

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

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Dad's Hands

By Mary Fairchild

Most fathers don't realize the extent of their influence and how their godly behavior can make a lasting impression on their children. In this poem, a child focuses on her father's strong hands to illustrate his character and express how much he has meant to her life.

Dad's hands were king-size and strong.
With his hands, he built our home and fixed all the broken things.
Dad's hands gave generously, served humbly, and loved mom tenderly, unselfishly, completely, unendingly.
With his hand, Dad held me when I was small, steadied me when I stumbled, and guided me in the right direction.
When I needed help, I could always count on Dad's hands.
Sometimes Dad's hands corrected me, disciplined me, shielded me, rescued me.
Dad's hands protected me.
Dad's hand held mine when he walked me down the aisle. His hand gave me to my forever love, who, not surprisingly, is very much like Dad.
Dad's hands were the instruments of his great big, rugged-tender heart.
Dad's hands were strength.
Dad's hands were love.
With his hands he praised God.
And he prayed to the Father with those big hands.
Dad's hands. They were like Jesus' hands to me.

How many times does the Bible refer to God as Father?

The word "**Father**" appears 627 in the King James Bible. In the New Testament, Jesus and the Apostles refer to God as "**Father**" over 70 times.

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- **2 Corinthians 6:18:** "And I will be a father to you, and you shall be sons and daughters to me, says the Lord Almighty."
- **Psalms 103:13:** "As a father has compassion on his children, so the Lord has compassion on those who fear him."
- **1 Peter 4:8:** "Above all, love each other deeply, because love covers over a multitude of sins."

# June 2022

| Sun                                                             |  | Mon          |  | Tue |  | Wed                                                    |  | Thu                                |  | Fri                                     |  | Sat                                                                  |  |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------|--|--------------|--|-----|--|--------------------------------------------------------|--|------------------------------------|--|-----------------------------------------|--|----------------------------------------------------------------------|--|
| 29                                                              |  | 30           |  | 31  |  | 1                                                      |  | 2                                  |  | 3                                       |  | 4                                                                    |  |
|                                                                 |  | Memorial Day |  |     |  |                                                        |  |                                    |  |                                         |  |                                                                      |  |
| 5                                                               |  | 6            |  | 7   |  | 8                                                      |  | 9                                  |  | 10                                      |  | 11                                                                   |  |
| Communion Sunday                                                |  | Boy Scouts   |  |     |  | Martha Circle Family Picnic at 6 pm                    |  | Worship Ministry Team Meeting 4 pm |  | Educational Ministry Team Meeting 10 am |  | Quarterly Administrative Council Meeting at 9 am - open to everyone! |  |
| 12                                                              |  | 13           |  | 14  |  | 15                                                     |  | 16                                 |  | 17                                      |  | 18                                                                   |  |
| Graduate Sunday                                                 |  | Boy Scouts   |  |     |  | Family Night Potluck, 6 pm (last one until September!) |  |                                    |  |                                         |  |                                                                      |  |
| 19                                                              |  | 20           |  | 21  |  | 22                                                     |  | 23                                 |  | 24                                      |  | 25                                                                   |  |
| Father's Day                                                    |  | Boy Scouts   |  |     |  |                                                        |  |                                    |  |                                         |  | Dick Rivers' Funeral & Dinner                                        |  |
| 26                                                              |  | 27           |  | 28  |  | 29                                                     |  | 30                                 |  | Jul 1                                   |  | 2                                                                    |  |
| Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!<br><br>Contemporary Sing at 6 pm |  |              |  |     |  | Information for the July Messenger due today           |  |                                    |  |                                         |  |                                                                      |  |

**Accompaniment CDs  
Available to Check Out!**

I am donating all my performance CDs to the worship ministry team in hopes that anyone who would like to sing a solo/or duet may check any of them out to take home and practice. The first song on each one is the demo to practice with. Here are the names of the CDs provided:

- “ Only Jesus Can Satisfy Your Soul”
- “ Seeds”
- “Amazing Grace”
- “ Mary Knew “
- “ How Long Has It Been “
- “ His Name Is Wonderful “
- “ It Is No Secret”
- “ If That Isn’t Love “
- “ Sheltered in the Arms of God”
- “ Daddy’s Hands “
- “ No One Ever Cared For Me Like Jesus “
- “ Jesus Never Fails “
- “ He Looked Beyond My Fault “
- “ Because He Lives”
- “ When He Was On the Cross”
- “ The Old Rugged Cross “
- “ They Could Not “
- “ Whispering Hope “
- “Leaning On the Everlasting Arms”

May these CDs be used for His glory,

~ Joanne Henley



Congratulations to **Veronica Anthony**, graduating from Kellogg Community College with an Associates Degree in General Studies!

Congratulations to **Alex Goodman** who also graduated from KCC on May 12th with an Associates Degree in Nursing!

**One Great  
HOUR  
OF SHARING**

And now these three remain:  
faith, hope and **Love.**  
But the greatest of these is  
**Love.**

*1 Corinthians 13:13*

**One Great Hour of Sharing** is administered by the World Relief Committee of the Board of General Ministries of American Baptist Churches USA. The committee facilitates American Baptist emergency relief disaster rehabilitation, refugee work and development assistance.

We collect the **One Great Hour of Sharing Offering** during the months of May & June. We ask that if you want to honor or remember a family member or friend in the Mother’s Day Bulletin or the Father’s Day Bulletin, that you please donate to this special offering! There are special envelopes at the church, as well as the list / sign-up of names to be put in the bulletin.

## **Martha Circle Minutes May 11, 2022**

PRESENT: Ruth St. John, Vi Halder, Joyce Cary, Marcy Bonney, Sharon Hadley, Linda Chisholm, Dawn Frey, Darlene and Veronica Anthony, Joy Sommers

DEVOTIONS: Given by Dawn - Based on John 15:13 "The Meaning of Friendship". How to live our life for Jesus and center it around friendship.

F-fun loving, feeling of acceptance, faithful  
R-risk being real, understood, even misunderstood  
I-interested in the welfare of others, impartial  
E-expect the best of others, empathetic  
N-natural relationship, a wholesome acceptance of others, non-exclusive  
D-diplomatic, delightful to be with, durable in hard times  
S-sympathetic, supportive with prayer and help, stable  
H-helpful, hopeful, healing, happy  
I-interdependent by helping others  
P-patient, protective of reputation and confidence, pleasant to be with

SECRETARY REPORT: Given by Sharon: highlights of last meeting were given

TREASURER: Given by Joy - Beginning balance: \$358.94. After payments of : \$25.00 each to OGHS and AFCS, which had not been written yet but deducted-Love Gift check is written every quarter, Mother and Daughter luncheon purchases-\$19.49 to Gordon's, \$7.25 to Aunt Millie's, \$15.15 to Meijer, \$31.30 to Aldi's, the current available balance is \$213.81.

SUNSHINE: Given by Dawn in Sarah's absence-A total of (8) cards sent out. (2) Joanne, Joy, Pam and Ed, Christy P., Kathy Katz and family, Deb Miller, Helen Wieas

MISSIONS: Given by Marcy - OGHS is a global mission. International Ministries celebrating 208 years-Kathy and Wayne Niles are teaching hospitals hardware and software to manage financial and medical information.-Doctor Nester, who is associated with IM left a high paying job to become a missionary in El Salvador.- A report for MACS was given on their charity fund raisers. -May 14-Food drive held at the Marshall Post Office - July 29-Golf outing sponsored by the Marshall teachers - Aug.1 - Back packs with school supplies to be given out. - Samaritan's Purse send their aid to places of tragedies. They also set up make shift hospitals for pandemic areas. - Charitable Union would like help from those who can donate their time.

NEW BUSINESS: Sarah Collins posted a notice by the Post Office letting others know about our collecting for Safe Place and a woman delivered (4) bags of personal things for women to Sarah's door. - June 25-a memorial for Donna's brother, Dick Rivers

SCRIPTURE STUDY: Gen.2:18-24 and 3:20. A good study and discussion on Eve being the first ever woman, wife, and mother. She was also the first to have failures. Motherhood had never been done before. Lesson for us today: We are created in the image of God for fellowship and communion.

OLD BUSINESS: The annual Treasure sale will basically be same format as last year. Details to be in July Messenger. - We had (30) at the Mother and Daughter luncheon and a great report on the history of hats given by Sarah. - A beautiful flower basket was picked up by Joyce from the Circle and delivered to Pam and Ed. - Our annual picnic will be June 8 at the church at 6:00. This is for the Martha Circle families.

The meeting was closed in prayer by Dawn and then refreshments.

COLLECTIONS: Love Gift: \$25.00 - Devotional - \$31.40

Next Meeting, June 8 @ 6:00 - Picnic at the church

Submitted by Sharon Hadley, Secretary

For the next couple of months, the Martha Circle will be collecting new personal care items for SAFE Place. Feminine Personal Hygiene Items, Deodorant, Shampoo, Conditioner, Body Wash (Full Size) Brushes/Combs, Q-tips and Nail Care Kits are the suggested items. We will have a thirty-one bag to drop your items in.  
~ Thank you, Martha Circle



Jun 3 Reginald Matthews Jr  
 Jun 4 Linda Chisholm  
 Jul 9 Ed Kirkland  
 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

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



Jun 22 Ed & Pam Kirkland  
 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

**SAVE THE DATE**  
**ANNUAL CHURCH TREASURE SALE:**  
 Saturday, August 20th  
 Time for de-clutter!!!!  
 Save your unwanted items!!!



**Children's Time Sign-Up**

6/5 - Sommers  
 6/12 - OPEN  
 6/19 - OPEN  
 6/26 - OPEN

**Flower Sign-Up**

6/5—OPEN  
 6/12-OPEN  
 6/19-Sommers  
 6/26-OPEN



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