

Ceresco Baptist Church

The Ceresco Messenger - May 2023

A Mother's Love

*A Mother's love is something
that no one can explain,
It is made of deep devotion
and of sacrifice and pain,
It is endless and unselfish
and enduring come what may
For nothing can destroy it
or take that love away . . .
It is patient and forgiving
when all others are forsaking,
And it never fails or falters
even though the heart is breaking . . .
It believes beyond believing
when the world around condemns,
And it glows with all the beauty
of the rarest, brightest gems . . .
It is far beyond defining,
it defies all explanation,
And it still remains a secret
like the mysteries of creation . . .
A many splendored miracle
man cannot understand
And another wondrous evidence
of God's tender guiding hand.*

—HELEN STEINER RICE

MOTHER'S DAY

A Mother loves right from the start.
She holds her baby close to her heart.
The bond that grows will never falter.
Her love is so strong it will never alter.
A Mother gives never ending Love.
She never feels that she has given enough.
For you she will always do her best.
Constantly working, there's no time to rest.
A Mother is there when things go wrong.
A hug and a kiss to help us along.
Always there when we need her near.
Gently wipes our eyes when we shed a tear.
So on this day shower your Mother with Love.
Gifts and presents are nice but that is not enough.
Give your Mother a day to have some peace of mind.
Be gentle, be good, be helpful, be kind.
Happy Mothers Day

By Carol Matthews

Mother's Day Blessings . . .

Just as God gives to each rose a gentle touch of dew,
And gives unto each evening sky the lovely sunset's hue,
So may He give to you from His enduring love,
Great happiness and heart's content and blessings from
above.

Happy Mother's Day!



Flower Sign-Up

5/7/2023 - Sommers

5/14/2023 - OPEN

5/21/2023 - OPEN

5/28/2023 - OPEN

Children's Time Sign-Up

5/7/2023 - Sommers

5/14/2023 - OPEN

5/21/2023 - Sommers

5/28/2023 - OPEN

Fellowship Refreshments May 28 - OPEN

THANK GOD FOR MOTHER'S LOVE

There is no love, like a mother's love,
no stronger bond on earth...
like the precious bond that comes from God,
to a mother, when she gives birth.
A mother's love is forever strong,
never changing for all time...
and when her children need her most,
a mother's love will shine.
God bless these special mothers,
God bless them every one...
for all the tears and heartache,
and for the special work they've done.
When her days on earth are over,
a mother's love lives on...
through many generations,
with God's blessings on each one.
Be thankful for our mothers,
for they love with a higher love...
from the power God has given,
and the strength from up above.

- Anonymous

A Mother's Love

By Calvin M Lake

A Mother's love, a Mother's care,
A Mother's sigh, a Mother's prayer
A Mother's work, and Mother's day,
Leaves little time for any play.
A Godly Mother with Godly love,
Is treasure from God above,
A Godly Mother with Godly care,
Has God's help
when she sighs a prayer.



2023 Calhoun County Senior Expo



MAY 18, 2023 ~ 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM
KELLOGG ARENA, BATTLE CREEK

Attention Older Adults & Caregivers!

Please attend the **Calhoun County Senior Expo** featuring local businesses and services of special interest to older adults, age 60 & over, their families and caregivers. Free parking in the adjoining parking structure, health screenings and vaccinations available, demonstrations, interactive displays, raffles & giveaways, free coffee, and a free lunch. Rides can be arranged through Community Action Senior Transportation by calling 800-994-9776. For more information, call 269-781-0846 or email:

seniormillage@calhouncountymi.gov



We are collecting the One Great Hour of Sharing Offering during May & June. If you want to honor or remember someone for the Mother's Day or Father's Day bulletin insert, please make a donation to the OGHs offering. The signup sheets are at the church. Please make sure your information is correct. Thank you!

In Galatians, the Apostle Paul encourages followers of Jesus to generously help and care for others. Though there is great need in the world and we can grow weary because we do not know how to help, God's Spirit energizes and re-energizes us in every season.

We can make a difference. We do make a difference. Your generosity makes all the difference. Your gifts to One Great Hour of Sharing provide immediate aid and long-term support to people experiencing hunger, thirst, disaster, or crisis around the world.

The need has never been greater. The opportunity is now. **It's time to share.**





Viviana Anthony is enrolled in the MYCA (Michigan Youth Challenge Academy) run by the Air National Guard at the VA in Fort Custer, Battle Creek.

She went in on January 15, 2023, and has ranked up to Corporal. Viviana has been a temporary platoon leader and is applying to be a full time platoon leader. Viviana will complete the program on June 17, 2023, and will come out with her High School Diploma. Way to go, Viviana, a year early!

The MYCA is participating in a Tri State competition in Indiana this week. Last year the MYCA took 1st place. Viviana will be competing in basketball, volleyball, and track.

Viviana is allowed to get letters and cards (no care packages). There are pre-addressed, stamped envelopes available at the church. Or you can use your own envelope, addressed as follows:

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

**May
6th**

**9am
to
3pm**

Saint Samuel's Food Truck
will have breakfast tacos,
hot dogs, hamburgers, etc.



Craft & Vendor Show – including:

Woodworking/metal art, repurposed pallets, bird houses, fused glass, stoneware, pottery, signs, tumblers, hand painted canvas, slate welcome signs, permanent jewelry, vases, machine embroidered items and purses, cards, jewelry, flowers, children's aprons & adult aprons, L'BRI, Tupperware, and a Local Author's Books



- May 3 Valerie Kibby
- May 3 Stephen Phelps
- May 5 Jayme Biljum
- May 5 Alex Finch
- May 6 Jared Babcock
- May 15 Marcy Bonney
- May 15 Chrissy Wilkens
- May 17 Kalab Gary
- May 19 Heather Casey
- May 24 Patricia "Trish" Ivey
- May 25 Diane Biljum
- May 25 Melissa Boysen
- May 26 Shawn Skinner
- May 27 Oak D Wasielewski #1
- Jun 3 Reginald Matthews Jr
- Jun 4 Linda Chisholm
- Jul 9 Ed Kirkland
- Jun 10 Bud Halder
- Jun 12 Joshua Ivey
- Jun 15 Krista Lopshire
- Jun 17 Kyle Gary
- Jun 17 Sally Beltz
- Jun 17 Barbara Gary
- Jun 18 Sally Slayton
- Jun 21 Angela Sommers
- Jun 25 Dan Johnston
- Jun 26 James Anthony
- Jun 28 Hailey Shepherd

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

For our May Family Night Potluck
please bring a picture of your
mom to show off!

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!



- May 2 Scott & Melissa Boysen
- May 6 Craig & Nicole Thomas
- May 21 Jason & Emily Ivey
- Jun 22 Ed & Pam Kirkland
- Jun 26 Justin & Heather Casey

Men's Breakfast! May DATE CHANGE: May 13, 2023

"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 cook up.
The conversation is contributed by all the guys and just like the food, there is plenty!

Present: Dawn Frey-Sarah Collins-Sharon Hadley-Joanne Henley-Linda Chisholm-Gretchen King-Marcy Bonny-Pastor Mary-Joy Sommers-Darlene Anthony-Veronica Anthony

Devotions: Given by Darlene: "Because God I Can" Psalms 115:1. When we pray to God we glorify His name and how God intervenes.

Secretary: Given by Sharon: Thirteen present at last meeting. Discussed upcoming craft show. Will further discuss the plans for Mother and Daughter banquet at the May meeting. Confirmed the "Treasure Sale" date for August 19. Gretchen stepped down as Vice President and Darlene filled the spot.

Treasurer: Given by Joy: Beginning balance-\$1535.11-March devotions \$17.20, craft show \$350.00, March bake sale \$25.00, Stamps for Sunshine-\$63.00, April devotions \$19.50. Balance \$1883.81,

Missions: Given by Marcy: International Ministries Medical Residency Program in Congo making a difference serving remote hospital. Continuing work in Thailand supporting minority families and children with poverty, drug addiction and trauma. Next meeting for MACS on April 13. Will have election of officers.

Sunshine: Given by Sarah: Birthday cards sent (16). Get well, thinking of you and sympathy (8).

Old Business: At this time we have 20 vendors with a few more possibles. Heather Casey has secured a food truck for us "Saint Samuels" which will have breakfast tacos, hot dogs, hamburgs, etc. Joy will advertise in the Advisor and Shoppers two weeks prior to sale and advertise as craft and vendor show. We have Tupperware, Stoneware, jewelry etc. coming. Pastor Mary will contact the Newton church to put in their bulletin. Sharon will make signs to be put at the church and Sarah will make signs to be distributed around. For Friday night set-up Dawn, Marcy, and Sharon will be present. Clean up on Saturday will be Dawn, Darlene, Sharon, and whoever else can help. There will be no "Men's Breakfast" on May 6. It will be Saturday morning May 13. The Mother and Daughter Banquet will be Saturday, May 13 at 12:00 with chicken salad croissants, made by Rick Frey, and we all will bring passing dishes. Theme will be formal dress of choice. Wedding dress of gone by days was suggested.

Old Business: It was suggested by Sarah to get age appropriate Bibles for those getting baptized and be funded by the Martha Circle. Motion made by Gretchen and seconded by Marcy. Sarah will order them from Amazon and have their names written in calligraphy by Mary Ivey. They will be the NIV version and hard back and here for the baptism on Sunday.

Devotions: Given by Dawn. Based on 1 Thessalonians 5: 16-24. Theme was rejoice, pray, and be thankful. Whatever comes your way -don't quench the Spirit.

Collections: Love gift \$24.07. Devotions \$19.50

Meeting ended with prayer by Dawn and everyone headed for refreshments.

Next meeting: May 10-Hostess Dawn

Submitted by Secretary, Sharon Hadley

Mother/Daughter Potluck - May 13th, 12 pm

Theme: Vintage Wedding or Formal Dresses

Food Provided: Chicken Salad Croissants and Beverages

Please bring a passing dish.

The men will serve and do the clean-up!

May 2023

Sunday	Mon.	Tue.	Wed.	Thu.	Fri.	Saturday
30	1	2	3	4	5	6
OGHS Offering now through June		Margie Cole Visitation 10:30 am & noon Funeral	Bible Study 10 am			
		Relay for Life Meeting 6:30 pm				
7	8	9	10	11	12	13
Communion Sunday	Boy Scouts		Bible Study 10 am			Men's Breakfast 8:00 am
			Martha Circle 6:00 pm			Mother & Daughter Potluck @ noon
14	15	16	17	18	19	20
Mother's Day	Boy Scouts		Bible Study 10 am			
		Relay for Life Meeting 6:30 pm	Family Night Potluck 6 pm			
21	22	23	24	25	26	27
	Boy Scouts		Bible Study 10 am	Articles for the June 2023 Messenger are due by noon!		
28	29	30	31	6/1	6/2	6/3
Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale!	Memorial Day		Bible Study 10 am			Men's Breakfast 8 am

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HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY

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

1 Corinthians 13:13