

The Ceresco Messenger - November 2025

A Thanksgiving Prayer for God's Grace

Dear Lord,

We thank You for this time of year, when Thanksgiving reminds us to reflect on the blessings You have given to us. We want to be thankful for that which You've blessed us with to enjoy in this world. And we also want to be thankful for the gift of Jesus Christ, who makes all the difference in our lives.

We are grateful for Your grace in our lives. We do not deserve a relationship with You, but Your salvation allows us to live in perfect peace with You. Thank You for the hope that You give us each day, knowing that Your mercies are new every morning, as seen in Lamentations 3:22-23.

Help our Christian life to reflect You this Thanksgiving and all year around.

In Jesus' Name, Amen.

The Everlasting Gift of Grace

Thank You, Lord, for grace so sweet,
For love so pure, for mercy complete.
Your faithfulness is ever sure,
Your love for us will always endure.
Through every trial, through every storm,
Your presence keeps our hearts warm.
We thank You, Lord, for Your embrace,
For Your love, for Your grace.
Your faithfulness has brought us through,
Each day, each trial, we trust in You.
Thank You, Lord, for all You give,
For in Your love, we choose to live.

Real Thanksgiving

Thank You, GOD for everything
I've experienced here on earth.
Thank You for protecting me
from the moment of my birth.
And Thank You for the beauty
around me everywhere,
The gentle rain and glistening dew,
the sunshine and the air.
The joyous gift of "feeling"
the soul's soft, whispering voice
That speaks to me from deep within
and makes my heart rejoice.
Oh, GOD, no words are great enough
to thank You for just living,
And that is why every day
is a day for real THANKSGIVING.



Ceresco Baptist Church - Administrative Council Minutes – Sept. 13 2025, Quarterly Meeting

Devotion – Joy Sommers read “A Prayer to See Myself Through God’s Eyes” by Keneesha Saunders-Liddie

Clerk’s Report – Joy Sommers. Copier was fixed yesterday.

Treasurer’s Report - Mary Ivey

Reports

Flooring invoice – \$3,894 – Mary Ivey made a motion to use up the Unspoken Memorial Fund of \$743, and the remainder from the General Memorial, seconded by Dawn Frey.

Reminder the Souder Fund was moved into the Parking Lot Fund in a previous meeting.

Financial Secretary’s Report – Dawn Frey

General Fund as of August 31st, collection \$47,692.45.

Will put generic envelopes in the pews for anyone to use for offering.

Pastor’s Report – from Pastor Mary

2025 Virtual Bible Study: Everlasting Wisdom for Everyday Life by Vance Pitman will be paused. We will resume our study in January 2026 beginning with Chapter 13.

ABC Events

- ABC – Michigan: Free Two Part – Webinar: How to Share Your Faith in a World that Doesn’t Appear to be Listening, Part 1 – September 11 and Part 2 – October 2. Both began at 12:00 pm (EST).

ABC – USA: Webinar entitled “When Silence Hurts: Breaking the Stigma of Domestic Violence in Faith Communities”, Tuesday, October 14, 2025, at 8:00pm (EST)

Sabbatical – 9/1 – 12/31/25. Pastor Ed Owens, Minister Jason Meadows and Pastor Roxie Perry will provide pulpit supply. There is a schedule. Each deacon is assigned Sundays to lead services.

Educational Ministry Team – Veroncia Anthony

Family Night Potlucks are back! Dates: 9/17, 10/15, 11/19, 12/10.

Fall Party will be October 25th from 5-7 pm

Asking the congregation for candy donations.

Worship Ministry Team – Mary Ivey:

Sept/Oct – Sharon is picking the hymns

New computer purchased for the projection system

Oct. 5th is World Communion Day

Oct 12 is Pastor Appreciation Sunday, Women’s Sunday & Pastor Mary’s Birthday

Next meeting is Oct. 8, 2025.

Property Management Ministry Team – Rick Frey

Kitchen floor replaced.

Downspouts have been installed.

Need to readjust position of the overhead projector, and replace bulb. (Joy wants to be present)

Snow Plowing for the winter – same guy as last year would like to do it.

Renters want to renew their lease.

Should pull the air conditioners out of the windows soon.

Furnace in library – need to make sure pilot is on.

Deacon Ministry Team – Dawn

Deacons have a list of who’s doing what during pastor’s sabbatical.

MACS/CBC - Joy Sommers

Community Volunteer Recruiting Event at Marshall United Methodist Church today 12:30-3:30 pm.

Stuff the Bus to be determined.

Gearing up for Christmas! Information will go out next month.

New Business/Open Items:

Proposed Budget for 2026 presented by Mary Ivey. Changed 6 line items, decreased M&M Retirement budget, miscellaneous, bulletins & office expenses, increased insurance, utilities and kitchen/bath supplies. Overall increase of about \$3,000. Motion by Joy Sommers, seconded by Dawn Frey to accept the proposed budget as submitted.

Meeting closed in prayer by Roger Sommers at 9:54 pm.

Next quarterly meeting is Saturday, December 13, 2025 at 9 am.

Martha Circle Minutes - October 8, 2025 Hostess: Joanne Henley

Present: (10) Dawn Frey, Sarah Collins, Kelsie Collins, Sharon Hadley, Jennie Markos, Joanne Henley, Ruth St. John, Veronica Anthony, Joy Sommers, Becky Wilkens, Marcy Bonney

Devotions: "Listening to Others". Scripture: James 1:9
Encouraging us to be slow to speak and slow to wrath. Listen to others and don't cut them off. Most important listen to the Holy Spirit. Talking is sharing-Listening is caring.

Secretary: (8) present last meeting. Got positions in order for Women's Sunday. Voted and passed to do 20 Christmas boxes. Lined up helpers for spaghetti supper. Will begin new mission project for Isaiah House called "Bin Buddies" which Sarah will be in charge of.

Sunshine: Sarah sent out (7) cards since last meeting.

Missions: IM: Thailand: Clean water and coffee harvesting used to combat poverty and create livelihoods. Urbana 25: Group of young adults discovering their place in God's mission.

UK: Ongoing ministry among Portuguese-speaking migrates.

Ukraine: God's powerful ways are renewing hope.

ABWN: Fall Fling Nov.1 at First Baptist Church in Southfield

Amanda and Jon Good: "The language we speak in our Church is Italian but copies of the sermon is printed in English and Chinese.

Treasurer Report: Balance at hand: \$3,340.70.

Motion made by Sharon for Joy to share access information with Dawn for online banking with the Martha Circle treasury. Seconded by Joanne.

Old Business: Items that we already have a quota of (20) each for the Christmas Shoe Box mission are: wash cloths, tooth brushes, stuffed animals. There is a box in foyer to put donated items in and list of things needed. Confirmed all the positions for Women's Sunday service. Discussed spaghetti supper: Five sheet cakes, approximately 9x13, are needed and will be provided by Dawn, Becky, Marcy, Ruth and Jennie. Helpers to be there at 4:15. Helpers: Dave and Rick cook spaghetti-Sarah and Sharon work the window-Marcy salads and drinks-Nate and Kelcie helpers-Rick and Jennie work admission.

New Business: Pastor Mary will not be here for Pastor Appreciation Sunday so we will express our appreciation for her the Sunday she returns. Martha Circle will support Salvation Army with \$99.54 for their annual Thanksgiving dinners which will provide (42) meals. Motion made by Marcy and seconded by Joy.

Dismissed in prayer by Dawn. Nov.12 meeting hostess Marcy

**November Martha Circle Meeting
We will be packing the Operation Christmas
Child Shoeboxes!**

CBC Movers

Fall is upon us and it's time to get together! Let's have some fun, fellowship and a lot of laughs.

Saturday, November 15th at 9:00am
We will meet in the Fellowship Hall
All equipment is provided, just bring yourself!

Any questions? Feel free to contact Jennie at: 269-329-9620 or
jenmarkos0410@gmail.com

Proverbs 27:17 (NIV)

“As iron sharpens iron, so one person sharpens another.”

Pastor Mary says “Thank You” for all the happy birthday wishes and Pastor Appreciation messages. In her words:
“Thank God for such a wonderful congregation. I am privileged and honored to live out my faith with you. Love you all!”

November Fellowship Refreshments - Deacon Ministry Team

Date	Worship Flowers	Special Music	Junior Church	Children's Time
11/2/2025	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Sommers
11/9/2025	Sommers	OPEN	OPEN	Jennie Markos
11/16/2025	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Sommers
11/23/2025	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN
11/30/2025	OPEN	OPEN	OPEN	Sommers

The Noble and the Brave: A Veteran's Day Tribute

When America had an urgent need,
These brave ones raised a hand;
No hesitation held them back;
They were proud to take a stand.

They left their friends and family;
They gave up normal life;
To serve their country and their God,
They plowed into the strife.

They fought for freedom and for peace
On strange and foreign shores;
Some lost new friends; some lost their lives
In long and brutal wars.

Other veterans answered a call
To support the ones who fought;
Their country had requirements for
The essential skills they brought.

We salute every one of them,
The noble and the brave,
The ones still with us here today,
And those who rest in a grave.

So here's to our country's heroes;
They're a cut above the rest;
Let's give the honor that is due
To our country's very best.

By Joanna Fuchs

A Soldier's Sacrifice

In battles fought with hearts so brave,
They paved the way, our lives to save.
With courage strong and spirits high,
Their honor soars beneath the sky.

Through storm and strife, they stood their
ground,
In every heart, their love is found.
We honor them for the path they trod,
For freedom's call, their noble squad.

The Land of Freedom

Because of you,

This is a land of Freedom

Because of you,

This is a place of safety

Without you,

There would be no freedom

Without you,

There would be no safety

Thank you for your sacrifice,

To offer your freedom for ours,

Thank you for your service,

To offer your security for ours.

On Veterans' Day

While we were here at home,
They traveled land and sea,
To make sure we stayed safe,
To protect and keep us free.
Words are not enough
To give them what they're due.
On Veterans' Day, please thank them
For their service, to me and you.

By Joanna Fuchs



Nov 2 Barry Vavrina
 Nov 3 Alex Goodman
 Nov 5 Lora Finch
 Nov 6 Devin Phelps
 Nov 10 Jean King
 Nov 10 Lourenco Johnston
 Nov 12 Tyler Thomas
 Nov 13 Brad Gary
 Nov 17 Lisa Cavinder
 Nov 17 Jody Babcock
 Nov 26 Roger Sommers
 Nov 28 Andrew Douglas

Dec 2 Niko Holmes
 Dec 17 Laia Wasielewskit
 Dec 18 Ryan Boysen
 Dec 21 Rayna Sommers
 Dec 27 John Paschen, 1939
 Dec 28 Donna Ruthruff
 Dec 28 Candace Ivey
 Dec 30 Viviana Anthony

Happy Anniversary

Nov 12 Rick & Marcy Bonney



We are still having monthly **Bake Sales** on the last Sunday of the month. Anyone can provide baked goods for the sale.

All money collected is being donated to **Isaiah 117 House**.



Hanging of the Greens will be on Saturday, November 29 at 10 am.
 We will have a light lunch following the decorating.

Thank you to everyone that has helped out with our church events the past few months: baking for the bake sales, providing cash/supplies for community events, providing items for the OCC shoeboxes, etc. Your help is greatly appreciated! - Educational Ministry Team

Thank you to Pastor Roxie Perry and Jason Meadows for filling in during Pastor Mary's sabbatical leave. We appreciate you very much! - CBC Congregation.

Pastor Mary's Address During Sabbatical
35175 Highway 12 East, McCool, MS, 39108

Pastor will be on Sabbatical through December 31 2025

November 2025

Sunday		Mon.		Tue.		Wed.		Thu.		Fri.		Saturday	
Nov. 30th is Testimony Sunday, Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale Pulpit: Pastor Roxie				Our Family Night Potluck will be a Thanksgiving Potluck. We will provide the turkey, dressing, potatoes and gravy.								1	
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Communion Sunday with Pastor Roxie Perry						Bible Study 10							
9		10		11		12		13		14		15	
Pulpit Supply: Pastor Roxie Veteran's Sunday				Veteran's Day		Bible Study 10 am Martha Circle Meeting 5 pm						CBC Movers 9:00 am, Educational Ministry Team, 10 am	
16		17		18		19		20		21		22	
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ed Owens						Bible Study 10 am Family Night Potluck 6 pm							
23		24		25		26		27		28		29	
Pulpit Supply: Rev. Ed Owens 30 Fellowship Sunday & Bake Sale						Bible Study 10 am Thanksgiving Eve Service at 1st Baptist Marshall		Information for December Messenger due at Noon				Hanging of the Greens at 10 am, potluck following	

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Thank you God

for all your blessings to me and
my family. For the strength
you give me each day and
for all the people
around me who make life more
meaningful.

A Thanksgiving Prayer

Thank you God for showing us the way.
Help us to remember You this day. Let us
Always remember the price You paid.
Never let us forget that with You we can be saved.
Keep us in Your loving arms.
So we know that we belong.
Guide us and protect us, as we walk
In the path that You have set. Even though life can be
Very hard, we know that You won't forget.
I know that I am
Never alone. For You are always there
Guiding my every step with the love You have shown.

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