

July 4th – 250 years ago

John Adams was one of the founding fathers of the Declaration of Independence. He lived through all the great events of the Revolution, beginning well before and long after July 4, 1776: The Boston Tea Party, Paul Rever's Ride, Washington's crossing of the Delaware, the winter at Valley Forge and the Battle of Yorktown.

Adams stated that for us to understand the lesson from the heroic deeds of the American Revolution, we must understand the reason why they took place. He made his point in one of the speeches. "Fellow Citizens", he said after telling the biblical story of the children of Israel's entry into the promised land. **"The Ark of your covenant is the Declaration of Independence."**

All their blessings would come from adhering the laws of God and all their curses would come from departing from these laws. He then concluded, "Lay up your principles in your hearts and in your souls. Cling to them as to the cords of your eternal salvation, as the reward of obedience to the law of God".

Submitted by Sharon Hadley with facts from the Hillsdale College Imprimis

The Light Of His Love (to the tune of The Star-Spangled Banner)

Submitted by Jennie Markos

Psalm 119:105

O say, can you see
All the things He has done just for me,
By the dawn's early light,
How He holds me so close through the night?
What so proudly I claim,
I'm a child of the one true King;
At the twilight's last gleaming,
Oh, how sweet are the songs angels sing!
Whose broad stripes and bright stars
Shine above in the heavens so high,
Through the perilous fight,
For our sins Jesus suffered and died.
O'er the ramparts we watched,
I rejoice to belong to His flock;
And the light of His love,
Gives me hope as I walk with my God.

Let us remember the freedoms we have but the true freedom
comes from our Lord and savior, our eternal freedom.

Ceresco Baptist Church Mission Statement:

The mission of our Church is:

To praise God and Worship Him through prayer and preaching and teaching of His Word;
To help people to be more Christ-like in their relationships with others;
To reach out to all humankind through fellowship, evangelism, and unconditional love;
To seek God's will according to the Scriptures.

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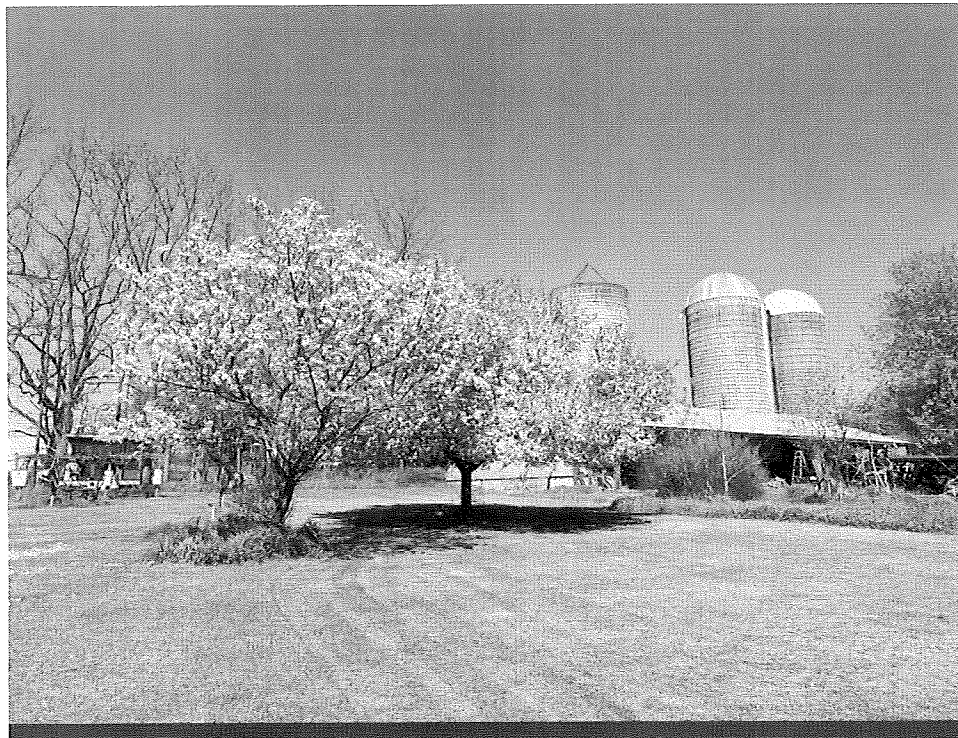
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"A New Beginning"

Psalm 118:24

This is the day that the LORD has made, we shall rejoice and be glad in it. In the morning,
when I lay my head down at night; in good times and in bad times; in ALL times, give me
Jesus. **Thank you Jesus for this day that you have made.**





*Who are they? They are **The Helmsmen!***

And they are returning to
Ceresco Baptist Church

Sunday, July 19th @ 9:45am

during our regular church service!

Invite your family! Invite your friends! Invite your neighbors!
Let's **spread the gospel** through some great music and fellowship!

Trivia- What year did the Helmsmen begin?

Ceresco Chronicles

What are the **Cresco Chronicles**? This is a place dedicated to our youth and teens!

This month's highlights:

Hainsley Casey received the American Legion Award! Way to go Hainsley!!

The American Legion School Award Medal Program recognizes students for character, citizenship, and scholastic achievement through medals and certificates.

Kelcie Collins received Harper Creek JV Defensive MVP of the year!!! Keep up the great work Kelcie!

Be sure to ask Kelcie about her home run!!!

Baby Benjamin – son of Matthew and Brittani Ivey, is now HOME after a long stay at the hospital.

Carl Anthony – 7th grade at Marshall Academy next school year.

Word Search

M	O	S	E	S	W	A	S	C	O	O	L
A	R	I	E	R	E	D	S	E	A	A	B
R	E	B	I	B	L	W	A	S	F	O	R
Y	L	O	R	O	N	L	Y	U	A	M	U
I	B	U	N	R	E	N	E	W	T	M	T
V	I	C	H	N	E	M	I	A	H	E	H
Y	B	A	P	T	I	Z	E	E	E	V	E
S	A	V	E	D	A	M	E	N	R	O	N

**See how many Biblical words you can find, answers on the next page 😊 **

Used Bibles and Other Christian Books Needed

Christian Resources International (CRI) has been “putting God’s word and Christian teaching tools, free of charge, into the hands of any man, woman or child internationally that desires them but cannot attain them.” CRI had its “beginning before Eisenhower left office, before all of America’s boys were home from Korea, before Alaska and Hawaii were states, before Rosa Parks famous bus ride and before Explorer 1’s first orbit around the Earth.”

Many years ago, Ceresco Pastor at the time, Dick Schlee and Ceresco Baptist member, Ken Combs, made a trip to CRI Headquarters in Fowlerville, Michigan. They took a carload of used Bibles, devotional and Sunday School materials that had been accumulated at the church. All of these materials were gladly accepted by CRI.

In the years since, Ceresco Baptist member, Kay Davis, has graciously taken the used materials to Bibles for Missions in Battle Creek. Unfortunately, last year they stopped accepting these materials. Since that time, we have begun collecting used Sunday School materials and devotionals with the intention of making another trip to Fowlerville. If you have an unused Bibles, Christian books, etc. and don’t know what to do with them – bring them to the church and we’ll see that they are taken to CRI.

Hopefully, within the next couple of months a couple or three of us from Ceresco will be making the trip to CRI with all materials that have been collected.

As with any group spreading God’s word, Christian Resources International can use financial assistance as well. The cost of sending these used Bibles and other books and materials around the world requires funds. If you hear God calling to help financially, donations may be sent to Christian Resources International, 200 Free Street, Fowlerville, MI 48836. For further information, visit their website at www.cribooks.org

A Challenge to Rise Up in Courage: “Be strong and courageous, all you who put your hope in the LORD!” Psalm 31:24

It takes courage to face our fears, to overcome our failures and to learn and GROW from our mistakes. It takes courage to change; it takes courage to do hard things. God tells us that He loves us, wants the best for us and will ALWAYS be with us.

What is the biggest fear you battle right now? Where do you most need courage today?
Read Psalm 54:4; How has God given you courage in the past? 2 Timothy 1:7 says that God has NOT given us a spirit of fear, but one of “power, love, and self-discipline”. Why is this so important to know? Study Psalm 56:5; How can you do what this verse says to do today?

Take Courage! For I believe God. It will be just as he said. Acts 27:25

The words that can be found in the Word Search from the previous page:

Moses	Bible	Renew	Red Sea	Eve
Ruth	Born	Father	Mary	Baptize

Wednesday Bible Study Highlights

Our Wednesday Bible Study is held every Wednesday at 10:00am at Ceresco Baptist Church and is led by Mary Ivey.

We are currently studying the book of **Revelation**.

John used his knowledge of the Old Testament Prophecies to explain the visions he was receiving from God. It was the only way he could communicate their meaning and what would take place before HIS return.

Questions:

1. What Island was John exiled to?
 - a. Hawaii
 - b. Cuba
 - c. Patmos

2. Why was he exiled?
 - a. Eating meat on Fridays
 - b. Washing his chariot on a Sunday
 - c. For his witnessing about Jesus

3. What chapter of Revelation will you find this verse? "I know the Deeds, you are neither cold nor hot, I wish you were either one or the other".
 - a. Revelation 7:11
 - b. Revelation 3:15
 - c. Revelation 8:7

Please join us if you are able, Wednesday morning 10:00am for Bible Study at church. We also hold a Zoom Bible Study every Thursday at 6:00pm. Our answers are in the Bible: "God is our refuge and strength, an ever-present help in trouble." Psalms 46:1. We must also gather with other believers: 1 Thessalonians 5:11 "Therefore encourage one another and build each other up, just as in fact you are doing".

July 2026

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1 Bible Study 10:00AM	2 Zoom Bible Study 6:00PM	3	4 Independence Day! 250th Men's Breakfast 9:00am
5	6	7	8 Bible Study 10:00AM Martha Circle 6:00pm	9 Zoom Bible Study 6:00PM	10	11
12	13	14	15 Bible Study 10:00AM Family Night 6pm	16 Zoom Bible Study 6:00PM	17	18 Summer Party - Water Fun
19 Special Guest: The Helmsmen During Church Service	20	21 Relay Meeting	22 Bible Study 10:00AM	23 Zoom Bible Study 6:00PM	24	25
26 Fellowship Sunday and Bake Sale	27 All Items for August Messenger Due	28	29 Bible Study 10:00AM	30 Zoom Bible Study 6:00PM	31	
			CBC Movers are off for the summer months but will resume in September!			

****July and August Birthdays and Anniversaries****

What is your favorite Birthday treat? Cake, cupcake, pie or other???

July Birthdays

July 2	Payton Angelina
July 2	Jennifer Douglas
July 3	Becky Wilkens
July 5	Kevin Sommers
July 5	Stephanie Wasielewski
July 10	Joyce Cary
July 10	Ben Markos
July 10	Maeley Rumduol Sophekatra
July 13	Anniston #12
July 15	Andrew Sommers
July 21	Ryder Goodman
July 21	Bradley Thomas
July 22	Elijah Ivey
July 22	Weston Wasielewski
July 25	Madeleine Johnston
July 26	Rick Frey
July 30	Gracie Douglas

July Anniversaries

July 19	Glen and Joyce Cary
July 20	Terry and Trish Ivey
July 23	Ted and Lora Finch
July 28	Joshua and Candi Ivey

August Birthdays

August 1	Sharon Hadley
August 2	C.L. Miller/Wilkens
August 5	Christy Phelps
August 10	Kaleb Collins
August 10	Zachary M Hamilton
August 10	Katherine Skinner
August 11	Louis Jesda Sophekatra
August 12	Veronica Anthony
August 13	Allison Biljum
August 16	Joy Sommers
August 17	Mortimer Hamaker
August 17	Gideon Hamnaker
August 19	Reginald Matthews Sr.
August 21	Russ Skinner
August 22	Jack Biljum
August 25	Rick Bonney
August 25	David Hadley
August 26	Whitney Ivey
August 28	Kristen Sommers
August 29	Brynlee Collette Rogers
August 30	Scott Boysen

August Anniversaries

August 19	Reginald and Mary Matthews
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