

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

March 2022 - God Loves You!

An Irish Proverb

Remember always to forget
The troubles that have passed away . . .
But remember to remember
The blessings of each day.
Happy Saint Patrick's Day!

The Power of Prayer

50 years old and I thought I knew the power of prayer. I thought I knew what it meant to pray. I thought I would know when I would need to get on my knees. A wise person, my mother, told me that you are never too old to learn.

I was loaned a book by Pastor Mary to read titled "The Power of a Praying Parent" – a book I carry with me in my purse and now read on my breaks at work. When I started to read this I was on an airplane and wanted to jump out of my seat – good thing I did not do that but, let me tell you... this is a very good book. I would recommend this book to anyone and everyone.

Ceresco Baptist Church has been my church since I was born and will always be my home church. Nowhere can the love, support and power of prayer be found but here. When Nathan was going through some rough times last fall the overwhelming support meant so much to us. It was suggested to "keep him talking" and I did. This seemed to help. Now we talk and talk and talk..... :)

I think with family, including church family, we need to be transparent. I am not sure if everyone knows what happened, but the details do not matter. What matters is that we recognize that the devil WILL look for your most vulnerable spot – yes even a little pinhole and make his move. I never realized how hard the devil was working at my son and I tell you honestly that there was a point where I knew that the power of prayer was working and he was being lifted from the darkness. Prayer, "It's seeking the presence of God and releasing the power of God which gives us the means to overcome any problem" (from the Power of a Praying Parent).

Sometimes I still just sit and think to myself, "God did this, he pulled him through this dark, dark place. He gave me my son back." He has started playing drums and is starting to learn with the junior worship team on Wednesday nights now. He is in a new school and happy there. I ask that you please continue to keep him in prayer. Thank you. We love our family at Ceresco Baptist Church.

There is a song that I ask you to listen to – you can Google it or look for it on YouTube – it is from Kingsporch titled "I Speak Jesus" – listen to the words. We need to speak Jesus and proclaim the blood of Jesus Christ our LORD and Savior over our loved ones each and every night.

~ Jennie Walker Markos

The Church Bell

With the bigger and newer churches being built across the country, I think they forgot a very important part of the structure --“The Church Bell”. And of the smaller churches, how many of them still ring the bell, by pulling on a rope, calling the people to worship.

Growing up on a farm about a mile and a half outside the village, I can remember hearing the bell ring on a very still Sunday morning. I stood there and listened with the feeling that there was someplace I should be. Our church bell still rings across the village on Sunday mornings.

“The Church Bell” –Is it just a bell to ring on Sunday mornings by pulling on a rope or is it a calling. A calling to let us know “there is someplace I should be.”

***** to be continued *****

I Speak Jesus

[KingsPorch](#)

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus, Over every heart and every mind
I know there is peace within your presence I speak Jesus

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus Till every dark addiction starts to break
Declaring there is hope and there is freedom I speak Jesus

Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus, Over fear and all anxiety
To every soul held captive by depression I speak Jesus

Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire

Shout Jesus from the mountains Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over every enemy;
Jesus for my family, I speak the Holy Name, Jesus

Shout Jesus from the mountains, Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over every enemy;
Jesus for my family, I speak the Holy Name, Jesus

Shout Jesus from the mountains and Jesus in the streets, Jesus in the darkness over every enemy;
Jesus for my family, I speak the Holy Name, Jesus

Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire

Your Name is power, Your Name is healing, Your Name is life
Break every stronghold, Shine through the shadows, Burn like a fire

I just want to speak the Name of Jesus over every heart and every mind
I know there is peace within Your presence, I speak Jesus

“I will praise you and testify about what you have done.” PSALM 22:22

“TESTIMONY”



AMERICA FOR CHRIST OFFERING 2022

Consider making a generous gift!

Thanks to America for Christ (AFC) Offering contributions, American Baptist Home Mission Societies (ABHMS) supported communities distressed by the devastation of COVID-19 last year, as the pandemic swept our country and Puerto Rico. We also helped families who lost homes to floods, wildfires and storms, along with children living on the edge because of poverty, and seminarians preparing to devote their lives to sharing the Good News. These are just a few of the ways we minister to those in need; there are many more.

Please help us continue to bring healing and hope to communities, families, children and Jesus' disciples in 2022 by supporting this year's America for Christ Offering.

We are collecting this offering during the month of March. There are special envelopes at the church. Thank you!

DID YOU KNOW?

Anyone may contribute articles for the monthly Messenger!

Have something to sell? Need something? Have a story to share?

Please email information to cerescobaptist@gmail.com.

Do you like to sing?

We would LOVE to have you sing a special song during a worship service!

There is a sign-up sheet on the table by the stairs. Pick a Sunday and share your love of music!

There is also a sign-up for flowers, Children's Time & Fellowship Sunday Refreshments.

March 2022

Sun		Mon		Tue		Wed		Thu		Fri		Sat	
27	Feb	28	Feb	1		2		3		4		5	
Fellowship Sunday						Ash Wednesday							
6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
		Boy Scouts				Martha Circle Meeting, 6 pm						Administrative Council Meeting, 9:00 am, Daylight Saving starts! Move clocks ahead 1 hour before bed tonight!	
13		14		15		16		17		18		19	
		Boy Scouts				Family Night Potluck, with Corned Beef Dinner! 6 pm		Happy St. Patrick's Day					
20		21		22		23		24		25		26	
Contemporary Sing at 6 pm		Boy Scouts											
27		28		29		30		31		1	April	2	April
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!		- - - - - Spring Break for Calhoun County Schools - - - - -											

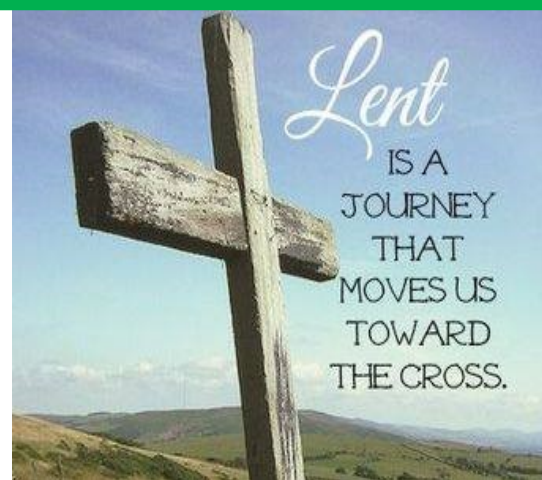
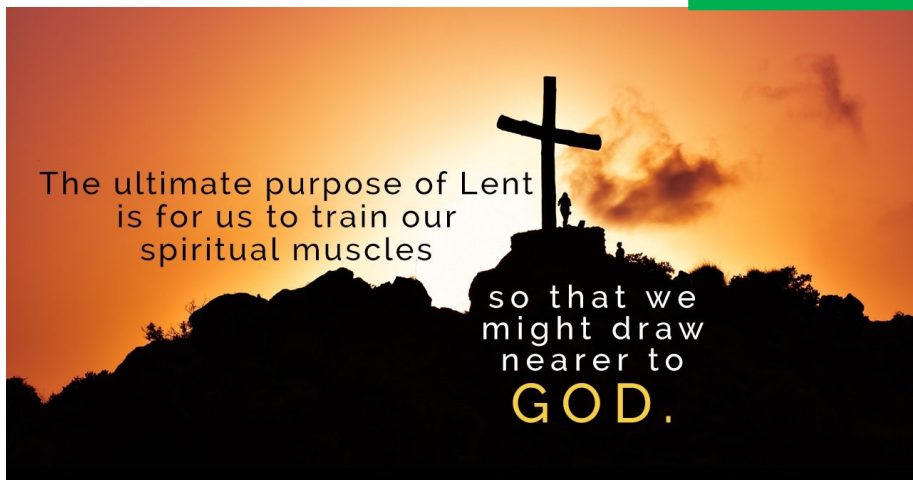


- Mar 11 Ruth St. John
- Mar 13 Lucas Finch
- Mar 15 Vi Halder
- Mar 15 Joanne Henley
- Mar 18 Pam Kirkland
- Mar 20 Deb Beltz
- Mar 22 Danny Sommers
- Mar 22 Stacy Sommers #1
- Mar 27 Sarah Collins
- Mar 29 Hainsley Casey
- Mar 29 Kenzie Babcock
- Apr 1 Emily Biljum
- Apr 6 Zane Ivey
- Apr 10 Jenny Markos
- Apr 13 Ruth Paschen
- Apr 14 Reed Goodman
- Apr 16 Darlene Anthony
- Apr 16 Charity Gary
- Apr 19 Don St. John
- Apr 24 Stacey Goodman
- Apr 30 Katherine (Anthony) Rogers

- Mar Michael Meng &
11 Angela Sommers
- Apr 4 Rick & Dawn Frey
- Apr 5 Roger & Joy Sommers

Flower Sign-Up
March 2022
3/6 - Open
3/13 - Henley
3/20 - Sommers
3/27 - Frey

Children's Time Sign-Up for March:
3/6 - Sommers
3/13 - Sommers
3/20 - Open
3/27 - Open



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