

The Ceresco Messenger
Ceresco Baptist Church
September ~ 2022

Bring Them to Jesus

Who brought you to Jesus? Was it a friend or a family member? A co-worker? A neighbor? In many of the scenes leading up to Christ's miracles, people brought those with a need to Jesus, so that He might heal them. In our verse today, they brought a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment to Jesus and begged Him to lay hands on him.

Then he returned from the region of Tyre and went through Sidon to the Sea of Galilee, in the region of the Decapolis. And they brought to him a man who was deaf and had a speech impediment, and they begged him to lay his hand on him.

— Mark 7:31-32 ESV

We don't know if they were friends or family, neighbors or coworkers; but they knew Jesus could heal, so they helped get the man to Jesus for healing.

As you think about who brought you to Jesus, also consider – who have you brought Christ? Salvation is part of a process of planting the seed, watering and hopefully the harvest. Have you had a chance to plant, or water or harvest?

Bringing someone to Jesus doesn't have to be done literally. You don't have to take them to church, or to some sort of conference. Some people have used Christian radio to introduce their friends to Jesus. You don't necessarily have to sit down with them face-to-face and share your faith. Although all of those things can be helpful.

You can bring them to Jesus in prayer. One man recently shared he has two families of kids that lost both of their parents. He knew them very well when they were young. But now they are orphans and hundreds of miles away from him. He prays for them; he brings them to Jesus in prayer.

Who is God prompting you to bring to Jesus today? Ask Him to show you who you should pray for. Then be open and willing to obey Him when He leads you to share Christ with them in whatever way that is.



We will be collecting the **World Mission Offering** during the month of September. There will be special envelopes available for this offering.

God is doing new and exciting things through world mission! During the World Mission Offering (WMO) your church has the opportunity to join the transformational work God is doing around the world through International Ministries' 120+ global servants and 250+ global partners. God can use your participation not only to change lives internationally, but also to deepen your own discipleship in Christ. You can take part in what the Holy Spirit is doing to bring God's kingdom "on earth as it is in heaven."

Grandparents — Unknown

Grandparents bestow upon
 their grandchildren
 The strength and wisdom that time
 And experience have given them.
 Grandchildren bless their Grandparents
 With a youthful vitality and innocence
 That help them stay young at heart forever.
 Together they create a chain of love
 Linking the past with the future
 The chain may lengthen,
 But it will never part...

"Grandparents are a delightful blend of laughter, caring deeds, wonderful stories, and love." — Unknown

"Between the earth and the sky above, nothing can match a grandmother's love." — Unknown

"Grandparents hold our tiny hands for just a little while, but our hearts forever." — Unknown

"Sometimes our grandmas and grandpas are like grand-angels." — Lexie Saige

"Grandparents make the world a little softer, a little kinder, a little warmer." — Unknown

"There's nothing more wonderful than the love and guidance a grandparent can give his or her grandchild." — Edward Fays

"My grandmother once said that grief is the price we pay for love." — Prince William

"Some of the world's best educators are grandparents." — Charles W. Shedd

"A garden of love grows in a grandmother's heart." — Unknown

"A grandfather is someone with silver in his hair and gold in his heart." — Unknown

Martha Circle Minutes, Aug. 10, 2022

Hostess: Veronica Anthony

PRESENT; Joy Sommers-Darlene Anthony-Veronica Anthony-Dawn Frey-Sharon Hadley-Gretchen King-Joanne Henley-Pastor Mary-Linda Chisholm

DEVOTIONS: Given by Veronica: Taken from the book by Max Lucado "Grace for the Moment". Focusing on the healings by Jesus based on Matthew 12:38

SECRETARY; Given by Sharon: Highlights of July meeting were given.

TREASURER; Given by Joy: Need to order checks from Huntington. Love gift to date including the months of April, May, and June \$69.42. June and July bake sale: \$29.00. Paid out to Advisor for Treasure Sale ad \$20.60. Available amount: \$235.13

SUNSHINE: Given by Dawn in Sarah's absence. Cards sent out since July meeting: Christy Phelps-Linda Chisholm-Art Ruthruff-Pastor Schlee-Dawn Frey-Helen Wieas-Art and Donna-Dick and Jean King-Terry Ivey-Gretchen King. And Sarah thanked the ladies that had sent her a card.

MISSIONS: Given by Sharon in Marcy's absence. A report on Jon and Amanda Good providing shelter and food for a Mother and four children. A Baptist Social Services has been able to hire the mom so that she can earn income for her family.

OLD BUSINESS: Treasure Sale: A great deal of donations and a head start on organizing. Gretchen will handle the money box. The for sure helpers are Veronica, Jenny, Dawn, and Sharon. Anyone else that is available to help is welcome. Have plenty of plastic bags but could use some boxes. Left over clothes and some dishes will go to Charitable Union.

NEW BUSINESS: We will be starting the "Shoe Box" collections for Good Samaritan in September. Joy has ordered up the boxes and labels. A thank you card was received from Safe Place for the backpacks and other items we delivered to them. Thanks to Jenny Markos for delivering them.

SCRIPTURE; Given by Dawn: Genesis 24:24-58. Discussing the faith steps of Rebekah. It is surprising and interesting how the lives, decisions and attitudes of the women of the Bible are. Pastor Mary closed the meeting with prayer and then all enjoyed the snacks.

COLLECTIONS: Love gift: \$18.56. Devotions: \$23.75

Next meeting: Wednesday, September 14, Hostess: Gretchen King

Submitted by Secretary, Sharon Hadley