

Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

Ceresco Messenger, January 2020

A Message from Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews . . .

I want to take this opportunity to say thank you to the entire Ceresco Baptist Church Family for a wonderful 2019. Thank you for all of your gifts during the holidays as well as the support and encouragement you have given so graciously throughout our time together. A special thank you to everyone who attended the Christmas Eve Candlelight Services. It was a beautiful sight as all in attendance lit a candle and personally committed to “go light your world.”

So the year 2020 is our opportunity to live out our mission and vision of evangelism, fellowship, and unconditional love of those in the Ceresco family and the surrounding communities. We look forward to a healthy and prosperous new year filled with the blessings and peace of God throughout 2020.

Psalms 128:2 “You will eat the fruit of your labor, blessings and prosperity will be yours.”



This prayer from Billy Graham, written for The Saturday Evening Post in 2008, is just as relevant more than a decade later.

Our Father and our God, as we stand at the beginning of this new year we confess our need of Your presence and Your guidance as we face the future.

We each have our hopes and expectations for the year that is ahead of us—but You alone know what it holds for us, and only You can give us the strength and the wisdom we will need to meet its challenges. So help us to humbly put our hands into Your hand, and to trust You and to seek Your will for our lives during this coming year.

In the midst of life's uncertainties in the days ahead, assure us of the certainty of Your unchanging love.

In the midst of life's inevitable disappointments and heartaches, help us to turn to You for the stability and comfort we will need.

In the midst of life's temptations and the pull of our stubborn self-will, help us not to lose our way but to have the courage to do what is right in Your sight, regardless of the cost.

And in the midst of our daily preoccupations and pursuits, open our eyes to the sorrows and injustices of our hurting world, and help us to respond with compassion and sacrifice to those who are friendless and in need. May our constant prayer be that of the ancient Psalmist: "Teach me, O Lord, to follow your decrees; then I will keep them to the end" (Psalm 119:33).

We pray for our nation and its leaders during these difficult times, and for all those who are seeking to bring peace and justice to our dangerous and troubled world. We pray especially for Your protection on all those who serve in our armed forces, and we thank You for their commitment to defend our freedoms, even at the cost of their own lives. Be with their families also, and assure them of Your love and concern for them.

Bring our divided nation together, and give us a greater vision of what You would have us to be. Your Word reminds us that "Blessed is the nation whose God is the Lord" (Psalm 33:12). As we look back over this past year we thank You for Your goodness to us—far beyond what we have deserved. May we never presume on Your past goodness or forget all Your mercies to us, but may they instead lead us to repentance, and to a new commitment to make You the foundation and center of our lives this year.

And so, our Father, we thank You for the promise and hope of this new year, and we look forward to it with expectancy and faith. This I ask in the name of our Lord and Savior, who by His death and resurrection has given us hope both for this world and the world to come. *Amen.*

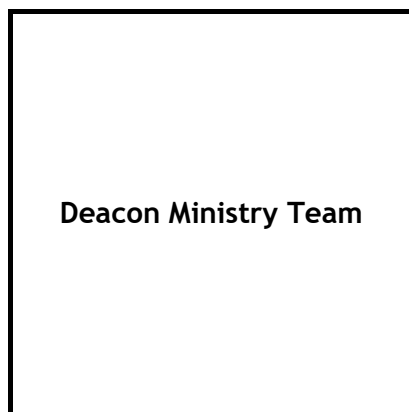
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Praise to God for a Living Hope

1 Peter 1:3 Praise be to the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ! In His great mercy He has given us new birth into a living hope through the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead,

2020 Slate of Officers
Ceresco Baptist Church

	<u>OFFICERS</u>	<u>Expires</u>
Lay Moderator	Rick Frey	2020
Assistant Lay Moderator	Roger Sommers	2020
Clerk	Joy Sommers	2020
Treasurer	Mary Ivey	2020
Assistant Treasurer	Ruth St. John	2020
Financial Secretary	Dawn Frey	2020
Assistant Financial Secretary	Marcy Bonney	2020
Membership at Large	Barry Vavrina	2020
Membership at Large	Linda Chisholm	2020



	Gretchen King	2022
	Vacancy	2022
	Roger Sommers	2021
	Vacancy	2021
	Vacancy	2020
	Vacancy	2020
	Olive Derrick	Emeritus
	Bessie Ivey	Emeritus

MINISTRY TEAM INFORMATION

Ministry Team Members are not elected
team chair

First listed is the

Property Management Ministry Team Members
Bob Beltz
Rick Frey, Roger Sommers, more volunteers needed!

Educational Ministry Team Members
Marcy Bonney
Sally Beltz, Kay Davis, Dawn Frey, Sharon Hadley
Pam Kirkland, Joy Sommers

Worship Ministry Team Members
Mary Ivey
Joanne Henley, Gretchen King, Joy Sommers

Administrative Council is made up of the officers, 2 members at large, and a representative from each of the ministry teams that are not already on council (already an officer or member at large). A Quorum is 7 of the 12 people needed at each council meeting

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ Administrative Council Meeting ~ Minutes ~ Dec 14, 2019

Devotions by Rick: "Trust Him" - God has a plan for us, just like Joseph & Mary. Psalm 138:8

Clerks Report: Joy Sommers: Minutes from the September meeting were in the Messenger; Birthday/Anniversary listing for the Messenger - for 2020, will send around a blank sign up sheet; Annual Reports for 2019 to Joy by January 6th so they can be compiled and voted on.

Financial Secretary: Dawn Frey

General Fund	<u>2018</u>	<u>2019</u>	
1st Quarter	\$ 12,694.01	\$ 10,226.04	
2nd Quarter	13,027.10	15,273.80	
3rd Quarter	15,915.95	18,100.16	
Oct & Nov	8,095.20	10,450.50	
Totals	\$ 49,732.26	\$ 54,050.50	difference of \$ 4,318.24

Treasurers Report: Mary Ivey: Reports were handed out with information showing the detailed expenses paid to arrive at the year to date expenses; Expenses for the Year to Date, as of Nov. 30, 2019 and the special accounts were listed out; 13-month CD matured on Dec. 13th, can just let it roll over. \$10,277.98. Motion by Dawn Frey, Marcy Bonney second to let the CD roll over into a new one, motion carried.

Worship Ministry Team: Mary Ivey: Gretchen is selecting and leading hymns for December; Playing Christmas music before the service for December (instead of chimes); Dec. 22nd, Cerestrio will be singing "The Birthday of a King"; Christmas Eve service at 6 pm on 12/24; We'll be taking Christmas decorations down on Jan 5th after the service, then a light luncheon; Need to replace the projection computer, as the one Joy donated is having problems. Joy purchased a new computer, but it has not been opened, pending council approval. If not approved, it can be returned to the store. Cost was \$499.00. Motion by Mary Ivey, second by Joanne Henley to replace the projection computer at a cost of \$499.00, motion carried. Money will come out of the Maintenance/Equipment Repairs.; Choir will be singing tomorrow during the worship service, "Bow Down"; Next WMT meeting is Friday, Dec. 20th at 5:30

Pastoral Search Committee: Joy Sommers: We have received 6 candidate profiles from Rev. Owens, and we are reviewing them; Committee Members are: Glen Cary, Bob Beltz, Barry Vavrina, Gretchen King, Joy Sommers

Property Management Ministry Team: Roger Sommers: The Japanese Dogwood trees have been trimmed back, Mary arranged it, Joanne paid for it. We can keep them trimmed. They won't grow any taller. He suggested that the bushes along the ramp be trimmed back in the spring, maybe half the height they are now; Dave Hadley is making railings for the sanctuary steps; Rick Frey has a plow truck to plow the snow at the church; Back door locks - having a hard time getting them open. Roger will get new keys made for those having problems; Some of the pews are missing the supports at the bottom. Need to look at all and get them fixed; Mary still working on getting information for getting a new sign for out front. Talked to Lakeview Baptist. They have a new lighted sign with church information on it, cost \$10,000. We're looking for one that is two sided that we can put changing information on it; Harper Creek Community Schools has put a "Lending Library" box out in front of the church; Bob & Deb Beltz are going to fix the area around the flag pole next spring so it's easier to mow around.

Deacon Ministry Team: Roger: Had a couple of 211 Food Service calls that Roger took care of; Let the deacons know if you need anything, visit someone, etc.

Educational Ministry Team: Marcy Bonney: Dec. 22nd will be doing Christmas crafts with the kids during the worship service, not having a Saturday youth event this year; Junior Church - Sally/Kay continue on 3rd Sunday of the month; Children's Time - Joy doing unless others volunteer; We donated 35 boxes to Operation Christmas Child; Joanne asked about a place to put Christmas cards for the church, and a bucket for the money that would have been spent on stamps is donated to the youth for an activity - may do next year.

Administrative Council Meeting Minutes concluded

PASTOR'S REPORT: Mary Fair-Matthews: Did two weddings this last quarter; Wrapping up the Executive Minister search; Hours are Friday/Saturday, 3 hours each.

BOY SCOUTS - Dawn Frey: Meet 1st Monday, probably no more Wednesday meetings.

NEW BUSINESS/OPEN ITEMS: Marcy participated in MACS and was amazed at everything that is done to do the boxes for the families. Maybe next year we could have our children go and help out; Roger asked if we should ask the Boy Scouts about the flag pole, now that it is not being used. The scouts were supposed to maintain it. There used to be an annual contract the Scouts had to have with the church - Pastor Gary Schooler had signed it in the past; Next Meeting will be March 14, 2020 at 9 am after Church breakfast (8 am).

2019 Administrative Council Members are: Rick Frey, Joy Sommers, Mary Ivey, Dawn Frey, Bob Beltz, Kay Davis, Deacon Gretchen King, PMMT Roger Sommers, EMT Rep, WMT Rep.

2020 Administrative Council Members are: Rick Frey, Dawn Frey, Mary Ivey, Linda Chisholm, Barry Vavrina, Joy Sommers, Deacon Rep, PMMT Bob Beltz, EMT Marcy Bonney, WMT Joanne Henley. Quorum for an Administrative Council meeting is 7 A/C members.

Pastor Mary closed the meeting in prayer at 9:53 am.

10 Verses Every Christian Should Know By Heart

John 3:16: For God so loved the world that He gave His one and only Son, that whoever believes in Him shall not perish but have eternal life.

Philippians 4:13: "I can do all this through Him who gives me strength."

Proverbs 3:5-6: "Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to Him, and He will make your paths straight."

John 10:10: "The thief comes only to steal and kill and destroy; I have come that they may have life, and have it to the full."

Matthew 22:37-39: "Jesus replied: "'Love the Lord your God with all your heart and with all your soul and with all your mind.' This is the first and greatest commandment. And the second is like it: 'Love your neighbor as yourself.'"

2 Timothy 3:16-17: "All Scripture is God-breathed and is useful for teaching, rebuking, correcting and training in righteousness, so that the servant of God may be thoroughly equipped for every good work."

Philippians 4:6: "Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God."

Romans 8:28: "And we know that in all things God works for the good of those who love Him, who have been called according to His purpose."

Micah 6:8: "He has shown you, O mortal, what is good. And what does the Lord require of you? To act justly and to love mercy and to walk humbly with your God."

2 Corinthians 5:17: "Therefore, if anyone is in Christ, the new creation has come: The old has gone, the new is here!"



Jan 1 Michael Meng
 Jan 13 Bob Beltz
 Jan 25 Emily Ivey
 Feb 17 Carlton Anthony
 Feb 18 Glen Cary
 Feb 26 Gretchen King



Jan 2 John & Ruth Paschen

We have started from scratch for the monthly birthday and anniversary listings. If you have names that you want included in the Messenger, either add them to the list at church, or email Joy Sommers at: cerescobaptist@gmail.com

Thank You

Thank you so much for the monetary Christmas gift. I'm happy to be able to serve Him through music for all these years.

Sincerely, Joanne Henley

Thank you Church Family for remembering me at Christmas. It is a pleasure to share one of the gifts God has blest me with. May you feel His presence near each day of 2020.

Sincerely, Mary Ivey

Thank you so much for the Christmas gift. I'm happy to be able to help with the music ministry of the church. Sincerely, Gretchen King

Thank you for our Christmas gifts. We are happy to help with the worship service each Sunday! - Veronica Anthony & Joy Sommers

FLOWER SIGN-UP

Greeter

Date	Name	Reason	Greeter
Jan 5, 2020	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Jan 12, 2020	Sommers	Memory of Mom	OPEN
Jan 19, 2020	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
Jan 26, 2020	Whitmyer	95th Birthday	OPEN

We are in need of volunteers to sign up for flowers, greeters, and for providing the monthly refreshments on Fellowship Sunday (last Sunday of the month). Sign up sheet is at the church in the entryway.

January 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
<p>Pastor Mary's Office Hours: Thursdays by appointment Fridays 1:00-4:30 pm Saturdays 8:30-11 am</p>						
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
Communion Sunday & Deacon Fund Offering, also Taking down Christmas Deco- rations & Lunch	Boy Scouts	Bible Study 10 am				Church in Use for Funeral & Luncheon
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
Hopevale Com- memoration Sunday	Boy Scouts	Bible Study 10 am	Family Night Potluck 6:30 pm			
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Boy Scouts	Bible Study 10 am				
26	27	28	29	30	31	
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale	Boy Scouts	Bible Study 10 am	Information for the Messenger is due by noon.			

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