspondence – Read thank you's from Heifer International, Reginald Matthews, and Veronica Anthony. Read information about "Coins for Coats" for the Charitable Union – might participate in November.

Scripture Reading: 1 Peter 1:13-25 "Being Holy"

Love Gift \$16.10, Devotion \$21.30

Meeting closed in prayer by Ruth. We then enjoyed refreshments brought by all.

TREASURE SALE UPDATE!

What awesome team work we had to make this a successful day. Everything from taking in donation articles, setting up tables, displaying our treasures, advertising, putting up the road side signs, helping out on Saturday, packing up after church, hauling off left overs, and just all the moral support.

And at the end of the day-----\$1,010.00 = Praise the Lord!! Thank you Ceresco Baptist Church family!! ~ Sharon Hadley

We will be honoring **GRANDPARENTS on Sunday, Sept. 12th**. If you have a new grandchild since Sept. 12, 2020, please submit your grandchild's birth information, parents names, and grandparents names by Sept. 5th to Joy Sommers. Please submit a picture too if possible! Thank you!

70th Birthday Celebration!

Presenter:
Rev. Dr. Pamela Durso
Sep 19, 2021 @ 6 PM EDT
Register FREE now!



Rev. Dr. Pamela R. Durso is the president of Central Seminary. She is committed to assisting congregations, organizations, ministers, and leaders as they move toward embracing more creative, entrepreneurial ways of living out and sharing the gospel.

www.abwomensministries.org/events
610-768-2288

American Baptist Women's Ministries will celebrate our **70th Birthday Celebration, "Iron Sharpens Iron"**, on Sunday, September 19, 2021, at 6:00 PM EDT. Our keynote speaker is **Rev. Dr. Pamela R. Durso**, president of Central Seminary in Shawnee, Kansas. Award-winning singer/songwriter **Christa Deánā** will provide special music.

Please register today for the 70th birthday celebration and the webinars:

www.abwomensministries.org/events.

* Flower Sign-Up for *
* September: *
* 9/5 - Sommers *
* 9/12 - OPEN *
* 9/19 - OPEN *
* 9/26 - IVEY *

Children's Time Sign-Up for
September:
9/5 - St. John
9/12 - Sommers
9/19 - OPEN
9/26 - OPEN

**Fellowship
Sundays are
Back!!!
Sept. 26th -
OPEN
Oct. 31 -
OPEN (Bake
Sale too!)**



Sep	2	Ted Finch
Sep	5	Ken MacInnis
Sep	8	Matthew Ivey
Sep	10	Sierra Phelps
Sep	12	Art Ruthruff
Sep	14	Mary Ivey
Sep	20	Jason Ivey
Sep	20	Robin Johnston
Sep	20	Michele Babcock
Sep	22	Justin Casey
Sep	25	Kay Davis
Sep	30	Ellie Daevy
Oct	1	Kamren Collins
Oct	6	Jensen Casey
Oct	8	Kevin Collins
Oct	9	Terry Ivey
Oct	12	Mary Fair-Matthews
Oct	15	Dawn Frey
Oct	19	Craig Thomas
Oct	25	Molly Sommers

Sep	3	Michele & Jody Babcock
Sep	9	Stephen & Christy Phelps
Sep	10	Andrew & Kristen Sommers
Sep	14	Danny & Rayna Sommers
Sep	18	Bob & Deb Beltz
Sep	19	Alex & Stacey Goodman
Sep	27	Don & Ruth St. John
Sep	30	Jayme & Diane Biljum
Oct	11	Dave & Sharon Hadley
Oct	21	Randy & Lisa Cavinder
Oct	27	Ken & Malia MacInnis

Relay for Life Fundraiser!

The Annual MUMkin/MUMster Fundraiser is underway! If you would like to place an order, or have questions, contact Joy Sommers at relayforlifecce@gmail.com, or call / text 269.420.0614.

To shop online, go to:

<https://app.fundraiseit.org/shop.php?code=E034E>

MUMKINS	HAIR CLUB	MUMSTERS
1 Rusty Senior \$27.00	9 Goldie \$16.00	1 From Mumster \$27.00
2 Ruby Junior \$22.00	10 Ruby \$16.00	15 Scarecrow \$27.00
3 Grapester Senior \$27.00	11 Purple \$16.00	16 BatMum HB \$27.00
4 Grapester Junior \$22.00	12 Rusty Red \$16.00	17 CatMum \$27.00
5 Goldie Senior \$27.00	13 Autumn \$16.00	18 MUMmy \$27.00
6 Goldie Junior \$22.00	CANDLE	
7 Autumn Senior \$27.00	20 Pumpkin Spice Candle \$22.00	19 Glow Picks 6 Pk \$22.00
8 Autumn Junior \$22.00	<p>100% SOY WITH AN 80-HR BURNTIME! Irresistibly roasted pumpkin with an abundance of spices like clove, cinnamon, nutmeg, almond, vanilla, warm and sweet caramel</p>	<p>Don't Forget to Add Our Pumpkin Spice Candle!</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Clean burning & soot-free • Essential-oil infused • Made in recycled bottles! <p>This seasonal classic is too good to pass up!</p>

The Names, by Billy Collins [Based on the events that happened on 9-11-2001]

Yesterday, I lay awake in the palm of the night.
A soft rain stole in, unhelped by any breeze,
And when I saw the silver glaze on the windows,
I started with A, with Ackerman, as it happened,
Then Baxter and Calabro,
Davis and Eberling, names falling into place
As droplets fell through the dark.
Names printed on the ceiling of the night.
Names slipping around a watery bend.
Twenty-six willows on the banks of a stream.
In the morning, I walked out barefoot
Among thousands of flowers
Heavy with dew like the eyes of tears,
And each had a name --
Fiori inscribed on a yellow petal
Then Gonzalez and Han, Ishikawa and Jenkins.
Names written in the air
And stitched into the cloth of the day.
A name under a photograph taped to a mailbox.
Monogram on a torn shirt,
I see you spelled out on storefront windows
And on the bright unfurled awnings of this city.
I say the syllables as I turn a corner --
Kelly and Lee, Medina, Nardella, and O'Connor.
When I peer into the woods,
I see a thick tangle where letters are hidden
As in a puzzle concocted for children.
Parker and Quigley in the twigs of an ash,
Rizzo, Schubert, Torres, and Upton,
Secrets in the boughs of an ancient maple.
Names written in the pale sky.
Names rising in the updraft amid buildings.
Names silent in stone, Or cried out behind a door.
Names blown over the earth and out to sea.
In the evening -- weakening light, the last swallows.
A boy on a lake lifts his oars.
A woman by a window puts a match to a candle,
And the names are outlined on the rose clouds -
Vanacore and Wallace, (let X stand, if it can, for the ones unfound)
Then Young and Ziminsky, the final jolt of Z.
Names etched on the head of a pin.
One name spanning a bridge, another undergoing a tunnel.
A blue name needled into the skin.
Names of citizens, workers, mothers and fathers,



September 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8/29	8/30	8/31	1	2	3	4
		Bible Study 10 am				
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Sunday & Patriot Sunday (9/11 Remem- brance)	Labor Day	Bible Study 10 am	West Area Annual Meet- ing at Noon, Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm	Worship Ministry Team Meeting 4 pm		9/11 20th Anniversary Administrative Council Meet- ing at 8:30 am
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Grandparent's Sunday		Bible Study 10 am				
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
9:30 AM Pastor Mary's Installation Service! Refreshments following.		Bible Study 10 am	Information for September Messenger due by noon			
26	27	28	29	30	10/1	10/2
Fellowship Sunday!		Bible Study 10 am				

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Dear God,

As we face these uncertain times in our nation and the world, we ask you, Lord, to dwell among us. We are comforted by the knowledge that You alone are our Savior and Lord, and the ultimate Master of life. We trust our nation to Your loving care, Lord. Send Your Spirit to touch the hearts of our nation's leaders. Give them the wisdom to know what is right, and the courage to do it. Give us Your light and Your truth to guide us in our ways so that we may seek Your will in our lives and impact the world around us for Your Kingdom. In Jesus' Name we pray. Amen