

# JUNE

**Ceresco Baptist Church**  
**The Ceresco Messenger**  
**June 2021**



We are so thankful for our new roof and now our new church sign. It's two sided, and lighted! Thank you to Mary Ivey for all the research, and to Rick Frey, Bob Beltz and Dave Hadley for getting the sign installed!



## A Snippet of Ceresco Baptist Church History - Part 3

(Continued from the May, 2021 Messenger)

As the construction crew from South Central Contracting, Inc. of Jackson began to work, the church was a beehive of activity. The 18 pews were removed from the building by Stable 'N House of Tekonsha where they were repaired, refinished and stored. The congregation was surveyed regarding "extras" they would like to see made to the building. Some of the additional "extras" made were changing the direction of the steps to the cry room (now the balcony) and not replacing the glass but rather leaving the balcony open to allow for overflow seating. Removing the exit door and steps to the lower level from the east wall of the sanctuary and relocating the steps to the lower level in the Narthex. The east wall entrance door, lovingly referred to as the "dog house" was removed and the inside and outside walls were sealed up and sided. Dirt was hauled away from that area and landscaping was added. The vinyl accordion-style door at the rear of the sanctuary was removed and replaced by a glass and wood divider with double doors. The furnace in the "old" Fellowship Room was enclosed in a separate room and excavation was done to create a storage room. A new unisex restroom was installed in the "old" Fellowship Room. Other improvements were completed as well.

A loan was given to the church for use in the reconstruction and contributions were received from many individuals and firms. The reconstruction expenses totaled over \$58,000.

South Central Contracting owner, Butch, left Michigan in January for a month in Florida and left his assistant Bill in charge. When Butch returned he found that the crew had not gotten as far along on the belfry as he had expected. Upon questioning why, he was told that it is VERY WINDY WAY UP THERE! Since an outside scaffolding had been erected from the roof to the top of the belfry this also added another element of intimidation for the workers. Butch said he would take care of that problem and brought several large, brightly colored, canvases and wrapped the belfry with them. This blocked the view of the ground and cut the wind. The work progressed rapidly from that point on. The belfry was visible for miles decorated in those bright colors.

As always, when a wound has been inflicted deep inside, the healing is not so readily visible outwardly as quickly as we would like. But just as healing comes from the inside out so the reconstruction of the church took place from the inside out. GOD TAUGHT US PATIENCE.

One of the young construction crew members related to Alden that if a fire can be a good thing this one was. He was talking about what they found when they began work in the belfry. The bell is supported by 2x6 beams which are dovetailed together and the tail end of the beams had rotted off leaving only one end holding the beams up. Eventually the bell would have flopped over ending up in the basement or at the very least, on the first floor near the entryway. THE LORD IS WATCHING OVER CERESCO BAPTIST.

Another comment made to Alden came from the gentleman who did the staining in the sanctuary. He said that there must have been 12 different colors of stain there since each time he went to a different location in the sanctuary, he would find a different color. He also said he had never been inside a more stable building for its age. Our forefathers were good builders.

The Boy Scouts returned the pulpit furniture, piano and organ to the sanctuary on February 16. After what seemed a lot longer time, the congregation gathered outside the front doors and all participated in the Consecration of The Sanctuary. Everyone entered the sanctuary together on Sunday, February 22, 1987 to take their familiar places. Some commented that the pews were not the same ones they sat in before in that same location, but no one was complaining.

Vera and Wendell Chichester and Norma Lee organized a garage sale at the Community Building in early April to raise money for bills still coming in. Congregation members and others from the community donated items and time making the sale a huge success. The Rebirth Committee continued to meet since several items were still not completed.

A Dedication Service was held on Sunday, May 3, 1987 followed by a time of fellowship with cake and punch. During the Service, recognition was given to the firefighters, neighbor Jim Hunsicker, adjuster George Pahl, contractor Butch Morris, Vera and Wendell Chichester and the Rebirth Committee.

GOD TAUGHT US JOY!!



Above is the Belfry wrapped in tarps



Above are pictures of the sanctuary reconstruction



To the left is a picture from the fundraiser sale

Members present: Gretchen, Dawn, Joanne, Vi, Ruth, Linda, Marcy, Darlene, Veronica & Sharon.

Joanne is hostess for May. She gave devotion "Becoming a Woman of Worth" - to become tough in the world we live in, & prayer that went along with it.

No Secretary/Treasurer report in Joy's absence.

Sunshine - Joyce Cary, Anthony's Marcy; send a card to Alice, in hospital with pneumonia.

Hostess Schedule: June/Ruth, July/Gretchen, August/Veronica, September/OPEN, October/Sharon, November/Dawn, December/OPEN.

New business - motion to put money towards the Glennie Swann Memorial for the flowers, \$50, motion passed.

MACS outreach to the churches & community; 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday of the month (done until Sept). Reissuing sheets in the fall after the board changes; have the president come and talk to everyone when Family Night starts back up.

Margie Cole sent money to purchase supplies for the Haven of Rest.

Scripture - Lamentations 5:1-22 - had discussion about second chances.

Larnelle Harris 'The God of the Second Chance'

No scripture reading for next month, as it will be our **family picnic**. We will meet behind the church, **June 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm**. Ruth is hostess, and since June 10<sup>th</sup> is Bud Halder's 97<sup>th</sup> birthday, she will supply a birthday cake.

Collections: Devotion \$12.00, Love Gift \$10.53

After the meeting we enjoyed refreshments, and tied a blanket.

## Storage Room Reorganization - Items Available!

We are continuing to put items out for the taking if anyone is interested! We now have artificial flowers, vases, candles.

If interested, they need to be picked up ASAP. Items are free on a first come, first served basis. Thank you! - Dawn Frey

**May Quiz Question:** How do you obtain salvation?

Answer: **CAT**

-**C**ONFESS - talk with God being a sinner (we all are)

-**A**SK His forgiveness of your sins. (No sin is so terrible God will not forgive you)

-**T**RUST in God that He sent His Son, Jesus, to pay the penalty for your sins. Have faith that Jesus' blood (from His death on the cross) covers your sins and makes you acceptable to God for eternity, as He puts your name in the Lamb's Book of Life

# A Graduation Blessing

By Barbara D. MacAdam

*Embarking on a journey which began some time ago,  
how could you have imagined all the things you'd come to know.*

*You learned to use each challenge as an opportunity,  
to overcome each problem - despite adversity.*

*It wasn't always easy keeping up with things at school,  
but YOU held on to your beliefs, and followed the "golden rule."*

*You found your voice & chose a path that honors who you are,  
and that, I think, may be your greatest lesson learned thus far.*

*For no one could be prouder of the person you've become,  
and that is why I'm confident that the best is yet to come.*

*May you never waste a moment wishing life was not unfair.  
Rather use the gifts God gave to you, to change the world out there.*

*Your graduation signals us that you are on your way.  
So spread your wings and fly my dear, forever and a day!*

## Graduation Wish

We wish for you a joy-filled transition  
from the shelter of school  
to the wide world  
of your accomplishment and success.  
We wish for you new, stimulating friendships,  
while you cherish old friends,  
who provide continuity and comfort.  
We wish for you a smooth path  
on your journey to your chosen destination,  
and as much delight in your off-road adventures  
as there is in reaching your goal.  
Congratulations, graduate!  
May the world embrace you, excite you,  
and strengthen you in everything you do.

*By Joanna Fuchs*



# Congratulations!



## **Veronica Joelle Anthony**

Graduating from Marshall High School/Early College  
She has been dual enrolled at Marshall High School and Early College (Kellogg Community College) for the last two years. She plans to finish her enrollment commitment for a 13th year of classes directed towards an associate's degree in the end.

Parents: James & Darlene Anthony  
Grandmother: Idabelle Bailey  
Late grandparents: Albert Anthony Sr., Pauline Anthony, Mary Bailey, and Jerry Bailey

Her open house date is yet to be determined.



**OLIVET**



**SCHOOL**

## **Garrett Gary**

Graduating from Olivet High School.

Parents are Brad & Charity Gary

Grandparents are Will & Suzanne Yost,  
Joanne Henley

He plans to get a job as a mechanic.



## **Benjamin E Markos**

Graduating from Gull Lake High School.

Mother: Jennie Walker (Markos).

Grandparents: Dave & Sharon Hadley

He will be attending Marine Boot Camp  
in August 2021.

Graduation Party is Saturday, June 12<sup>th</sup>  
from 3-6 pm. Join us if you can!



# Class of 2021

## A Father's Day Prayer of Hope (by Debbie McDaniel)

Dear God, we thank you for the gift of Dads in this life. We thank you that you are the greatest Dad ever, Abba Father, and we know that you cover us in your great love.

We pray for your blessing, favor, and strength over every Dad in this world, for those who are seeking to walk closely with you in a dark world, and for those who just need to be reminded that you are real. We ask for your renewed courage, for your boldness, for your Spirit to fill them. Make them always aware and alert of the schemes of the enemy. We ask that you would keep their footsteps firm, and guard their way. We ask that you would help them to always stand strong, to be men of faith, to say “no” to what is wrong and to say “yes” to what is right. We ask that you would fill their hearts with love, compassion, joy, faithfulness, and cover their lives with great peace.

Lord, we pray that you would raise up mighty men, godly men, in this generation, those who would know and honor you with their entire lives. We pray that they would stand firm in the faith, walk wisely, and follow hard after you. May they grow in their love and passion for you, for their families, and in the calling to follow you above all else. Thank you for dads who fight for their families, who do battle in prayer over those they love.

Thank you, God, that your Word is true. We hold fast to you today; we choose to immerse our lives in your Truth. We know that you are with us always and cover us in your power and strength.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.



## Proverbs 3:11-12

*My child, when the Lord God speaks to you, never take his words lightly, and never be upset when he corrects you. For the Father's discipline comes only from his passionate love and pleasure for you. Even when it seems like his correction is harsh, it's still better than any father on earth gives to his child.*

– Proverbs 3:11-12 (The Passion Translation)



Jun	3	Reginald Matthews Jr	Jul	5	Kevin Sommers
Jun	4	Linda Chisholm	Jul	10	Joyce Cary
Jul	9	Ed Kirkland	Jul	15	Andrew Sommers
Jun	10	Bud Halder	Jul	15	Malia MacInnis
Jun	12	Joshua Ivey	Jul	21	Ryder Goodman
Jun	17	Sally Beltz	Jul	21	Bradley Thomas
Jun	17	Barbara Gary	Jul	22	Elijah Ivey
Jun	18	Sally Slayton	Jul	26	Rick Frey
Jun	21	Angela Sommers			
Jun	26	James Anthony			
Jun	28	Hailey Shepherd			

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Jun	22	Ed & Pam Kirkland	Jul	19	Glen & Joyce Cary
Jun	26	Justin & Heather Casey	Jul	20	Terry & Trish Ivey
			Jul	23	Ted & Lora Finch
			Jul	28	Joshua & Candi Ivey
			Jul	26	Ron & Linda Chisholm



**June Quiz Question . . .**

What is the Great Commandment?

Answer next month!

May's Q&A: is on page 4!

If your family birthday or anniversary is missing or is incorrect, please send an email to Joy Sommers at: [cerescobaptist@gmail.com](mailto:cerescobaptist@gmail.com)

Thank you!



# June 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>
	5/31 Memorial Day 	Bible Study 10 am	Fellowship Hall in use 6-9 pm, Relay for Life Meeting			
<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>
Communion Sunday 		Bible Study 10 am	Martha Circle Family Potluck Picnic, 6 pm	Worship Ministry Team Meeting 4 PM		
<b>13</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b>
Graduate Sunday 		Bible Study 10 am  Fellowship Hall in use 6-9 pm, Relay for Life Meeting				
<b>20</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>
HAPPY ***** 		Bible Study 10 am	Information for July Messenger due by noon			
<b>27</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>7/1</b>	<b>7/2</b>	<b>7/3</b>
		Bible Study 10 am		Plan to join us on Sunday, 7/4 as we are joined by John & Kate Denner and their girls for a time of wonderful music and fellowship during the worship service!		

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