

# Ceresco Baptist Church ~ The Ceresco Messenger

## February 2023 - "God Is Love!"

### **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.

Theme for the month of February: LOVE NEVER FAILS

Week 1 (2/5/23): **GOD IS LOVE** - 1 John 4: 7-12

- Perform an intentional act of kindness for a stranger
- o Be a Good Samaritan
- o Come to someone's aid
- o Pay for coffee
- o Load groceries

Week 2 (2/12/23): **LOVE IS THE SECRET SAUCE** - John 13:34-35

- Make an effort to affirm someone outside of the church
- Hand out a card with words of encouragement or scripture on them

Week 3 (2/19/23): **LOVING THE BLENDED FAMILY** - 1 Peter 4:8

- Call or send cards to people in your family expressing how much you love them and/or to someone on the CBC prayer list

Week 4 (2/26/23): **THE POWER OF LOVE** - 1 Corinthians 13:1-8

- Contribute to a valentine box for each CBC family. Put in a note or card, or whatever you would like to give that family

**Challenge for the first week of February** - We have red paper hearts available. Each person is asked to take a heart, write their intentional act(s) of kindness...or misses on the heart. Bring the heart back next Sunday, put it in the collection plate and take a new heart for the second week focus. Then during the week, the Worship Ministry Team will tape them to the inside of the front doors for the world to see (can be anonymous). Hopefully by the end of the month, the front doors will be full of hearts. You can write multiple acts on one heart or take more than one heart.

## Flower Sign-Up February 2023

2/5/23 - OPEN

2/12/23 - Bonney

2/19/23 - OPEN

2/26/23 - OPEN

## Children's Time Sign-Up February 2023

2/5/23 - Hadley

2/12/23 - Sommers

2/19/23 - OPEN

2/26/23 - Sommers

**Fellowship Refreshments Feb. 26th - Marcy B & Becky W**

### Do We Really Need One Another?

“The human body has many parts, but the many parts make up one whole body. So it is with the body of Christ. Some of us are Jews, some are Gentiles, some are slaves, and some are free. But we have all been baptized into one body by one Spirit, and we all share the same Spirit.”

1 Corinthians 12:12-13

As believers, we are called to worship and serve God. Where and how we serve is based upon our talents, skills, and calling. But we are all expected to give of ourselves in the local church. When you were saved, God baptized you by the Holy Spirit into His church. You then chose, in accordance with the Lord's will, to become part of a group of believers. He placed you there because He knows that you are needed (1 Corinthians 12:18). You are significant to your home church.

The church is more than a community. It's an interdependent body with individual members who were created by God to function in communion with one another. Christians, like the world at large, are a diverse group, so we won't always agree with each other. That means we have to pursue unity. But our differences are actually something to be celebrated, because each person uniquely contributes to God's purpose. A church that is truly operating as a unit - with all its varied gifts, talents, personalities, and intellects aimed toward kingdom goals - must be a beautiful sight from the Lord's perspective.

Christianity isn't a spectator religion. We all have jobs to do in God's kingdom. The body of Christ functions best and most beautifully when all members serve God and each other to the best of their ability (v. 25). How are you serving your church?

(From In Touch devotion - Saturday, January 28, 2023)

## Solution to last month's crossword!

### DESERT HEAT

1	M	2	O	3	S	4	E	5	S	6	O	7	Z	8	S	9	A	10	M	11	T	12	O	13	O
14	A	H	A	L	T					15	B	I	O			16	L	A	R	K	S				
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68	P	E	S	O	S					69	F	L	O			70	E	G	Y	P	T				

We hope you enjoyed doing the crossword in last month's Messenger!

We will put puzzles of some kind in the Messenger of and on throughout the year.

Viviana Anthony is attending the **Michigan Youth Challenge Academy** through June. She is allowed to have letters or cards sent to her (NO CARE Packages):

Michigan Youth Challenge Academy  
Attn: Anthony, Viviana, 1st Platoon  
5500 Armstrong Rd, Bldg 13  
Battle Creek, MI 49037-7193

There are pre-addressed, stamped envelopes available at the church if you'd like to write her a letter. She would appreciate the encouragement! Thank you!



**Save the Date! May 6, 2023 from 9:00 am to 3:00 pm**

## **Spring Craft Show**

**Ceresco Baptist Church, inside & out**

**Space Rental is \$25.00 per spot**

**If you know of a crafter that would be interested please let Sarah Collins or Dawn Frey know and they will get a sign-up form to them.**



# HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

- Feb 2 Cruz Garcia-Wilkens
- Feb 4 Nicole Thomas
- Feb 17 Carlton Anthony
- Feb 18 Glen Cary
- Feb 25 Kelcie Collins
- Feb 26 Gretchen King
  
- Mar 11 Ruth St. John
- Mar 13 Lucas Finch
- Mar 15 Vi Halder
- Mar 15 Joanne Henley
- Mar 17 Kalab Gary
- Mar 18 Pam Kirkland
- Mar 20 Deb Beltz
- Mar 22 Danny Sommers
- Mar 22 Stacy Sommers #2
- Mar 27 Sarah Collins
- Mar 29 Hainsley Casey
- Mar 29 Kenzie Babcock

# Happy Anniversary

Mar 11 Michael Meng & Angela Sommers

**Email Pastor with questions:**

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**Our Family Night Potluck** is always the third Wednesday of the month at 6 pm.

For February, please wear red or pink and bring a valentine for each person!

Bring your own table service and a passing dish. Please feel free to invite family and friends even if they don't attend church.

This is a great time of fellowship and always lots of good food!

## Virtual Bible Study has started!

There will be a session every Thursday from February 2, through March 9, 2023

Join Zoom Meeting using the link below

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/83601145669?pwd=S1FGMm5MKzVKV3R2L1R5UUN3Qnhqdz09>

Meeting ID: 836 0114 5669

Passcode: 040909

## Men's Breakfasts!

The first Saturday of every month at 8 am is "The Men's Breakfast" prepared by Rick Frey and Roger Sommers. Most always you'll find farm fresh eggs, biscuits and gravy, and whatever else they may throw in the skillet. The conversation is contributed by all the guys and just like the food ——— there is plenty!

See ya there the first Saturday of each month!



Open to ALL ABC-MI Churches

HERE AM I.  
*Send Me!*

## 2023 PUERTO RICO MISSION TRIP



*July 15-22, 2023*

Do you have a servants heart...? This trip could be for you! General construction, clean up, and rebuild from the hurricanes and flooding that occurred the last few years. Community Outreach. Do you have a servants heart and want to spread the love of Christ to those around the world? This could be the trip for you!

\*Everyone is welcome no matter your experience.



*Cost- \$975 per person*

Cost includes airfare, lodging, meals and transportation in Puerto Rico.

**\$100 non-refundable deposit due by April 15, 2023.**  
Balance due by June 1, 2023.



*Host Church-  
FBC of Rio Piedras*

How do you see yourself serving? Through music? Children and/or elderly ministry? What about building things or teaching others? Bring your skills and passions to help those in Puerto Rico. The team's projects and activities will depend on the experience and talents of those who sign up for the mission trip.



Anyone interested in joining the 2023 Puerto Rico Mission Team should contact ABC-MI Region Mission Consultant Lynne Punnett.

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# February 2023

<b>Sunday</b>		<b>Mon.</b>	<b>Tue.</b>	<b>Wed.</b>	<b>Thu.</b>	<b>Fri.</b>	<b>Saturday</b>	
29		30	31	<b>1</b> Bible Study 10 am	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b> Men's Break- fast 8:00 am	
<b>5</b>	<b>Communion Sunday</b>	<b>6</b> Boy Scouts	<b>7</b> Relay for Life Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>8</b> Bible Study 10 am  Martha Circle 6 pm	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	
<b>12</b>		<b>13</b> Boy Scouts	<b>14</b> Valentine's Day  <b>GOD LOVES YOU!</b>	<b>15</b> <sup>1</sup> Bible Study 10 am  Family Night Potluck 6 pm	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	
<b>19</b>		<b>20</b> Boy Scouts	<b>21</b> Relay for Life Meeting 6:30 pm	<b>22</b> Bible Study 10 am  Ash Wednesday	<b>23</b>  <b>Articles for the Mar 2023 Messenger are due by noon!</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	
<b>26</b>	<b>Fellowship Sunday &amp; Bake Sale!</b>	<b>27</b> Boy Scouts	<b>28</b>	1 Mar 23 Bible Study 10 am	2	3	4	

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