

Greetings from Ceresco Baptist Church!

Ceresco Messenger, June 2020

Hello Church Family & Friends

Below is a communication from **Pastor Mary** regarding going back to church . . .

It is hard to believe that we are on the cusp of Memorial Day and June 2020. While time has flown, I think you would agree with me that as we have stayed home and quarantined, time also seems to have crawled.

I think we are all anticipating the time when we can lay eyes on each other and see for ourselves that everyone safe and in good health. Most of all, I look forward to worshiping together. What is most important is that we gather in a manner that is smart, safe and best protects the entire Ceresco family. With those guidelines in mind, the Worship Ministry Team has been brainstorming on what adjustments we can make. For example, we will use the screen more to share information while reducing the exchange of pieces of paper. We can all participate in Communion using single serve packs.

There are also things that each individual can do to make our time together safer i.e. wearing a face covering, washing and sanitizing our hands and social distancing. While these measures may be cumbersome and uncomfortable, remember you are taking these steps for not just for yourself but for those you love, the Ceresco family.

Social distancing is important. We believe we can maintain the appropriate social distance if we sit on the opposite end of every other pew. While we may social distance, there is no spiritual distance between what we believe and who we serve.

We thank God that He has kept this family safe and together while we were physically absent from one another. Scripture says, "How precious is your steadfast love, O God! The children of mankind take refuge in the shadow of your wings." Psalm 36:87.

We take refuge in God and continue to maintain our connection through our prayers for one another and our mutual love for the word of God. It is my prayer that the stay home order will be lifted in the next few days so that we can gather. We will certainly contact each of you as soon as it does so that we can share the date.

Please feel free to call me or email me at anytime. Be blessed and be safe until we meet again.
~ Pastor Mary

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Strength of a Mountain

God took the strength of a mountain,
The majesty of a tree,
The warmth of a summer sun,
The calm of a quiet sea,
The generous soul of nature,
The comforting arm of night,
The wisdom of the ages,
The power of the eagle's flight,
The joy of a morning in spring,
The faith of a mustard seed,
The patience of eternity,
The depth of a family need,
Then God combined these qualities,
When there was nothing more to add,
He knew his masterpiece was complete,
And so, he called it Dad

-anonymous

A Prayer for Christian Fathers

Heavenly Father,
you entrusted your Son Jesus,
the child of Mary,
to the care of Joseph, an earthly father.
Bless all fathers
as they care for their families.
Give them strength and wisdom,
tenderness and patience;
support them in the work they have to do,
protecting those who look to them,
as we look to you for love and salvation,
through Jesus Christ our rock and
defender.

Amen.

- Author Unknown



"Walk a little slower, daddy",
said a little child so small.
"I'm following in your footsteps
and I don't want to fall.

Sometimes your steps are very fast,
Sometimes they're hard to see.
So walk a little slower, Daddy,
For you are leading me.

Someday when I'm all grown up,
You're what I want to be;
Then I will have a little child,
Who'll want to follow me.

And I would want to lead just right,
And know that I was true;
So, walk a little slower, Daddy,
For I must follow you."



A Prayer for Our Class of 2020 Graduates!

Dear God,

We pray for our graduates today and lift them before You. We thank You so much for those we love and for the work You are continuing to do in their lives. They are a gift to us and to many others. During this season of new beginnings, we ask that You make their way clear. We ask that You keep their footsteps firm and remind them that You are with them, always. May they sense the freshness of Your Spirit over their lives in amazing ways, may they be strengthened, instilled with hope, for the new roads You have in store.

And today, again, we release our children straight into Your tender care. Because we know that's the best place they could ever be. We thank You in advance for all You have in store, for this day, for this year, for their lives.

We pray for protection, for Your covering, that You would surround their lives as a shield. Protect their coming and going. We ask that You help them to live aware in a dark world and keep harm or evil intent far away. We ask that You hide them in the safety of Your powerful presence.

Our world is currently anxious, fearful, and uncertain. We pray our graduates are filled with Your courage and strength, that they may be a light to their friends and neighbors in this uncertain time.

We ask for Your wisdom and clear direction over their lives, that You would give them understanding beyond their years. Thank You that Your timing is perfect. We pray that You would direct their steps, that Your plans for them would prosper; that every place You have determined for them to walk would be paved clear. We ask for You to open doors that need to be opened and close every one that should be shut tight. Allow every gift and treasure You have placed inside their lives to grow, develop, and flourish, to bring You glory.

We ask that You remind them every day how very much You love them, that they would find security and confidence fully in You, knowing that You are trustworthy and true.

We ask that You teach them Your ways and fill them with an unquenchable desire to learn Your Word. Give them a compassionate spirit, and the wisdom to look beyond outward appearances to the heart within. We pray that You would surround them with friends and leaders who would challenge them to press closer to You.

We ask for Your peace to cover them. We ask for laughter and joy to fill their days. We pray that You would give them boldness and courage to face challenges set before them, with the confidence and peace that can only come from Your Spirit.

We ask that you would raise up greatness in their lives, greatness in this generation, willing to stand strong and true, passionate for You, believing that You have designed them for purpose and good works, which You have planned and prepared in advance for them to do.

Be a lamp for their feet, and a light to their path. Shine over them. Fill them with Your Spirit. Bless them with Your favor and peace. In Jesus' Name, Amen.

Jeremiah 29:11 New International Version (NIV)

¹¹ For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future.





Jun 3 Reginald Matthews Jr
 Jun 4 Linda Chisholm
 Jun 10 Bud Halder
 Jun 12 Joshua Ivey
 Jun 17 Sally Beltz
 Jun 17 Barbara Gary
 Jun 18 Sally Slayton
 Jun 21 Angela Sommers
 Jun 26 James Anthony
 Jun 28 Hailey Shepherd

Jun 8 Kevin & Sarah Collins
 Jun 26 Justin & Heather Casey
 Jul 19 Glen & Joyce Cary
 Jul 20 Terry & Trish Ivey
 Jul 23 Ted & Lora Finch
 Jul 28 Joshua & Candi Ivey
 Jul 26 Ron & Linda Chisholm

Jul 5 Kevin Sommers
 Jul 10 Joyce Cary
 Jul 15 Andrew Sommers
 Jul 15 Malia MacInnis
 Jul 21 Ryder Goodman
 Jul 22 Elijah Ivey
 Jul 26 Rick Frey



**Congratulations
 to Austin Frey!**



KCC Announces Dean's List Honorees for Spring 2020!

Veronica Anthony is dual enrolled at Marshall High School and Kellogg Community College. She made the KCC Dean's List for Spring 2020!

**Congratulations,
 Veronica!**

Do you have a high school or college graduate this year? Please let us know! Email information to:

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Thank you! Congratulations Grads!

June 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Father's Day			Information for July Messenger due by noon			
28	29	30	Jul 1	Jul 2	Jul 3	Jul 4
						

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Congratulations
CLASS OF 2020