

# Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

## November 2021 - Count Your Blessings Month!

Greetings and Blessings,

As we approach 2022 and prepare for our next season together, it is time for us to assess our vision and purpose. I would like to invite you to a fellowship and planning session on December 5, 2021. Yes, there will be food. While we share a meal provided by the Worship Ministry Team, we will share our thoughts and ideas. We will focus on the following questions.

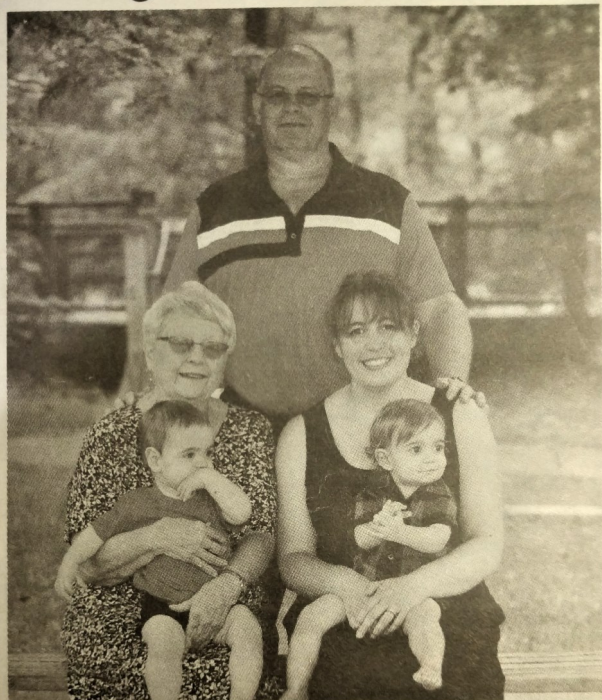
Who are we as a congregation? In other words, why do we exist?  
Who do we want to be? More specifically, where are we headed?  
How do we plan to get there?

I know that answers to these questions will require our collective thinking on more than one occasion. This is just our kick-off. Over the next couple of weeks, give some thought to the questions and on December 5, immediately following morning service, we will gather.

No idea is off limits. See you there!

Pastor Mary

### Gary family celebrates four generations



Recently, the Gary family got together and celebrated four generations of family members. Pictured are Great Grandmother Joanne (Gary) Henley, Grandfather Brian Gary, Mother Alexandria (Gary) Hamaker and 1-year-old twins Gideon and Mortimer Hamaker.

### Daylight Savings Time Ends 11/6/2021

#### Daylight-saving time ends

- Turn your clock back one hour tonight before going to bed.
- It's also time to change batteries in your smoke detectors.



The Advent Season is fast approaching! November 28th is the first Sunday of Advent. We would like to decorate the sanctuary with Poinsettias during the advent season. Please help if you can. Thank you!

**Thankful Heart**, Poet: Henry Coyle

Father, we lift our thankful hearts to Thee  
With gratitude, for all Thy bounty free,  
For love, and friends, for home, for faith's pure light,  
For health, for harvest store, for rest at night -  
For every blessing showered from above -  
Bestowed on us unstinted, by Thy Love  
And thoughtful care; O hear us, as we pray,  
Father in heaven, this Thanksgiving day.  
Watch over us, be Thou our Stay and Guide,  
Thro' day and night; guard us from sinful pride,  
For we are human, weak and prone to wrong,  
And by Thy grace alone are we made strong.  
Give us our dally bread, our wants supply,  
And touch our hearts that we may not deny  
The widow and the orphan of their share  
Of what we have - relieve their want and care.  
O grant that we may keep Thy law, and live  
A Christian life; our enemies forgive;  
That we may love our neighbor, work for peace.  
That so Thy glory may on earth increase.

**Youth Sing, third Sunday of the month . . .**

We have started something new, and it is for ALL of God's children!

At 6 pm on the 3rd Sunday of the month, we play videos of favorite hymns or contemporary Christian, or Christian children's music. We had a lot of fun last month! We had some very upbeat music, and children's songs with jumping & stomping!

Come check it out this month! Nov. 21st, 6 pm.

Come, make a joyful noise unto the Lord!



**OCTOBER QUIZ QUESTION:**

What is the difference between Hallelujah and Alleluia?

Answer: Basically, they mean the same thing. **Hallelujah** is from the Hebrew "Praise Ye the Lord." **Alleluia** is from the Greek "Praise Ye Jehovah."

**NOVEMBER QUIZ QUESTION:**

What was notable about Jacob's birth?

**ATTENTION  
VETERANS!!!**

We would like you to submit a brief story about your tour of duty! We want to share this information on Veteran's Sunday, November 7, 2021.



## 2021 OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD PROJECT



A shoebox can be packed for: 2-4 year old girl or boy, 5-9 year old girl or boy, 10-14 year old girl or boy.

**Thank you to all that donated items for the shoe box project this year!** Martha Circle was able to complete 25 boxes, and will be paying the \$9 shipping fee for each of them.

If you want to do your own box, there are still some empty boxes available at the church. You will need to give Martha Circle \$9 so they can pay the shipping online for your box. Please have your box back to the church by Sunday, Nov. 14th, as all will be taken to the collection church the week of November 15th.

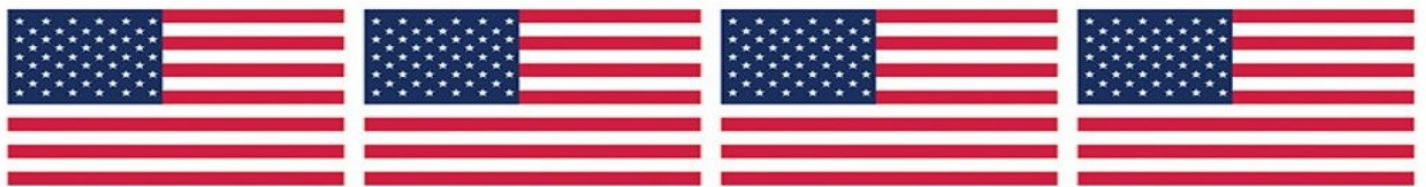
### Fill Your Heart With Thanksgiving

Poet: Helen Steiner Rice

Take nothing for granted, for whenever you do  
The "joy of enjoying" is lessened for you -  
For we rob our own lives much more than we know  
When we fail to respond or in any way show  
Our thanks for the blessings that daily are ours . . .  
The warmth of the sun, the fragrance of flowers,  
The beauty of twilight, the freshness of dawn,  
The coolness of dew on a green velvet lawn,  
The kind little deeds so thoughtfully done,  
The favors of friends and the love that someone  
Unselfishly gives us in a myriad of ways,  
Expecting no payment and no words of praise -  
Oh, great is our loss when we no longer find  
A thankful response to things of this kind,  
For the joy of enjoying and the fullness of living  
Are found in the heart that is filled with thanksgiving

### Why?

Why did you leave home and friends,  
comfort and safety,  
to experience pain and hardship,  
so I could be protected?  
I don't know; but thank you.  
Why did you put yourself in danger,  
injury and death always a possibility,  
so I could be free?  
I don't know; but thank you.  
Thank you, veteran.  
Thank you!



### Flower Sign-Up

November 2021

11/7 - Sommers

11/14 - OPEN

11/21 - Sommers

11/28 - Mary Ivey

### Children's Time Sign -Up for November:

11/7 - OPEN

11/14 - OPEN

11/21 - OPEN

11/28 - OPEN

**Fellowship  
Sunday**

**Nov. 17th**

**Refreshments  
will be provid-  
ed by Cerestrio!**

**Monthly Bake**

**Nov. 28th**





Nov	2	Barry Vavrina
Nov	3	Alex Goodman
Nov	5	Lora Finch
Nov	6	Devin Phelps
Nov	10	Jean King
Nov	12	Tyler Thomas
Nov	13	Brad Gary
Nov	17	Lisa Cavinder
Nov	17	Jody Babcock
Nov	26	Roger Sommers
Dec	18	Ryan Boysen
Dec	21	Rayna Sommers
Dec	27	John Paschen, 1939
Dec	28	Donna Ruthruff
Dec	28	Candace Ivey
Dec	30	Viviana Anthony



Nov	12	Rick & Marcy Bonney
Nov	15	Art & Donna Ruthruff
Dec	23	Ken & Kay Davis

## A Veterans Day tribute – thank you for your sacrifice

By Huey P. O'Neal

WEST MONROE (LBM) – On Veterans Day, Americans honor all U.S. veterans, both living and dead, for their sacrifices in protecting the greatest country in the world. At exactly 11 a.m., each November 11th, a color guard, made up of members from each of the military branches, renders honors to America's war dead during a heart-moving ceremony at the Tomb of the Unknowns in Arlington National Cemetery. The president or his representative places a wreath at the Tomb and a bugler sounds Taps. The balance of the ceremony, including a "Parade of Flags" by numerous military veterans' organizations, takes place inside the Memorial Amphitheater, adjacent to the Tomb. The bloodshed and sacrifice for our freedom began in 1776 when representatives of the 13 original colonies signed the Declaration of Independence to obtain freedom from the British. Many of the 56 signers — educated men, and a good number having faith in God — were willing to sacrifice everything for our freedom to worship God and to achieve God-given goals. In the context of this legacy of sacrifice, American veterans have met major challenges for the past 241 years to protect our freedoms. Notably, the U.S. Constitution is based on biblical principles, and every veteran has sworn an oath to defend the Constitution at all costs. With God's providence, our veterans have saved not only the United States from tyranny, but also the whole world — evidence of God's favor on the people of the United States, I believe, because of our majority faith in Him. Indeed, U. S. Supreme Court Justice Antonin Scalia, now deceased, once told some Louisiana high school students that God has been good to the United States precisely because we have honored God. I concur with him — to be a great country, we must recognize God in our daily lives, our governmental functions and in our churches on Sundays. Veterans and their families should be honored for their sacrifices, even bloodshed, to preserve our freedoms and to ensure the security of our land, with God's hand, of course. President Abraham Lincoln said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedom, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." I agree. People of faith should actively serve God, and continue to honor our veterans who guard, or have guarded, us from enemies around the world. Freedom has cost a lot over the years and will continue to cost us, in terms of service and even lost lives, in the future, but our freedoms are worth it. We will face continued challenges by evil forces and, as in the past, our veterans' vigilance will pay the price of freedom. This Veterans Day, thank a veteran, and, **thank God.**

# November 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wed.	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
10/31	1	2	3	4	5	6
Halloween Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am				FALL Back one hour before bed tonight! End of Daylight Saving Time!
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Veteran's Sunday & Communion Sunday	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm			
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Family Night Potluck 6 pm Guest: MACS			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
Youth Sing ALL are invited! 6 pm	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Thanksgiving Eve Service at First Baptist in Marshall, time TBD	Have a BLESSED Thanksgiving!  Count Your Blessings!!		Hanging of the Greens at 10 am, lunch at noon
28	29	30	12/1	12/2	12/3	12/4
1st Sunday of Advent  Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!	Scouts 7 pm	Bible Study 10 am	Information for December Messenger due by noon			Meal & Gather- ing at Church tomorrow! Please join us!!!

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### THANKSGIVING BLESSINGS

T is for the Tons of Blessings that I receive each day.

H stands for these Hands that fold, when I begin to pray.

A means all the Awesome powers our Lord has from above.

N stands for His Never-ending patience and His love.

K is for the Kindness and forgiveness He has shown.

S stands for the Sweetest gift of love we've ever known.

G means the amazing Grace that God bestowed on me.

I says I can't Imagine, without His love, just where I'd be.

V is for "Victory in Jesus" just like that song of old.

I means I'll do my best, to lead lost sheep into His fold.

N is for the Nails driven through our Savior's hands.

G stands for God's Greatest Gift, His Son's life for mortal man.