

- LEST WE FORGET -

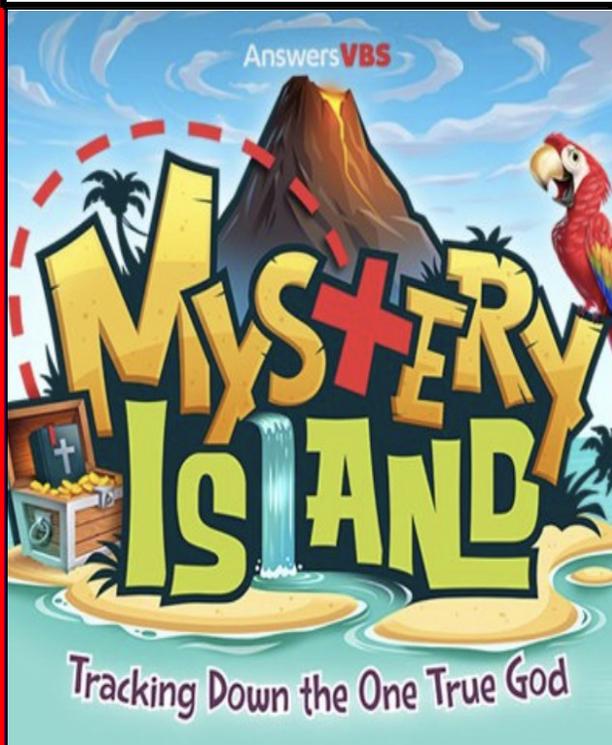
There is no greater love than to lay down one's life for one's friends.

- JOHN 15:13

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MAY 2021



Join us for MFCC's
VBS 2021:

MYSTERY ISLAND!

June 13th - 15th

6-8:30 pm

Age 3 - Grade 5

HE WILL MEET YOUR NEEDS

***But he answered, "It is written,
"Man shall not live by bread alone,
but by every word that comes from the mouth of God."
Matthew 4:4***

Recently in 365 we have begun to do a weekly memory verse. We will put the entire verse on the projector screen and then slide by slide take away a little more of the verse until all the kids have the verse memorized. It's been very effective! The verse above was the first memory verse we did together, and the more I read it over in my mind, the more important that I realize it is.

First, think about the context of this verse. Jesus is in the middle of a 40 day fast from food. He hasn't eaten in so long, yet when Satan tempts Him with bread, what he probably wants most at the moment, he refuses. *"Man shall not live on bread alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."* Jesus boldly refuses Satan and stands on His Father's Word, that even in the hungriest and darkest of moments, He will rely on His Father to sustain, carry, and provide for Him.

As always, Jesus sets the perfect example for us and how to live for Him. Many times we rely on earthly things to get along in life, to do what we would define as succeeding... We worry about the money we don't have, the house that's not built or bought yet, the baby that hasn't come along yet, the job that isn't quite working, the spouse that doesn't seem to get the most important things in life, the retirement plan that isn't quite what we were hoping for, etc. You know what it is that worries you.

But Jesus' words in the face of Satan so long ago still ring true if we resist him today. *"Man shall not live on bread alone, money alone, possessions alone, goals alone, career opportunities alone, people alone, etc. alone, but on every word that comes from the mouth of God."* Each memory verse we do in 365 together is always accompanied by the full Bible lesson in its context. And I love the lesson that is learned from the words Jesus says to Satan in this passage. I love it so much because Jesus never hesitates. He doesn't putter around and contemplate what it is He might spout back at Satan. He doesn't have to come up with a witty come back, He just speaks the truth because He knows it's true, because He knows Scripture inside and out, and He knows He holds the keys to victory, even at one of His weakest moments as a human being.

Remember what we said earlier? Jesus sets the perfect example for us. He knew Scripture. Do we truly know the Bible like we claim to? Are we able, like Jesus, to spot when Satan may be using Scripture out of context to confuse and deceive us? If not, we are treading dangerous waters. Satan will do anything to get our attention away from the truth. To tempt us into believing that we need something else in order to be successful. Max Lucado says this: *"His [Satan's] rhetoric of rationalization never ends. The father of lies croons and woos. God, meanwhile, never enters a shouting match with Satan. Truth need not scream. He stands permanently quietly pleading, ever present. No tricks, no temptations, just open proof..."*

We Christians concern and fret ourselves over the needs and wants of our everyday life and forget that we are able to be sustained by our God who *"...will meet all your needs according to the riches of his glory in Christ Jesus."* (Philippians 4:19) Sometimes Jesus' simple words are the ones most forgotten. A simple children's lesson about the temptation of Jesus can bring us back to where we were all those years ago in Sunday school when we heard it for the first time. "Kids, do we need to worry about how God will provide for us? No, that's right! Because God will provide for us." So simple, yet so profound, and even more often so easy to not remember in the darkest times of our lives. Trust in the God who takes care of you. He takes care of birds and flowers, why would He not take care of you? (Matthew 6:25-34). Trust Him to take care for you. Know His Word for when Satan attacks you. Both are good precautions, and both work simultaneously!

In Christ's Love,
Zach Long
BeRomans12
"Together – We Build"

MISSION SPOTLIGHT



Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp

For our May Spotlight, we will be collecting Food Donations for Elkhorn Camp. Below is a list of items that will help them as they serve campers this summer:

BBQ Sauce	Ketchup	Styrofoam Plates
Brown Sugar	Lasagna Noodles	Sugar
Bisquick	Marshmallows	Tea Bags
Chili Powder	Mayo	Vegetable Oil
Chili Sauce	Mustard	
Chocolate Chips	Pancake Syrup	#10 Cans:
Cinnamon	Paprika	Applesauce
Corn Syrup	Pickles	Baked Beans
Cumin	Powder Creamer	Corn
Decaf Coffee	Powdered Sugar	Green Beans
Elbow Macaroni	Ranch Dressing	Mandarin Oranges
Flour	Regular Coffee	Nacho Cheese
French Dressing	Rice Krispy Cereal	Peaches
Garlic Powder	Rotini	Pears
Graham Crackers	Salsa	Pineapple
Hot Cocoa	Styrofoam Bowls	Pizza Sauce
Italian Dressing	Styrofoam Cups	Spaghetti Sauce

New items in sealed containers only. No expired products. Items may be placed on the Mission's Table in the lobby area. Any donations will help reduce the costs of the food supplies. Thank you

COMMUNITY OUTREACH FOOD PANTRY

The Minerva Community Outreach Food Pantry is seeking people to volunteer as bag fillers. The food pantry supplies food to needy families in the community every fourth Friday of the month. The group meets at St. Paul's Lutheran Church on the Monday before to prepare food bags for hand out on Friday. If you are interested, you can join them at St. Paul's Church Monday, May 24, 2021 at 9:00 am. If you have any questions you can call Kent at 330-704-0296.

DO YOU HAVE OLD EYE- GLASSES LYING AROUND?

We are collecting old eyeglasses to donate to "Cross Eyed Mission". This is a mission founded by Dr. Brady Kail of Waynesburg Vision. He takes groups on mission trips where they do eye exams and fit people with a pair of donated glasses that closest meets their needs. There is a basket on the mission table to place any glasses.



ELDER'S REFLECTION

Three Rivers Stadium in Pittsburgh, PA was home for the Pittsburgh Steelers and Pittsburgh Pirates for 30 years from 1970 till 2000. The construction for that Stadium took 29 months from April 1968 through July 1970. The stadium was built with a certain purpose to house both ball teams. It took a lot of engineering & design people along with others to make sure that it met the needs of both ball teams in years to come.

When putting this devotion together I looked on you tube to watch the implosion of Three Rivers Stadium, which this event took place February 11, 2001 at 8:03am. While I watched the video of the implosion I decided to time it and found the implosion only took 25 seconds. What took 29 months to build and years of planning only took 25 seconds to destroy. All this planning for years was gone in a few seconds.

I used this analogy to see the parallel between this and the way we think/talk about others, which includes Christians! I believe it is very easy to point out the faults of others rather than work at ways to build them up. Because of our sinful nature we find it much easier to find negative/tear someone down. However, to build someone up/encourage takes effort and a determination to do so.

Ecclesiastes 4:10 For if one falls down, his companion can lift him up; but pity the one who falls without another to help him up! If either of them falls down, one can help the other up. But pity anyone who falls and has no one to help them up. If one person falls, the other can reach out and help.

Ephesians 4:29 Let no corrupting talk come out of your mouths, but only such as is good for building up, as fits the occasion, that it may give grace to those who hear.

Hebrews 10:24-25 And let us consider how to stir up one another to love and good works, ²⁵ not neglecting to meet together, as is the habit of some, but encouraging one another, and all the more as you see the Day drawing near.

To be the church that God wants us to be we must decide/work to build up and not tear down. Let's not do what is easy (tear down) but work in what builds up others as God has called us to do and show the love that Jesus showed us at the cross! Let us be a church that encourages and builds up one and another!

May 2021

MFCC Prayer Calendar

April '21
S M T W T F S
1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10
11 12 13 14 15 16 17
18 19 20 21 22 23 24
25 26 27 28 29 30

June '21
S M T W T F S
1 2 3 4 5
6 7 8 9 10 11 12
13 14 15 16 17 18 19
20 21 22 23 24 25 26
27 28 29 30

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25 Pray that we would be a Church that GIVES!	26 Pray for our custodians, Joann Vandegrift and Jay Harsh	27 Pray for John Long as he teaches our 4th-5th grade SS class	28 Pray for the teachers at Minerva Elementary School	29 Pray for Sunday's worship service, that souls would be won to Christ!	30 Pray for Minerva's Village Council, Mayor, and Administrator	1 Pray for our Praise Team: Christa Archer, Terri Bush, Ed Barr, John Long
2 Pray that we would become the Church that PRAYS!	3 Pray for the MACS administrator, Chris Stoffer	4 Pray for Lisa George as she leads our nursery helpers	5 Pray for the nurses and other staff at Minerva's nursing homes	6 Pray for Sunday's worship service, that God's presence would be felt	7 Pray for our Youth Minister, Zach Long	8 Pray for the leader of our Saturday Prayer Meeting, Eric Hoffmeyer
9 Pray that we would be a Church that GATHERS!	10 Pray for the General Board Meeting tonight	11 Pray for Chelise Oberly as she leads our Wee Worship workers	12 Pray for EMTs and others who run with emergency squads in the area	13 Pray for Sunday's worship service, that the Spirit would speak to our visitors	14 Pray for Elder Bruce Doppelheuer	15 Pray for our Deaconesses as they comfort those who grieve
16 Pray that we would be a church that GROWS!	17 Pray for those who will be helping with Vacation Bible School	18 Pray for our former pastor, Dale Roberts	19 Pray for the physicians in Minerva who care for us and our neighbors	20 Pray for Sunday's worship service, that the sermon would step on toes!	21 Pray for Elder Nate Oberly	22 Pray for our Home Department as they minister to our shut-ins
23 Pray that we would be a church that GIVES!	24 Pray for the children who will attend Vacation Bible School	25 Pray for our Tuesday evening Ladies' Bible Study	26 Pray for our Timothy, Brandon Dulaney, as he serves at Rivertree	27 Pray for Sunday's worship service, that we would be challenged!	28 Pray for the man whom God is preparing to be our Lead Pastor	29 Pray for those who serve in our sound room
30 Pray that we would be a church that GOES!	31 Pray for the families of those who will attend VBS	Please consider joining us as we gather on Saturdays at 10 am to pray!		 <p>Let my prayer be set forth before thee as incense; and the lifting up of my hands as the evening sacrifice.</p>		

FAMILY MATTERS

We sent our Sympathies . . . to John Toalston and their family and friends with the passing of his wife of 70 years, Evelyn. Mrs. Toalston passed away on Sunday, April 11. Her service was Saturday, April 17th. John's address is 1125 Whitacre Ave. SE, Minerva, OH 44657

Thank you . . . Thank you to everyone who sent cards, prayed, brought food, and visited me since my surgery. It was very much appreciated!! Joan Henninger

SURPRISE CARD SHOWER!!

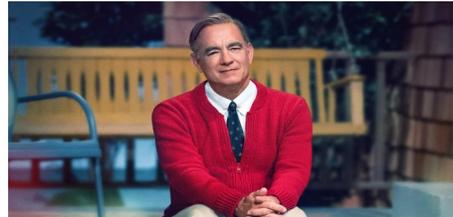
Kay Hanna will be 98 years young on May 8th. Let us "shower" her with cards.

Mrs. Kay Hanna
c/o St. Luke's
4301 Woodale Ave. SE
Minerva, OH 44625



DINNER & A MOVIE NIGHT!

Dinner & A Movie Night is coming back! **Sunday, May 23, 2021.** Dinner starts at 5:30pm with Movie to follow. Bottled water, Theater candy and popcorn available for the movie as well. The movie will be "A Beautiful Day in the Neighborhood". Dinner menu is still being explored. Free event for all with donations being accepted. Donations will benefit our "24/7" youth group.



CARDS OF ENCOURAGEMENT

Mrs. Kate Hart
220 Edgewood
Minerva, OH 44657

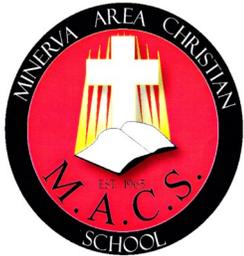
Mrs. Carol LeForte
26142 US Rt. 30
East Rochester, OH 44625



Mrs. Maxine Cope
11811 Mechanicstown Rd.
Kensington, OH 44427

Mrs. Barbara Unkefer
1179 Alliance Rd. NW
Minerva, OH 44657

MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Amazingly, we are coming towards the end of the school year and we are finishing strong at MACS. Our students have been working hard and we look forward to rewarding them with fun activities to finish out the school year. We look forward to being able to have in-person closing programs for our families and end of the year celebrations at the school where we can safely provide our students with memorable experiences.

We continue to work on growing MACS by reaching out to the local community and letting people know of our Christ-centered program. This summer we will be holding several events at the school in an effort to make more people aware of our presents and to build relationships. The first such event will be an open house that will help on June 11th from 11 am to 1 pm. If you know any families who may be looking for a school like ours, please have them contact our office to register for the open house. We will be holding more exciting events later in the summer and will be releasing information as we get closer to those dates.

We ask that you continue to pray for MACS and our leadership as we make decisions on how to best move the school forward into the future. Also, please pray for the safety of our students and staff as they enter Summer break. We greatly appreciate all of your prayers and support and we believe that it has helped guide us through this difficult year. We pray that God continues to MACS as we begin to plan for the future.

If you would like to donate financially to MACS, you can give online at <https://donorbox.org/macsfund>. You can also help us by donating any "stem supplies" such as string, straws, popsicle sticks, two-liter bottles, paper towel rolls, old legos, old science kits, etc. These items will be used as part of our summer program. We greatly appreciate your continued prayer and support for MACS.

Upcoming Events
Last Day of School, May 28th
Summer Open House, June 10th

OPPORTUNITIES TO SUPPORT MACS

MACS is now a part of the **RX Fundraising** Program at Rite Aid. Any time you shop or pick up a prescription we can receive a donation. Go to this website and sign up: support.rxfundraising.com/minervaareachristianschool.

KISHMAN'S CARDS - MACS receives 10% of the face value of the cards you purchase from the church office, while you still get your full amount to spend on groceries. Use gift cards instead of cash, and help our school. This is a great opportunity to make our funds go farther. Pick up your cards in the church office today to support MACS.

MAY CALENDAR

May 1 - Prayer Meeting 10:00 am
May 4 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:30 pm
May 4 - Trustee's Meeting 6:00 pm
May 6 - All Board Reports Due to the office
May 8 - Prayer Meeting 10:00 am
May 10 - General Board Meeting 7:30pm
May 11 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:30 pm
May 15 - Prayer Meeting 10:00 am
May 18 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:30 pm
May 20 - Deacon's Pantry 9 - 11 am
May 22 - Prayer Meeting 10:00 am
May 23 - Dinner & A Movie 5:30 pm
May 25 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:30 pm
May 27 - Last day of Pre-school
May 28 - Last day of Elementary School
May 29 - Prayer Meeting 10:00 am
May 31 - Memorial Day, office closed

GENERAL BOARD REPORTS

Please have all reports for the May General Board Meeting to the office **by Thursday, May 6th**.

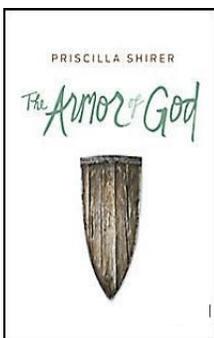
CHURCH CAMP TIME!!

Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp and Round Lake Christian Camp are currently taking reservations for summer camp. See Zach or go online.
Elkhornvalley.com or Roundlake.org



Camps for grades 1 through adults.

LADIES' BIBLE STUDY



"Armor of God"

By: Priscilla Shirer

Tuesdays @ 7:30 pm

This is for ladies of all ages. If you have any questions, please contact Trish Bush or Sandy Doppelheuer.

DEACON'S PANTRY



Each month our Deacon's Pantry distributes food and some paper products to 20 - 25 families. If you are able to pick up a few non-perishable items to donate it would be greatly appreciated. Some of the items we need are: canned vegetables, fruit and soups peanut butter, mac & cheese, pasta & sauce, saltine crackers. Monetary donations are always welcome. Our next distribution will be on Thursday, May 20th 9 - 11 am. If you are able to help see Jay Harsh.

PRAYER LIST	SPECIAL FUND BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31
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Christa Archer
 Robert Beadnell
 Linda Becknell
 Dorothy Birney
 Arlene Brown
 Alvin & Shirley Catlett
 Marcy Childester
 Don Clapper
 Maxine Cope
 Donna Dennis
 Jerry Grimes
 Kay Hanna
 Mary Jo Hardman
 Kate Hart
 Judy Hays-Hasch
 Joan Henninger
 Todd Hetherington
 Pat Houze
 Lee Iden
 Nancy Kibler
 Rory King
 Pat Lowery
 Dolores McCully
 Amy McGrew
 Shea Mitchell
 Connie Morris
 Ken & Kathy Porter
 Eric Prowe
 Martha Prowe
 Carole Reckner
 Ralph Russell
 Sandy Russell
 Gene & Kathy Schmucker
 Gary Schotts
 Don Shields
 Howard Snyder
 Barbara Unkefer
 Ruth Weaver
 Thelma Weekly

Vehicle/Bus	\$2,316
Coffee Spot	\$143
Employee Medical	\$5,050
Missions	\$9,603
Deacons	\$2,757
Landscaping	\$183
Roof	-\$5,356
Parking Lot	\$7,390
A/C	\$6,245
Audio/Visual	\$5,458
Kid's Corner Renovation	\$31,811
HS/MS Trips	\$12,025
Building	-\$7,315
YES Ministry	\$113

Dinner & A Movie Night
Sunday, May 23, 2021
5:30 pm
"It's A Wonderful Day
In the Neighborhood"

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Mar. 28</u>	<u>Apr. 4</u>	<u>Apr. 11</u>	<u>Apr. 18</u>	<u>Apr. 25</u>
Worship Service	82	126	84	86	102

MARCH GIVING:

General Fund	\$16,828
Building Fund	\$350
Mission Fund	\$3,283

Military: SFC Jessie Clark: 1st Lieutenant Isaac Graham; Thomas E. Greathouse, Jr.; Mitchell Greer; Timothy Reed; Sgt. Kurt Warwick **Please let us know about Military updates/corrections.**

YTD as of 3/31/2021

General Fund given for budget	\$237,145
General Fund actual expenses	\$200,474

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

300 West Lincoln Way
Minerva, Ohio 44657



Address Service Requested

April 28, 2021

Church

minervafcc@hotmail.com
Celebration 10:15 a.m.
Sunday School 9:00 a.m.

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.-4:00 p.m.
Monday-Friday
330-868-4151

Minerva First Christian Church



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Staff

Zach Long
Youth Minister
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zlong7@yahoo.com

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School

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330-868-5728
fccmacs@hotmail.com

MACS Administrator
Mr. Chris Stoffer
330-936-5723
Stoffer.chris@yahoo.com



2021 Preaching Theme
"2021... BEHOLD I DO A NEW THING!!"

MAY SERMON SCHEDULE

May 2	Zach Long Preaching
May 9	Zach Long Preaching
May 16	Nate Oberly Preaching
May 23	Nate Oberly Preaching
May 31	TBD

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	May 2	May 9	May 16	May 23	May 30
Communion Meditation	Bruce Doppelheuer	Mike Fountain	Nate Oberly	John Long	Bruce Doppelheuer
Ushers	Bob Palmer	Matt Zahn	Bill Shaw	Mike Fountain	Bob Palmer
Deaconesses	Christa Archer, Trish Bush				



2021 BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

	Milestones		Milestones
1 David & Jo D Unkefer	39	15	Carol Schotts Ann Zahn
2 Mackenzie Fountain Pearl Ray	91	18	Tim & Trish Bush 50
3 Alvin & Shirley Catlett	41	20	Bob Palmer Tim Bush Carol Thomas
4 Jill Long		24	Marilyn Hoopes
5 Pat Houze		25	Mike Mathis
8 Kay Hanna	98	26	Melody Fisher
9 Ronald Shatzer Kenny Unkefer Eva Wolf Milton & Beth Awa	40	27	Diana Palmer
10 Shelly Fountain		28	William Fisher
12 Marvin & Jennifer Jackson	20	29	Barb (BJ) Dunlevy Johnny Costea
13 Carol Ray		31	Jean Miller