

Ceresco Baptist Church

The Ceresco Messenger - September 2023

WELCOME BACK TO OUR THURSDAY NIGHT ZOOM BIBLE STUDY SERIES

Our Fall Series is “LISTENING TO GOD: LEARN TO HEAR HIM THROUGH HIS WORD”.

God spoke to His prophets in Old Testament times, giving them specific messages for themselves and for His people as a whole. Many Christians in modern times, however, believe that God no longer speaks to His people as He once did. But this is not the case! God is still speaking to His people to all of His people. He speaks through our times of prayer, through counsel from wise Christians, and most importantly through His Word, the Bible. The Bible is God's foremost method of communication with us today. It is the wellspring from which new insights and eternal wisdom come to us. Join us as we learn to prepare to hear from God.

WHEN: Thursday Nights; 6:00-7:00 pm Eastern Standard Time
Begins on Thursday, September 7, 2023

HOW: Join Zoom Meeting using the link below

<https://us06web.zoom.us/j/85777750832?pwd=Vnp6OWQybDVDVmpEbTVVQ2VZNTFBZz09>

MEETING ID: 857 7775 0832
PASSCODE: 245401

You can also call in
- Call: 1-646-931-3860

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Lesson Schedule

- ❖ 9/7/23 God Has Something to Say
- ❖ 9/14/23 Why God Speaks to Us
- ❖ 9/21/23 How God Has Spoken
- ❖ 9/28/23 The Primary Ways God Speaks Today
- ❖ 10/5/23 How God Gets Our Attention
- ❖ 10/12/23 The Hallmarks of God's Messages to Us
- ❖ 10/19/23 How to Tell If the Voice is From God
- ❖ 10/26/23 Our Predisposition to Hear
- ❖ 11/2/23 How to Listen Actively
- ❖ 11/9/23 Hearing God Through His Word
- ❖ 11/16/23 Failure to Listen to God
- ❖ 11/23/23 No Lesson - Thanksgiving
- ❖ 11/30/23 Sitting in God's Presence



Martha Circle Minutes, August 9, 2023 / Hostess Veronica Anthony

Present: Dawn Frey, Sarah Collins, Sharon Hadley, Joy Sommers, Ruth St. John, Darlene Anthony, Veronica Anthony, Pastor Mary

Devotions: Given by Veronica: Taken from a Charles Stanley devotional reading, "Why We Need the Bible". Scripture is all inspired by God, so that we will be equipped to be a worthy servant of God. It reveals God to us from the beginning of the book of Genesis to the end of the book of Revelation. The wisdom we receive from other religious readings and the input we receive from the knowledge of others should correspond with the Bible.

Collections: Devotions: \$13.00. Love Gift: \$18.94

Secretaries Report: Given by Sharon: Highlights from July 12 meeting with a note of change in the donation for Treasure sale schedule.

Treasurer Report: Given by Joy: Balance at end of July \$1,767.95. Advertisement for Treasurer Sale: Ad-visor (2 wks)\$20.90. Shoppers (1wk)\$11.95. Bottle refund turned in \$5.00 Balance at end of meeting \$1,753.10.

Sunshine Girl: Given by Sarah: Several cards sent out and will send card to Joanne, Gretchen and Joyce. Sarah had carpal tunnel surgery and since she did not send a card to herself, we all stressed our love and well wishes to her.

Missions: Given by Dawn in Marcy's absence: International Ministries has provided medical supplies to hospital in Thailand, helped with VBS in Puerto Rico, rainwater harvesting projects in Cuba, Mexico and El Salvador: Jon and Amanda Good on assignment in US for about a year.

Old Business:

- (1) We have received a good supply of clean used sheets for Newton United Methodist women and will continue till through next meeting. Dawn will deliver.
- (2) Treasure sale update: We have received generous donations and with much good help have it organized and set up. More donations are still coming in. Joy has submitted ads to Ad-visor and Shopper. Other ways of advertising are face book and word of mouth.
- (3) Women's Sunday October 8 and Spaghetti dinner October 21st will be discussed at next meeting.
- (4) Shirts: Joy will check on ordering up t-shirts. Discussion was to have church on back with the year church was established.
- (5) ABW Fall Fling will be held Saturday 23 from 9:00 to 3:00. Cost is \$35 for registration and must be turned in by September meeting. \$10 of registration money goes to the Region and \$25 is available to our circle for spending expenses. Continental breakfast at 9:00 will consist of coffee, juice, donuts and muffins. Lunch at 12:00 will be catered in. Motion made by Ruth to have Mike McGee cater our luncheon. Mike will cook and clean up. Darlene seconded the motion. Joy will pick up plates and tableware.

New Business: Motion was made by Ruth to give our scholarship girl, Veronica, a gift of \$25 for her birthday. Seconded by Darlene. Approved by all.

Bible Study Devotions: Given by Dawn: Taken from James 5:13-20. The importance of prayer offered in genuine faith and the importance of praying for others.

Meeting was dismissed with prayer by Dawn and then on to the refreshments

Next meeting: September 13 - Hostess Joanne

Report submitted by Sharon

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>

Transformation

Jesus was transfigured before the eyes of Peter, James and John on the mountain. (See John 9:2-3). Ceresco Baptist Church had a transformation recently. For years the church has been blessed with various individuals sharing their talents to plant and care for flowers and bushes around the church.

For numerous reasons the landscaping has become overgrown and unsightly. At the end of July this year that all began to change. Through the hard work and dedication of Bob and Deb Beltz, with assistance of Rick Frey and Dave Hadley, there is now a clean look outdoors. Bob and Deb even permanently closed the temporary openings in the east wall of the church.

In the coming months and next spring, watch for more landscaping and color to be added. A debt of gratitude is due all of those past and present who labor to show that God is at work in Ceresco Baptist Church.



Top two pictures are before pictures, next two pictures are after pictures. Picture to the left is the new rock placed on the east side of the front porch of the church.



Thank you to all that worked on this project! We appreciate all you've done!

September 10th is National Grandparent's Day!

Surely, two of the most satisfying experiences in life must be those of being a grandchild or a grandparent. ~Donald A. Norber

What is it about grandparents that is so lovely? I'd like to say that grandparents are God's gifts to children. And if they can but see, hear and feel what these people have to give, they can mature at a fast rate. ~Bill Cosby

What children need most are the essentials that grandparents provide in abundance. They give unconditional love, kindness, patience, humor, comfort, lessons in life. And, most importantly, cookies. ~Rudolph Giuliani

One of the most powerful handclasps is that of a new grandbaby around the finger of a grandfather. ~Joy Hargrove

Grandchildren are the crowning glory of grandparents. ~Proverbs 17:6

Grandparents are a family's greatest treasure, the founders of a loving legacy, The greatest storytellers, the keepers of traditions that linger on in cherished memory. Grandparents are the family's strong foundation. Their very special love sets them apart. Through happiness and sorrow, through their special love and caring, grandparents keep a family close at heart. ~author unknown

Grandparents are the footsteps to the future generations. ~author unknown

Our grandchildren accept us for ourselves, without rebuke or effort to change us, as no one in our entire lives has ever done, not our parents, siblings, spouses, friends - and hardly ever our own grown children. ~Ruth Goode

Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories and Love. ~author unknown

"On the seventh day God rested. His grandchildren must have been out of town." ~ Gene Perret

Few things are more delightful than grandchildren fighting over your lap. ~Doug Larson



- 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

- 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
- Oct 11 Dave & Sharon Hadley
- Oct 21 Randy & Lisa Cavinder

- Oct 1 Kamren Collins
- Oct 6 Jensen Casey
- Oct 8 Kevin Collins
- Oct 9 Terry Ivey
- Oct 12 Mary Fair-Matthews
- Oct 15 Dawn Frey
- Oct 19 Craig Thomas
- Oct 20 Casimir A Farmer
- Oct 24 Sophia Gary
- Oct 25 Molly Sommers

Flower Sign-Up

9/3 - OPEN

9/10 - Sommers

9/17 - OPEN

9/24 - Ivey

Children's Time Sign-Up

9/3 - Sommers

9/10 - OPEN

9/17 - Sommers

9/24 - OPEN

Mailing Address for Gretchen King:

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Remembering Patriot's Day

by Margaret Cagle

Nine-eleven is what we call it,
A day for Americans to remember.
It has been named Patriot Day,
That fateful day in September.

Many lives were sadly lost
As the planes hit the twin towers.
No more could our nation ignore
The terrorists' evil powers.

We see in Shanksville, Pennsylvania,
A memorial that marks the way
That Flight Ninety-three passengers
Died as heroes on that fateful day.

Let's not forget the dreadful attack
On our nation's Pentagon too.
We lost about three thousand lives
In all the attacks; that's true.

Special prayer meetings were held
In churches across our dear land.
We increased our national security.
Against terrorism, we needed to stand.

May God bless our dear nation
As we all remember Patriot Day.
Let us pray that all our leaders
Will govern us in a Godly way.

Prayers for Families of the Fallen

Father God,
We come together to lift up and pray for
the families and loved ones of those who
lost their lives on September 11th. Lord,
their lives will never be forgotten, and
our hearts go out to those who lost some-
one dear from the events of that day.
Those left behind were robbed of such
important and valuable people, Lord.
Please comfort them as this anniversary
returns yet again. Be present among them
in their grief, and Lord, we pray that
those surrounding them would offer kind-
ness where they can. That they would be
able to celebrate the precious lives of
those who died with honor. May sweet
memories of good times be shared and
recalled, and may there be a sense of
peace in knowing they do not grieve their
loss alone. Please be bless them with
Your love this day.

Prayers for Our Nation

Father God,
We pray for our nation as a whole this September
11th. September 12th was met with unity and grief
that we all shared. It is still something we share as
a people; it is a reminder of how fragile and pre-
cious life truly is. Lord, we pray for peace and unity
in our nation today. We pray that Your Spirit would
pour out among us and that through and by You,
there would be a common heart, a common goal,
and a common desire for peace and kindness to-
wards one another. Let us not lose sight of what is
important in this life and help us love one anoth-
er as You truly love us. Lord, we pray for our lead-
ers today. We pray that You would give them wis-
dom and discernment as they tackle events and di-
lemmas as they unfold. We pray that You would in-
spire this nation to be a nation under God, one that
seeks to glorify, honor, and praise You. This is our
heart's desire, Lord. We desire to be Your people,
and we strive to have peace. This nation has so
much to offer, and Lord, we pray for our nation to
truly be a City on a Hill.

In Jesus Name,
Amen



September 2023

Sunday		Mon.		Tue.		Wed.		Thu.		Fri.		Saturday	
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												Men's Breakfast 8:00 am	
3		4		5		6		7		8		9	
Communion Sunday		Labor Day				Bible Study 10 am Martha Circle Meeting 6 pm		ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm				Quarterly Administrative Council Meeting 9 am	
10		11		12		13		14		15		16	
Grandparents Day		Patriot's Day				Bible Study 10 am		ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm					
17		18		19		20		21		22		23	
						Bible Study 10 am		ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm					
24		25		26		27		28		29		30	
Fellowship Sunday						Bible Study 10 am		Information for October Messenger due at Noon ZOOM BIBLE STUDY 6 pm					

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Happy Grandparents Day

When God created grandparents
the world was truly blessed
with all the special joys
that make a family happiest . . .

For grandparents know how to do
the things that warm a heart,
They touch our lives
with loving care
right from the very start . . .

