



Ceresco Baptist Church
The Ceresco Messenger
January 2021

Every Situation . . .

Now may the Lord of peace Himself give you His peace at all times and in every situation. The Lord be with you all. 2 Thessalonians 3:16 NLT

To many people around the world, 2020 was a difficult year, even a tragic one, and we have no idea what the new year will bring. But we know this without a doubt: in every situation we face, our Savior is with us.

As the new year dawns, paraphrase 2 Thessalonians 3:16 as an earnest prayer: *Lord, may You, the Lord of peace, give me Your peace at all times and in every situation.*

Remember what Paul said in Philippians 4:6-7: *Do not be anxious about anything, but in every situation, by prayer and petition, with thanksgiving, present your requests to God. And the peace of God, which transcends all understanding will guard your hearts and your minds in Christ Jesus. (NIV)*

He add in verse 12: *I have learned the secret of being content in any and every situation. (NIV)*

Every situation means every day, every hour, every circumstance, every location, every need, every fear, every joy, every opportunity, every step. He is more present than you know, and more powerful than you can possible conceive. Our times are in His hands.

[Turning Points Devotion, 12/31/2020]

It's Official! We have a permanent pastor!!!

On Sunday, January 3, 2021, the church membership unanimously voted to have Pastor Mary Fair-Matthews be our permanent pastor!

We welcome Pastor Mary & Reginald to our church family!

Pastor Mary served as our transitional pastor and adult Sunday school teacher from April 1, 2019 through January 2, 2021.

We are so pleased to welcome Pastor Mary and her family to God's service!

2021 MONDAY MEDITATION

Every Monday in 2021, a meditation scripture will be posted on the Ceresco Baptist Church Facebook page. The goal is to share a short scripture that we can meditate on together throughout the week. As God reveals his will through the scripture, you are encouraged to share with each other as the Holy Spirit prompts you to do so. You can share in the comments section on the Facebook page, face-to-face, via text, email and/or phone call. We want to be a blessing to each other!

If you do not have Facebook, please let us know and we will make copies available on Sunday morning for you!



Editor's note - Two will be available on Jan. 11th, and from then on, each Monday will have a Monday Meditation!



THANK YOU JESUS, FOR
BEING OUR LIVING HOPE!

Psalm 51 Prayer

Have mercy on me, O God, according to your steadfast love; according to your abundant mercy blot out my transgressions. Wash me thoroughly from my iniquity, and cleanse me from my sin! For I know my transgressions, and my sin is ever before me. Against you, you only, have I sinned and done what is evil in your sight, so that you may be justified in your words and blameless in your judgment. Behold, I was brought forth in iniquity, and in sin did my mother conceive me. Behold, you delight in truth in the inward being, and you teach me wisdom in the secret heart. Purge me with hyssop, and I shall be clean; wash me, and I shall be whiter than snow. Let me hear joy and gladness; let the bones that you have broken rejoice. Hide your face from my sins, and blot out all my iniquities. Create in me a clean heart, O God, and renew a right spirit within me. Cast me not away from your presence, and take not your Holy Spirit from me. Restore to me the joy of your salvation, and uphold me with a willing spirit. Then I will teach transgressors your ways, and sinners will return to you. Deliver me from blood-guiltiness, O God, O God of my salvation, and my tongue will sing aloud of your righteousness. O Lord, open my lips, and my mouth will declare your praise. (Psalm 51:1-15)

A New Year Prayer for Love

Dear God, Thank you that you are a loving, gracious God. Thank you that you've offered us forgiveness and the gift of new life in you. Thank you that your love is perfect, it never fails, and that nothing can separate us from your love.

We pray that our lives would be filled and overflowing with the power of your love so we can make a difference in this world and bring honor to you. We ask for your help in reminding us that the most important things are not what we do outwardly, it's not based on any talent or gift, but the most significant thing we can do in this life is simply to love you and to choose to love others.

Help us to love as you love. Fill us with your Spirit so that we can choose what is best. We are weak Lord, but we know also, that even when we are weak, you are strong within us. Thank you that it's not all up to us. Thank you that you equip us to face each day with the power of your love, your forgiveness, and your grace. We love you Lord, and we need you today, and every day, In Jesus' Name, Amen.



Jan 1 Michael Meng
Jan 4 Avery Goodman
Jan 13 Bob Beltz
Jan 18 Brian Gary
Jan 25 Emily Ivey
Jan 28 Harlynn Casey
Feb 17 Carlton Anthony
Feb 18 Glen Cary
Feb 25 Kelcie Collins
Feb 26 Gretchen King



Jan 2 John & Ruth Paschen

If your family birthday or anniversary is missing or is incorrect, please send an email to Joy Sommers at cerescobaptist@gmail.com

Thank you!

Annual Reports for 2020 are due to the Church Clerk by January 24, 2021.

If you were the chair of a ministry team, please submit your information by then to

cerescobaptist@gmail.com

Thank you!

Prayer for Blessings in the Year Ahead

Father, Thank You for Your great love and blessing over our lives. Thank You that Your favor has no end, but it lasts for our entire lifetime. Forgive us for sometimes forgetting that You are intimately acquainted with all of our ways, that You know what concerns us, and You cover us as with a shield. We ask that we would walk in Your blessing and goodness today. That Your face would shine on us. That You would open the right doors for our lives and for our loved ones, that You would close the wrong doors and protect us from those we need to walk away from. Establish the work of our hands and bring to fulfillment all that You have given us to do in these days. We pray that You would make our way purposeful and our footsteps firm out of Your goodness and love. Give us a heart of wisdom to hear Your voice, and make us strong by Your huge favor and grace. In Jesus' name, Amen.

A New Year Prayer for Wisdom

God, Give me wisdom from your truths, fill me with a desire to faithfully follow after you, more than any other thing. Thank you that you are far greater than whatever I may face in the day. Thank you that your presence goes with me and that your joy is never dependent on circumstances, but it is my true and lasting strength. I ask for your peace to lead me and for your grace and goodness to cover my life this day. Let your Spirit and power breathe in me and through me again, fresh and new.

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
					Happy New Year!	
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
Communion & Deacon Sunday Membership Vote for New Pastor	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am				
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	Human Trafficking Awareness Day Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am				Fellowship Hall in Use
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am				
24	25	26	27	28	29	30
31	Boy Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Information for February 2021 Messenger is due by noon.			

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If my people, who are called by my name
will humble themselves and pray,

and seek my face

then will I hear from heaven
and forgive their sin and heal their land.

2 Chronicles 7:14

