

Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

January 2023 - Happy New Year!

From Pastor Mary . . .

Happy New Year! I pray God's bountiful blessings over each of you in this new year. We just thank God for His faithfulness in our lives. I pray that God will bless the activities of our hands and hearts as we look for ways to grow spiritually individually and collectively.

6 WEEK BIBLE STUDY

Just a reminder that last year during our planning session, we identified several events that we thought would be beneficial to the Ceresco family and the surrounding communities. One of those ideas was a virtual Bible Study via Zoom.

Well, on Thursdays beginning on February 2 and ending on March 9, we will have a six-week Bible Study course entitled, "Dear God, I Have a Question?" via Zoom. The sessions will be an hour from 6 to 7pm. I will share a Zoom link closer to February 2. The sessions are:

<u>DATE</u>	<u>TITLE</u>
Feb 2	Does It Really Matter What I Truth Believe?
Feb 9	Are Miracles Relevant?
Feb 16	Why Do We Suffer?
Feb 23	Is Jesus the Only Way to God?
March 2	Won't All People Ultimately Go to Heaven?
March 9	Is Hell Real?

This 6-week Bible Study is not intended to replace or impact Wednesday morning in-person Bible Study classes taught by Gretchen King in any way. It is intended to offer an alternative to those who may be unable to attend the Wednesday classes.

Feel free to share the schedule and the Zoom Link once you receive it. Look for updates in the weekly worship bulletin.

THEME FOR THE MONTH OF FEBRUARY: LOVE NEVER FAILS!

During the month of February, our time of worship will focus on acts of love. We will purposefully look for ways to show acts of love and affirm one another and those we encounter each day. Our Theme is Love Never Fails! 1 Corinthians 13:8 Each week, we will have a different focus.

- Week 1 - Engage in intentional acts of kindness to a stranger
- Week 2 - Affirm someone outside the church with kind words or a scripture
- Week 3 - Call and/or send cards to people on our prayer list
- Week 4 - Create Valentine Boxes for each Ceresco family

More details to come!

Flower Sign-Up

January 2023

1/1 - Open

1/8 - Joy

1/15 - Open

1/22 - Open

1/29 - Open

Children's Time Sign-Up

January 2023

1/1 - Marcy

1/8 - Joy

1/15 - Open

1/22 - Joy

1/29 - Open

Youth Christmas Party on Dec. 3, 2022 - "Joy to the World"



DESERT HEAT

Solution next month!

ACROSS

1. "Now _____ was tending the flock of Jethro his father-in-law...and he...came to Horeb, the mountain of God." (Exodus 3:1 NIV)
6. Abbr. in a birth announcement
9. "Are not!" retort
14. Call _____ to (stop)
15. Info in a Who's Who listing
16. Small songbirds
17. Anglican church official
18. Wildebeest whose name sounds like he just arrived at the savannah
19. Venmo, Zelle, bitcoin, etc.
20. "Do not come any closer," God said. "Take off your sandals, for the place where you are standing is _____." (Exodus 3:5 NIV)
23. Little white lie
26. Singer of "How Do You Solve a Problem Like Maria?" in "The Sound of Music"
27. "_____ and the Electric Mayhem": House band on "The Muppet Show", featuring Animal on drums
30. Like a medium-sized omelet
32. "____ wise guy, eh?"
33. Jacob's hairy twin
34. The Oxford one — like the one in this clue — is considered to be a sign of class, taste, and good punctuation
35. San Andreas _____ (root cause of many Southern California earthquakes)
37. Inexperienced reporter
38. The "strange sight" of Exodus 3:2-3, from which "the angel of the LORD" appeared to 1-Across, calling him by name
41. Now-defunct league where Julius ("Dr. J") Erving started his career, with the Virginia Squires: Abbr.
43. Great glee
44. The Phantom's rival for Christine's affections, in "The Phantom of the Opera"
47. Salon treatment
49. Non-profit's TV spot, for short
50. Catch some Z's
51. British soldier, in the Revolutionary War
53. Solidify, as Jell-O
54. Exciting, in modern lingo [which sort of applies to 1-Across's experience with the 38-Across!]
55. "And [1-Across] said unto God, 'Behold, when I come unto the children of Israel and shall say unto them, 'The God of your fathers hath sent me unto you'; and they shall say to me, 'What is his name?' what shall I say unto them?' And God said unto [1-Across], _____." (Exodus 3:13-14a KJV)
58. Material for Elvis' blue shoes
60. Tool for Paul Bunyan
61. Idaho's state capital, whose name comes from the French for "wooded area"
65. "But [1-Across] said, 'Pardon your servant, Lord. Please send someone else.' Then the LORD's anger burned against [1-Across] and he said, 'What about your brother, _____ the Levite?'" (Exodus 4:13-14a NIV)

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66. "Dancing With the Stars" Judge Goodman
67. Center (of power)
68. Mexican moolah
69. Cheery spokeswoman in Progressive Insurance ads
70. "So now, go. I am sending you to Pharaoh to bring my people the Israelites out of _____." (Exodus 3:10 NIV)

DOWN

1. Dallas basketball player, for short (e.g., Dirk Nowitzki or Luka Dončić)
2. "____ get it now!"
3. Cul-de-_____
4. Biblical valley where David killed Goliath
5. "...with your _____ you scattered your enemies" (Psalm 89:10b NIV)
6. Maternity ward doc, for short
7. Zest; zeal
8. Bread that requires a bacterial "starter", like *Fructilactobacillus sanfranciscensis*
9. Native Alaskan
10. Actor Patrick of "The Avengers" (the 1960's TV show, not the Marvel movie)
11. Where to learn a vocation
12. Signs off on
13. _____ Kosh B'Gosh
21. Kind of car nut
22. Toothbrush or floss brand
23. US consumer watchdog, for short
24. 2006 Clint Eastwood film: "Letters from _____ Jima"

25. Airmen from WWII-era craft like B-17's and B-24's
28. Greek letter after sigma
29. Atlanta for Delta Airlines, e.g.
31. Bird in Liberty Mutual insurance ads
32. December mall attraction
35. At the end of this in Super Bowl LI, the Atlanta Falcons led the New England Patriots, 21-3
36. Device for playing oldschool vinyl records
39. Lightly bite, like a playful pup
40. _____ Paulo, Brazil
41. Busy time at the IRS: Abbr.
42. "Busy" insect
45. Rapid-fire Israeli gun
46. Give the go-ahead
48. Basketball Hall-of-Famer Bob, 1975 MVP and #1 pick in the 41-Across draft in 1972
50. Six, in Italy
52. Superstitious signs
53. Old office worker, who took dictation
56. Skating leap
57. Synthesizer innovator Bob
58. Maple syrup source
59. Abu Dhabi's land: Abbr.
62. Treacherous, as winter roads
63. "Behold, I stand at the door, and knock: if any man hear my voice, and open the door, I will come in to him, and will _____ with him, and he with me." (Revelation 3:30 KJV)
64. Winter clock setting in Jamestown, NY

January 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7 Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
Communion Sunday, Deacon Offering Sunday						
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
Take down the Christmas decorations	Boy Scouts				Educational Ministry Team Meeting 10 am	
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
	Martin L. King Day Boy Scouts		Family Night Potluck 6 pm			
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
	Boy Scouts		Articles for the Feb 2023 Messenger are due by noon!			
29	30	31	1	2	3	4
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!	Boy Scouts		Feb-23			



HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Jan 1 Michael Meng
- Jan 2 Elise Rae Lopshire #1
- Jan 4 Avery Goodman
- Jan 13 Bob Beltz
- Jan 18 Brian Gary
- Jan 25 Emily Ivey
- Jan 28 Harlynn Casey
- Feb 4 Nicole Thomas
- Feb 17 Carlton Anthony
- Feb 18 Glen Cary
- Feb 25 Kelcie Collins
- Feb 26 Gretchen King



Jan 3 John & Ruth Paschen, 1959

Annual Reports for 2022 are due to the Church Clerk by January 30, 2023.

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

cerescobaptist@gmail.com

Thank you!

Thank you



Just a note of thanks to each of you for the wonderful gifts you shared with us this Christmas season. I appreciate everything you do. It is a privilege and honor to serve such a wonderful congregation. I look forward to the New Year and all the wonderful things that we can do together for the body of Christ. - Pastor Mary

"Thank you to everyone for your encouragement and remembrance. It is a pleasure to serve our Lord on Sunday mornings at the organ. Your kind words have been appreciated as well. Also, thank you to Pastor Mary for the Christmas gift. As we walk with our Lord and Savior, may everyone have a Blest 2023." Thank you.
- Mary Ivey

Thank you to the Church Family & Pastor Mary for the monetary gift and Christmas gift. I really enjoy helping out with the worship service each week! Also, thank you to Veronica Anthony for filling in for me when needed, and to Darlene Anthony for recording the Sunday sermons for me. May God Bless You in 2023!
- Joy Sommers

Thank you to the Church family for the Christmas remembrance. It was very thoughtful. We enjoy being able to help out with the Sunday worship services. - Darlene & Veronica Anthony



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