

Ceresco Messenger

August 2017

FROM THE PASTOR'S

DESK

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We live in an anxious culture. The hustle and bustle of life, many decisions, sense of worry robbing us from joy in Jesus. Below are three ways to overcome our anxiety and fear.

1: Name what is keeping you up at night. We have a Shepherd who leads and guides us, but we can get our eyes off Jesus and panic over what surrounds us. Anxiety isn't a thing - it's a symptom. A symptom of losing our focus on Jesus. Take a moment and dig deep into your symptom of anxiety. Then be honest with God, say out loud to God what's bothering your soul. Name it or him or her and hand it over to Jesus.

2: Let God carry it. Follow the Philippians 4:6 battle plan to combat anxiety: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your request to God."

3: Trust your Shepherd's defensive capability. There's a reason the Good Shepherd carries a rod. Jesus uses it to defend us against anyone and anything that threatens to attack us. Jesus never sleeps - He's always on duty when we call.

Rest in the arms of our Savior, Pastor Gary Schooler.

Favorite Hymns

We are continuing the 'Pick-a-Hymn' through the month of August. There are slips on the table in the entry-way to write down your favorite hymn, and then place it in the basket. Thank you!



PRAYER Requests

If you have a prayer request, please send it to:

CerescoBaptist@gmail.com

And it will be sent to the prayer chain. Thank you!



Notice anything different?

We are working on some improvements to make the church more welcoming. New doors were installed recently!



Martha Circle will be running our **Annual Treasure Sale** on Friday & Saturday, Aug. 25-26. We are accepting good, clean, working items and clothing donations for the sale. Items can be dropped off at the church the week of August 20th. Specific days & times for drop-off will be listed in the bulletin.

The Treasure Sale will be from 2-6 pm on Friday, and 10am-4pm on Saturday.

All items are "priced" by donation. Buyer determines what they want to give for their purchase.

We love to have special music on Sundays! If you play an instrument, or like to sing, please consider sharing your talent with the congregation during a Sunday worship service!

Let the Worship Ministry Team know if you are interested!

Looking ahead to September . . .

Grandparent's Day is Sept. 10, 2017

If you have a new grandchild since Sept. 2016, please provide the child's name, date of birth, height/weight, parent's names, grandparents names. You can also submit a picture if you'd like. Send information to:

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“Masters, do the same to them, and stop your threatening, knowing that He who is both their Master and yours is in Heaven, and that there is no partiality with Him.” -Ephesians 6:9

No Favorites

Special interest groups often seek preferential treatment because of their cause or agenda. Many people around the world suffer because of treatment given to others based on their ethnic preference, gender bias, religious prejudice or socio-economic class discrimination. Others live in fear if they do not give preferential worship to the gods of money, sports or beauty. Too many young people have been led into a life of misery because they believed others would accept them if they joined a special clique or group.

In today's society where bribes, corruption, and preferential treatment prevail, the Bible says that God does not show favoritism. Only He is able to help us rise above our sinful preferences to become impartial in our dealings with others.

Ask the Lord to help you exhibit more of His impartial views in your attitudes and actions with friends, family and co-workers. When you emulate God's perspective about equality, you will experience greater freedom.

Ask God to free you from prejudice as you intentionally show kindness to a stranger today.

“In the same way, let your light shine before others, so that they may see your good works and give glory to your Father who is in Heaven.” -Matthew 5:16

Reflect God's Glory

Jesse had his first taste of alcohol as a child and became an alcoholic by fourteen. By age thirty-six, Jesse was a drunk and drug user living on the streets. After a tragic train accident and then a suicide attempt, Jesse landed in jail. While he sat in his cell, Jesse reviewed his life. A man named Leon was his cell mate and helped him read the Gospel of John three times. For the first time, Jesse heard the truth of God's Word and trusted Jesus with his life. When he was released, Jesse began a ministry to share his faith with homeless people.

Just as Jesus Christ dramatically transformed Jesse's life, He also can do the same for you. Like Jesse, your life can then reflect God's glory shining through your love, mercy and grace toward others. Imagine what a difference you could make in the lives of your family, friends and coworkers!

Make an intentional effort to extend love, mercy and grace to a stranger today.

1 Peter 3:13-15 King James Version

13 And who is he that will harm you, if ye be followers of that which is good?
14 But and if ye suffer for righteousness' sake, happy are ye: and be not afraid of their terror, neither be troubled; 15 But sanctify the Lord God in your hearts: and be ready always to give an answer to every man that asketh you a reason of the hope that is in you with meekness and fear:

AUGUST

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2	3	4	5
			Deacon Meeting 6:00 pm			Memorial Service for Art Wood, Jr.
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
Communion Sunday		Bible Study Resumes 10:00 am				
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
		Bible Study 10:00 am				
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
		Bible Study 10:00 am	September Messenger Information due by noon	Set up for Treasure Sale	Treasure Sale 2-6 pm	Treasure Sale 10:00 am to 4:00 pm
27	28	29	30	31	Sep 1	Sep 2
Fellowship Sunday		Bible Study 10:00 am				

HAPPY Birthday

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 12 Bruce Boice
 Aug 13 Allison Biljum
 Aug 13 Jason Holder
 Aug 13 Jonathan Holder
 Aug 16 Jeri Wood
 Aug 16 Dorene McJunkin
 Aug 16 Joy Sommers
 Aug 20 Patricia Heidrich
 Aug 21 Nancy Reed
 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

Sept 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



8/2 Derek & Emily Holtz
 8/11 Jim & Darlene Anthony
 8/15 Dick & Linda Schlee
 8/16 Scott & Penny Wood #1
 8/24 Dan & Ruth Johnston
 8/24 Bud & Vi Halder

 9/3 Jody & Michele Babcock
 9/7 Stephen & Christy Phelps
 9/18 Bob & Deb Beltz
 9/19 Alex & Stacey Goodman
 9/27 Don & Ruth St. John
 9/26 Dave & Jeannette Glen
 9/29 Jayme & Diane Biljum



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Annual Treasure Sale is
Friday, Aug. 25th, 2-6 pm, &
Sat., Aug 26th, 10am-4pm.

Church Schedule

Sunday Worship

9:45 am

Sunday School

11:15 am

Bible Study

Tuesdays at 10 am