

## Ceresco Baptist Church

### The Ceresco Messenger - August 2023

On July 9th we welcomed three new members to the church!

**Veronica Anthony, Carlton Anthony and Kelcie Collins**

were extended the Right Hand of Fellowship!



## He's Got the Whole World in His Hands

Daniel 2:20-22

How many of us have listened to the news and wondered, *What in the world is going on?* Without a firm foundation of biblical truth, we can easily be overcome with fear and despair. Thankfully, though, Christians can find peace in the knowledge that our God is sovereign over every nation and ruler on earth.

An omnipotent hand is orchestrating a good and glorious plan: the Lord is the one who “removes kings and establishes kings” (Daniel 2:20). Nothing that the Lord does is carried out in isolation. He’s working all things according to His divine plan. We tend to think that a ruler has to be righteous for God to use Him, but Proverbs 21:1 tells us that the Lord can direct the heart of any national leader wherever He wishes. In fact, He describes two pagan kings - Nebuchadnezzar and Cyrus - as “My servant” (Jeremiah 25:9) and “My shepherd” (Isaiah 44:28). Unbeknownst to them, God guided their paths to fulfill His purposes for Israel.

The Lord’s plans for this world are moving along according to His divine purposes, and no unrighteous ruler can thwart Him. Just remember, “He’s got the whole world in His hands.”

(July 30, 2023 Dr. Charles Stanley *In Touch* devotional.)

### Flower Sign-Up

8/6 - OPEN

8/13 - Sommers

8/20 - Matthews

8/27 - OPEN

### Children’s Time Sign-Up

8/6 - Sommers

8/13 - OPEN

8/20 - Sommers

8/27 - OPEN

**Fellowship Sunday Refreshments, Aug. 27th - Veronica Anthony**

Marshall Area Community Services is doing their Annual Back to School Backpacks. The distribution dates have been set for August 7th, 8th and 9th.

There is now a wish list for this project on Amazon. If you would like to help out, scan this QR code!



## Ceresco Baptist Church - Administrative Council

MINUTES – June 10, 2023

### Quarterly Meeting

**Present:** Pastor Mary, Bob Beltz, Gretchen King, Linda Chisholm, Joanne Henley, Sarah Collins, Mary Ivey, Veronica Anthony, Roger & Joy Sommers. [Quorum met]

**Devotion** – Roger Sommers – “Start Immediately!” Colossians 3:23-24 We have been tasked to care for God’s creation.

#### **Treasurer's Report** - Mary Ivey

1. Insurance costs have increased, so we’re a little over budget on that. Overall doing about the same as we were at this point last year.
2. Reports discussed.

#### **Pastor's Report** – Pastor Mary

1. Report was attached to agenda

#### **Worship Ministry Team** – Mary Ivey:

1. Hymn selection for May/June is Sharon
2. June 11 – Graduate Sunday
3. June 18 – Father’s Day – Sharon selecting gift, Veronica/Joy planning tribute
4. June 25 – Pulpit Supply –
5. John & Kate Denner scheduled for Aug 27.
6. The Helmsmen are scheduled for Oct 15. One of the members was with the St Joe River Boys.
7. Request – include the full service on YouTube – will have to see what can be done.
8. Next meeting is June 14<sup>th</sup> at 5 pm.

#### **Property Management Ministry Team** - Bob Beltz

1. April - Oiled front door latch
2. May - Weed control in gravel parking lot, Removed stump, Replaced bulb in chandelier
3. Somebody took three of the shrubs in front of the church.
4. Defibrillator for the church – still looking into options.
5. Sarah had contacted Red Cross about First Aid, CPR, AED, 10 people training is \$1,548.
6. Sign for extra parking lot is covered with poison ivy, hard to read. Bob will take care of it.

#### **Deacon Ministry Team** – Roger Sommers

1. Next Deacon Fund Offering will be July 2, 2023
2. Looking for another deacon member
3. Meet quarterly, in addition to Sundays before the service
4. Let the Deacons know if anyone needs emergency help

#### **Educational Ministry Team** – Sarah Collins/Veronica Anthony

1. New Sunday School materials needed for youth classes
2. VBS Day on July 19. “Goliath – Overcoming Your Giants” Will need volunteers! Contact Veronica at 269-213-7052 if interested in helping. Currently have no volunteers. Would like to know by July 2 about how many kids will be in attendance. Age group 3 to 15.
3. Might do a Youth Event at Quality Camping during Holy Week (July 31-Aug 6).
4. Graduate Sunday tomorrow – gifts have been purchased.
5. Next meeting is June 30 at 10 am.

#### **MACS/CBC** - Joy Sommers

1. Next meeting is September 7.
2. Joy Sommers is the new secretary.

#### **New Business/Open Items:**

1. Need to put parking lot gate out for the summer months.
2. American Baptist Women’s West Area Fall Fling here at Ceresco Baptist on September 23.
- 3.

Next quarterly meeting is Saturday, September 9, 2023 at 9 am. Suggested that we change the time to have it be a picnic, for the annual meeting.

Meeting closed in prayer by Pastor Mary at 9:57 am.



This was Ben's 20th Birthday on 7/10/23

A "Fairy godmother" on base delivered balloons and his favorite meal for me for his birthday and took pictures - I just wanted to share an update for church family :)  
Thank you



In early July I was lucky enough to spend several days at **Camp Electric** - a summer camp for growing musicians with a passion for music and God. For four days, me and hundreds of other high school students spent the night at Trevecca University, a Christian college in Nashville, Tennessee. Most of our time was spent being coached by professionals and artists in the music industry with an overall focus on how our skills can be used to further our talents and our faith. Overall, it was an exhilarating experience and I cannot wait to go again next year. - Nathan Markos



**John & Kate Denner & Family** will provide a musical worship service on Sunday, August 27th. Be sure to join us! We will collect a Love Gift Offering for them.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 27, 2023 AT 2 PM

**Deb Miller's SURPRISE 70th Birthday Party**  
Countryside Venue & Events

A surprise 70th Birthday Party for Deb Miller. If you want to be a part of her "Surprise" please be at the venue by 2:00pm. We will have Deb arriving just after 2:00pm. If you have any questions, please reach out to **Tammy at 269-425-5753 or Shelly at 269-209-7459**. Food & Beverages will be served.  
**Please RSVP by 8/19/2023** Hope to see you there!

## **Martha Circle Minutes, July 12, 2023 / Hostess Joy Sommers**

Present: Dawn Frey - Sharon Hadley - Joy Sommers - Darlene Anthony - Veronica Anthony - Vi Halder - Ruth St. John - Sarah Collins - Marcy Bonny - Linda Chisholm

Devotions: Given by Joy: Writing from Karen Isabell . Staying in touch with Jesus when your days and hands are full with Motherhood and responsibilities.

Collections: Devotions \$19. Love Gift \$18

Secretaries Report: Given by Sharon: Picnic held in June was enjoyable and well attended. There was no meeting just lots of food.

Treasurer Report: Given by Joy: July beginning balance \$1747.73. Expense for Mother and Daughter banquet \$38.78.

Missions: Given by Marcy: Katherine and Wayne Niles: Participated in debriefing with newer global servant couples. Anita and Rick Gutierrez: Looking for interested church groups to make dome covers for their tree nursery and meeting domes in South Africa. They would supply the material. Samaritan's Purse: Replacing approximately 500 houses for survivors in a 100 mile radius of Mississippi from spring tornado. Rescue of Ukrainian families from Dnieper River floods with 20 tons of emergency supplies.

Sunshine Report: Given by Sarah: Several cards sent out

Old Business: The Mother and Daughter luncheon was a good time with lots of conversation and sharing. We are holding off on the bake sales until September. Motion was made by Dawn to use the money made from the bake sales for a mission project for the Isaiah 1:17 house which is a transition house for foster kids. Seconded by Marcy. Much has been collected already for the Treasure Sale. There will be a work day Saturday, August 12 from 9:00 to 1:00. The ladies at Newton Methodist has asked for donations of good used sheets as they use these to make rugs with. They participated in our craft show and we would like them to continue. Dawn will collect them at the next meeting and deliver them.

New Business: A spaghetti dinner is being planned again for October 21 from 5-7. Possibly raising prices to \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Kids ages being 5-10 years. We will add desserts this year. Last spaghetti supper was very successful with 84 adults and 16 kids. There is \$73.30 left in the spaghetti fund.

Women's Sunday is October 8 and we are to be thinking of where in the service we would like to serve.

Our church will be the host for the ABWM West Area Fall Fling which is Saturday, September 23 from 9:00 am to 3:00. Theme for the program is "Let the Walls Fall Down". Scripture from Micah 6:8. Details to follow

Bible Study Devotions: Given by Dawn: 1Peter 3:3-4. The beauty and joy of serving the Lord has more effect on others if it is coming from our hearts and not the outside adornment.

Dawn dismissed us with prayer and refreshments and conversation followed.

Next meeting: August 9 - Hostess is Veronica

Submitted by Sharon Hadley, Secretary

## **American Baptist Women's Ministries - West Area Fall Fling - September 23, 2023**

Ceresco Baptist Church is hosting the West Area Fall Fling!

We will have morning refreshments, two keynote speakers & a luncheon.

Cost is \$35. Register at: <http://bit.ly/ABW23FallFling>



- Aug 1 Sharon Hadley
- Aug 2 C.L. Miller/Wilkens
- Aug 5 Christy Phelps
- Aug 10 Kaleb Collins
- Aug 10 Zachary M Hamilton #1
- Aug 10 Katherine Skinner
- Aug 11 Louis Jesda Sophekatra #1
- Aug 12 Veronica Anthony
- Aug 13 Allison Biljum
- Aug 16 Joy Sommers
- Aug 17 Mortimer Hamaker
- Aug 17 Gideon Hamaker
- Aug 19 Reginald Matthews Sr
- Aug 21 Russ Skinner
- Aug 22 Jack Biljum
- Aug 25 Rick Bonney
- Aug 25 David Hadley
- Aug 26 Whitney Ivey
- Aug 28 Kristen Sommers
- Aug 29 Brynlee Collette Rogers
- Aug 30 Scott Boysen
- Sep 2 Ted Finch
- Sep 5 Ken MacInnis
- Sep 8 Matthew Ivey
- Sep 10 Sierra Phelps
- Sep 12 Art Ruthruff
- Sep 14 Mary Ivey
- Sep 20 Jason Ivey
- Sep 20 Robin Johnston
- Sep 20 Michele Babcock
- Sep 22 Justin Casey
- Sep 25 Kay Davis
- Sep 30 Ellie Daevy

- Aug 11 James & Darlene Anthony
- Aug 19 Reginald & Mary Matthews
- Aug 24 Bud & Vi Halder
- Sep 3 Michele & Jody Babcock
- Sep 9 Stephen & Christy Phelps
- Sep 10 Andrew & Kristen Sommers
- Sep 14 Danny & Rayna Sommers
- Sep 18 Bob & Deb Beltz
- Sep 19 Alex & Stacey Goodman
- Sep 27 Don & Ruth St. John
- Sep 30 Jayme & Diane Biljum
- Sep 30 Steve & Becky Wilkens

## I Will Praise You In The Storm

Submitted by Jennie Markos

I spoke with Benjamin a couple days ago during Typhoon Khanun. He was at that time still without power, hanging out with a few others in another room with candles (just like when the power went out at home). He did show me how the window wasn't sealed good and was letting water in, of course it was the heaviest rainfall in 140 years, well per CNN, but it was, some say, the biggest typhoon in 6 years. But were they scared in that room? No, they're just young Marines hanging out having fun, yes, they are equipped for battle, but we are as well. We have the Bible. We have our faith. In Jesus we can pray for him even in the storms we go through we know that he will carry us through. We have faith and comfort in knowing that God loves us through bad times to bring us out stronger. Just last night I was on Brianna's 3 season porch, and she was telling me how she fell asleep one night when it was storming and every time the lightning strike hit it woke her up - that when she was a child, she got scared but now she loves storms - funny how we realize we CAN and WILL get through them. Those valleys or storms that may seem to last an eternity but are but so short when we make it to the mountains.

1 Thessalonians 5:18

# August 2023

Sunday		Mon.		Tue.		Wed.		Thu.		Fri.		Saturday	
				1		2		3		4		5	
												Men's Breakfast 8:00 am	
6		7		8		9		10		11		12	
Communion Sunday						Bible Study 10 am  WMT 5 pm Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm							
13		14		15		16		17		18		19	
						Bible Study 10 am						Annual Treasure Sale 9am-3pm	
Calhoun County Fair Week													
20		21		22		23		24		25		26	
Back to School Prayer at SMBC 4-5 pm						Bible Study 10 am		Articles for the Sept 2023 Messenger are due by noon					
		Back to School for Calhoun Districts											
27		28		29		30		31		9/1		9/2	
John & Kate Denner Music  Fellowship Sunday						Bible Study 10 am						Men's Breakfast 8 am	

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# Annual Treasure Sale: Aug. 19th 9am-3pm

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All pricing is by your donation!  
You decide how much you want  
to pay for your treasures!

