

FALL HAPPENINGS!

October 2021

GRIEF SHARE

We will begin on Friday, October 8th
@ 6 PM with an Orientation.

If would you be interested in providing a meal for those attending, please contact Pastor Jason @ 740-294-7664

Oct. 8	Orientation 6 PM
Oct. 15	Session 1 6-8 PM
Oct. 22	Session 2
Oct. 29	Session 3
Nov. 5	Session 4
Nov. 12	Session 5
Nov. 19	Session 6
Nov. 26	No Session - Thanksgiving
Dec. 3	Session 7
Dec. 10	Session 8
Dec. 17	Session 9
Dec. 24	No Session - Christmas Eve
Dec. 31	No Session - New Year's
Jan. 7	Session 10
Jan. 14	Session 11
Jan. 21	Session 12
Jan. 28	Session 13
Feb. 4	Celebration Meal 6 PM

You can begin at anytime during the session, each session is "self-contained", so you do not have to attend in sequence. You will be able to pick up any sessions you missed in the cycle.

Sunday Evening Service Beginning Oct. 3rd 6:00 PM

It will be the S.O.A.P. Journal Bible Study Method

S - Scripture
O - Observation
A - Application
P - Prayer

October 3	James 1:1-8
October 10	James 1:9-12
October 17	James 1:13-18
October 24	No Service (Family Fall Festival)
October 31	No Service (Halloween)

Youth Program for all ages will be available.

FROM THE PASTOR

Revenge. It is not a pretty word. It carries with it a certain notion that a person is unable or willing to overcome a wrong that has been done against them without seeking retribution. In the church we frown upon the word itself because we know what the Scriptures say about it. But how often do we kid ourselves into thinking that we truly associate this word with the actual action that its definition implies?

The truth of the matter is we all love the action of revenge whether we say we like the word or not. We love to see people get what is coming to them. When a politician that we don't agree with falls—we celebrate. When a boss that gets under our skin is fired, we are overjoyed. When a trouble maker is exposed, we feel like justice has been served. When someone does us wrong, we want them to pay. This is why the lawsuit has become the cornerstone of modern American society.

However, I want to point out that it is a different story altogether **when we get what is coming to us**. We will come up with whatever excuse we can think of, and sometimes even outright lie to get out of having to pay the price for our own sins. And it is only when revenge is pointed in our direction that we truly see the merit of mercy and grace. A painful reminder of our natural self-centeredness in this life.

In his letter to the church in Rome, the Apostle Paul wrote about this subject. And like most things about the Christian faith, what God tells us to do in regards to revenge goes directly against the norms of society. It goes against the grain of our own personal feelings also. You see, Paul wrote, "Don't seek revenge yourselves, beloved, but give place to God's wrath. For it is written, "Vengeance belong to me; I will repay, says the Lord." Therefore "If your enemy is hungry, feed him. If he is thirsty, give him a drink; for in doing so, you will heap coals of fire on his head." Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with goods" (Romans 12:19-21, World English Bible).

I have always found the Apostle Paul's letter to the Romans fascinating. Historically speaking, Paul had not yet visited Rome when he wrote this document. This explains why it is very rich with theological teaching... and also very detailed. Paul had not taught them personally as he had in other places. He took the time to really try to bring as much information as possible to them through this document.

And what stands out the most to me in this passage is the way that Paul ended his thought on the matter by saying, "*Don't be overcome by evil, but overcome evil with good*". You see, when God created this world He created it perfect and peaceful. It is not God, but the Devil that desires chaos. The devil wants you at odds with your co-workers. He wants your family in turmoil. He loves it when we are rioting in the streets causing harm to our neighbors. He is happy that we try to settle everything by suing others. In other words, the devil loves it when we get our revenge. Not because he likes justice, but because he likes to see the cycle of evil against others continue.

God on the other hand teaches us something different altogether. Now don't get me wrong, God is a God of justice. And He truly is the only One qualified to deliver that justice. Paul even clarifies in this passage that vengeance belongs to Him. And the Bible tells us that those who die unrepentant will receive what they deserve from the Lord.

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FROM THE PASTOR . . . CONTINUED

But what we need to understand is that God is also a God of mercy. So much so that Jesus came to this earth to bear the terror of the cross so that the vengeance that you and I deserve could be placed upon Him. Think of that! God-the only one that has the true right to pay people back for their actions said- "I love you so much, I will endure the wrath that you deserve!" He has offered the pardon. John 3:16 promises believers that our slate has been wiped clean. But with that forgiveness comes a responsibility. Jesus says that we must now also **model** His choice of grace (Matthew 6:14-15, Matthew 18:21-35, Matthew 5:23-24, James 2:13).

But, when we decide that vengeance is ours and not God's we are allowing ourselves to be controlled by the evil brought into this world through sin. We are continuing the cycle of hate. We are being overcome by evil. Church-the only way to overcome evil is to leave the job of vengeance to God where it belongs. The next time someone wrongs you, find a way to show them kindness. The next time you are hurt, find a way to help that person heal. It is only because they are broken that they are acting that way in the first place. The next time someone casts judgement your way, **throw mercy back at them.** I think we would all be amazed at the results if we truly listened to the words of our Lord and took ourselves out of His judgment seat-if we truly chose to overcome evil with good like our Lord has before us.

God bless you,
Pastor Jason

FAMILY MATTERS

We celebrate a baptism . . . Alexis Oberly came forward on Sunday, Sept. 5th professing her faith in our Lord and Savior and was baptized by her dad, Nate. She is the daughter of Nate and Chelsea and big sister to Case. Alexis is a 3rd grader at Louisville Elementary. Their address is 6673 Georgetown St. NE, East Canton, OH 44730

Sending a Big Hug . . . to all of my favorite people! Dear Church family, We love, appreciate, and will miss you. Thank you for the opportunity to serve. We have been blessed. Thank you for your friendship and encouragement. We will be praying for the entire body. It was a lovely meal and celebration :)

If we meet and you forget me you have lost nothing, but if you meet Jesus Christ and forget him you have lost everything. God is **so** good! Because **HE** lives, Linda & Phil

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Phil's cell 330-546-4024

We send our sympathy to . . . The family and friends of Peggy Gross. Peggy passed away on Monday, Sept. 27th. Her service will be Friday, October 1 @ noon at the Gotschall-Hutchinson Funeral Home with calling hours 11 - 12 am.

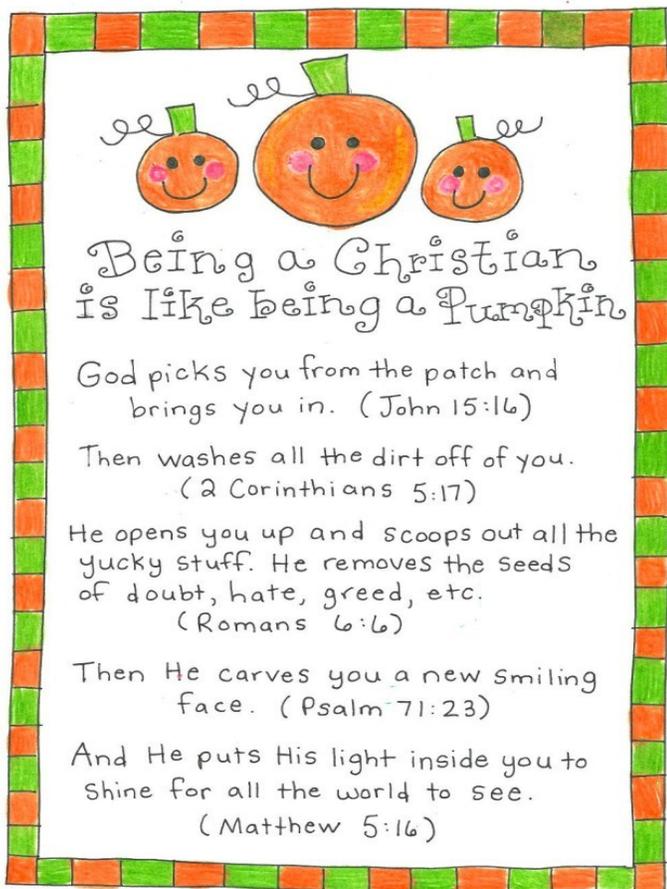
"Let's hold fast the confession of our hope without wavering; for he who promised is faithful."
Hebrews 10:23

PASTOR APPRECIATION MONTH

October is Pastor Appreciation Month and in appreciation of the dedicated services of all staff at First Christian Church, we want to show our heart felt thanks to each of them in a tangible way. We thank God for their commitment to fulfill God's purpose for their lives in the Church family.

We would ask each of you to prayerfully consider how God would have you participate in this "Love Offering" as a way of saying "Thank You."

Any Sunday in the month of October, you can give the "Love Offering" by marking your envelope or check accordingly. The gifts will be shared equally by all six members of our paid staff.



Happy Home Fairy

NEW ADDRESS AND PHONE NUMBER

Pastor Jason and Shelly and their family have moved into their new home, the address is: 4101 Tunnel Hill Avenue SE., Minerva, OH 44657
Jason's cell number is: 740-294-7664
The home number is: 330-868-4484

MISSION SPOTLIGHT

During the month of October, we will be collecting items for people in shelters in the Canton Area such as the Homeless Shelter, some are families with children. The items can be for Men, Women and/or children, As winter approaches, the needs become greater. Some suggestions are:

Toothpaste	Lotions
Toothbrushes	Chap stick
Bath soap (bars)	Coats
Shower gel	Blankets
Deodorant	Boots
Shampoo	Sweaters
Wash cloths	Socks
Towels	Knit hats
Combs	Gloves
Hairbrushes	Scarves
Nail clippers	Warm Shirts
Hand Sanitizer	

Please place items on the Missions table by Oct. 31 as I would like to deliver the items to the shelters by the first or second week of November. We thank you in advance.

— Marge Warrick

FROM THE YOUTH MINISTER

Hello there, Church! Fall Festival is fast approaching, we were not able to have it last year due to COVID, but in 2019 we had roughly 600 people come through the building! This is always a great opportunity for our Church to show the community that we love them because we love Jesus!

So, I have 3 things to ask of you:

WE NEED LOTS AND LOTS OF CANDY!

With having a year off, I do not know what to expect as far as how many people will attend. We could do better than ever, it is possible that we could have over 600 people enter the building again this year. In any circumstance, we must be prepared to give lots of candy to lots of people! And we get that candy from your generous donations! There are a couple options as to how to donate. You can bring your candy donation to the lobby of the sanctuary on Sunday mornings, you will see a large kiddie pool to the right of the main sanctuary doors, just drop your candy in there! The other option is to bring it to the Church office any weekday from 8am-4pm. Either way, your donation is greatly appreciated! Also, monetary donations for candy are accepted as well.

YARD SIGNS...

We always do yard signs for Fall Festival, but this year we are doing it a little differently! We are selling 15 yard signs for Fall Festival at \$10 a piece. We would like these signs to be highly visible in the community as to better get the word out about Fall Festival. So, if you live in a high traffic area or an area that is highly visible in Minerva, contact us as soon as possible and I will be sure that you have a sign put in your yard. Another possibility is that you may know someone who has a highly visible yard and would like to purchase a sign to put in their yard. As long as it's good with them, it's good with us! Monetary donations for the cost of signs are also accepted!

PRAYER & SERVICE

As much as I am excited for candy, yard signs, bounce houses, and all the other fun stuff that goes into Fall Festival, this is still an event for outreach into our community. This event is a gateway to someone possibly coming to know Jesus Christ, and that is what it is all about. With that being said, pray pray pray for this event! Pray that it's more than just a fun night, but that it will be the start of a new life for someone in Jesus' Name. Also, we need volunteers to help in several areas, as always! Please let me know if you are interested in helping out! God bless, Church!

Thanks and God Bless,
Zach Long
BeRomans12
"Together – We Build"

October 2021

MFCC Prayer Calendar

September '21

S M T W T F S
 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

November '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
26 Pray that we would be a church that GIVES!	27 Pray that God will speak to you about your giving habits	28 Pray for Brian Stoffer as he helps plant Grace Community Church in Carrollton	29 Pray for 365 (kids' church) to BURST at the seams!	30 Pray for our sensitivity to the Holy Spirit	1 Pray for our Deaconesses	2 Pray for peace, protection, purity, passion, & perspective for our kids & grandkids
3 Pray that we would be a church that GOES!	4 Pray for our trustees, John George & Bill Shaw	5 Pray a special blessing on Shelly as she settles in to Minerva and her new home	6 Do you sing alto, tenor, or bass? You are especially needed at choir practice!	7 Pray for our Sunday evening Bible Study	8 Pray for the participants in Grief Share, which begins tonight.	9 Pray that God would speak to many through Jason's words tomorrow
10 Pray that we would be a church that GATHERS!	11 Pray for the General Board meeting this evening	12 Pray that the teens deepen their relationship with God through the MS/HIS Bible study	13 Come join us in the Followers' classroom as we pray for our church!	14 Pray that Sunday's visitors will feel God's love through us	15 Pray for the family that lives to the left of your home	16 Pray for Grace Chapel as they meet in our facilities
17 Pray that we would be a church that GROWS!	18 Pray that the Worship Planning Committee would be open to God's leading as they plan	19 Choose an unsaved family member - pray right now for that person!	20 Pray for Alexis O, who was baptized into Christ last month!	21 Pray for those who receive help from Deacons' Pantry	22 Pray for McKayla in her role as Zach's helpmate	23 Pray for the Family Fall Festival, which is tomorrow evening
24 Pray that we would be a church that GIVES!	25 Pray for Matt Hogue, our newest Trustee	26 Pray for the ladies in our Tuesday evening Bible Study - and come join us!	27 Pray for Sherri Oberly, our secretary	28 Pray for God's leading in your giving, as our budget needs increase	29 Pray for Dave Bush as he serves as elder & Sunday school teacher	30 Pray that those susceptible to COVID complications will stay healthy
31 Pray that we would become the CHURCH THAT PRAYS!	<div style="border: 2px solid orange; border-radius: 50%; padding: 10px; display: inline-block; text-align: center;"> <p>Put away every form of evil. 1 Thessalonians 5:22</p> </div> <p>Are you not sure what to pray for someone? Try Romans 15:5-6 - "May the God who gives endurance and encouragement give you a spirit of unity among yourselves as you follow Christ Jesus, so that with one heart and mouth you may glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ."</p>					

MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Fall is upon us as we observe the leaves change and the temperatures drop, MACS students are back in the school year routine. We have been blessed to add many new students and families to our school community and excited to be building new relationships. Over the last few weeks, we have had several events to kick off our school year. We had our Grandparents' Day celebration, where around 100 grandparents and friends of our students participated in a fun day highlighted by a science presentation from Mobile Ed Productions.

Our book fair also took place last month and we were able to raise over \$700 in scholastic dollars for resources for our school! Thank you to all who participated in the book fair. Lastly, our pre-school students were able to have our first field trip in over a year as they travelled to Varian Orchards. God has blessed us with the ability to return to a more normal school year and we look forward to having more memorable events as the year progresses.

Please continue to pray for the health and safety of our students and staff as we head into colder weather months. Also, pray for our new school families that we are able to create strong relationships with them and provide support for them. We are truly blessed to have this ministry as a part of MFCC and we thank you for your prayers and support.

Support MACS

Thank you for your continued support of our ministry. There are several ways to provide support for MACS. One way is to support us through the RX fundraising program. Any time you shop or fill a prescription at Rite Aid, we will receive a donation. To sign up for this program, please use this link, <https://rxfundraising.com/s/?id=minervaareachristianschool>.

Also, you can purchase Kishman Gift Cards from the office. MACS received 10% from a purchase of a \$25, \$50 or \$100 gift card. Lastly, If you would like to donate to our Annual Fund, you are able to donate online, <https://donorbox.org/macs-fund>. We greatly appreciate the amazing support of MFCC and cannot wait to share with you all of the great things our students do this school year!

“Even to your old age and gray hairs
I am he, I am he who will sustain you.
I have made you and I will carry you;
I will sustain you and I will rescue you.”
Isaiah 46:4

OCTOBER CALENDAR

Oct. 1 - Blood Mobile 12-6 PM
Oct. 3 - S.O.A.P. 6:00 pm
Oct. 3 - 24/7 Bible Study @ FCC 7-8:30
Oct. 5 - Trustee's Meeting 6:00 pm
Oct. 5 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:30 pm
Oct. 5 - 24/7 Bible Study 7-8:30 pm
Oct. 6 - Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 6 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Oct. 7 - All Board Reports Due to office
Oct. 7 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Oct. 8 - Grief Share 6-8 pm
Oct. 10 - S.O.A.P. 6:00 pm
Oct. 10 - 24/7 @ FCC 5-7 pm
Oct. 11 - MACS No School
Oct. 11 - General Board Meeting 7:30pm
Oct. 12 - Home Dept. 7:00 pm
Oct. 12 - 24/7 Bible Study @ FCC 7-8:30
Oct. 12 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:30 pm
Oct. 13 - Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 13 - Choir 7:00 pm
Oct. 14 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Oct. 15 - Grief Share 6-8 pm
Oct. 17 - S.O.A.P. 6:00 pm
Oct. 17 - 24/7 @ FCC 5-7
Oct. 19 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:30 pm
Oct. 19 - 24/7 Bible Study @ FCC 7-8:30
Oct. 19 - MACS Board Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 20 - Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 20 - Choir 7:00 pm
Oct. 21 - Deacon's Pantry 9 - 11 am
Oct. 21 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Oct. 22 - Grief Share 6-8 pm
Oct. 24 - NO S.O.A.P.
Oct. 24 - Family Fall Festival 5-7 pm
Oct. 26 - Ladies' Bible Study 7:30 pm
Oct. 26 - 24/7 Bible Study 7-8:30 pm
Oct. 26 - Prayer Meeting 7:00 pm
Oct. 27 - Choir 7:00 pm
Oct. 28 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Oct. 29 - Grief Share 6-8 pm
Oct. 31 - NO S.O.A.P.

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE



**FRIDAY, OCT. 1
12-6 PM**

**@ First Christian
Church**

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

October General Board Meeting
will be on **Monday, Oct. 11th**
@ 7:30 pm.

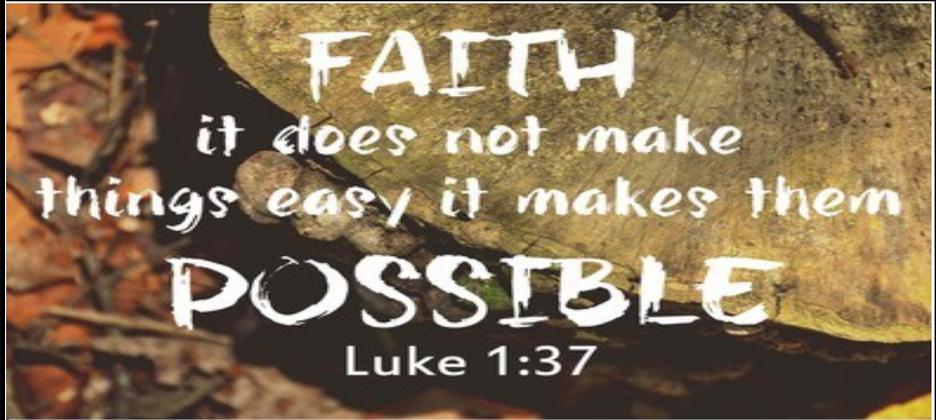
Please have all reports to the office
by Thursday, October 7th.

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: tuna, soups, canned vegetables, fruit, ramen peanut butter, mac & cheese, pasta & sauce, saltine crackers. Monetary donations are always welcome. Our next distribution will be on Thursday, October 21st 9 - 11 am. If you are able to help see Jay Harsh.

As the holidays approach, the need is greater. We will also be preparing for the Christmas Baskets that we distribute.

PRAYER LIST	SPECIAL FUND BALANCES			
Christa Archer	Vehicle/Bus	\$2,366		
Kassadee Archer	Coffee Spot	\$260		
Linda Becknell	Employee Medical	\$4,050		
Dan Bergman	Missions	\$3,178		
Dorothy Birney	Deacons	\$3,270		
Arlene Brown	Landscaping	\$538		
Alvin & Shirley Catlett	Roof	-\$8,989		
Marcy Childester	Parking Lot	\$3,400		
Don Clapper	A/C	\$6,245		
Donna Dennis	Audio/Visual	\$5,480		
Jerry Grimes	Kid's Corner Renovation	\$35,827		
Mary Jo Hardman	HS/MS Trips	\$9,953		
Kate Hart	Building	-\$5,685		
Todd Hetherington	YES Ministry	\$113		
Pat Houze				
Lee Iden				
Nancy Kibler				
Rory King				
Pat Lowery				
Nancy Marquis				
Dolores McCully				
Shea Mitchell				
Connie Morris				
Eric Prowe				
Martha Prowe				
Heidi Randal				
Carole Reckner				
Sandy Russell				
Gary & Carol Schotts				
Don Shields				
Alicia Smith				
Allie Swank				
Barbara Unkefer				
Thelma Weekly				
ATTENDANCE				
	<u>Sept. 5</u>	<u>Sept. 12</u>	<u>Sept. 19</u>	<u>Sept. 26</u>
Worship Service	115	131	125	118
Bible School	58	54	54	59



AUGUST GIVING:

General Fund	\$25,460
Building Fund	\$180
Mission Fund	\$4,053

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

YTD as of 8/31/2021

General Fund given for budget	\$40,688
General Fund actual expenses	\$50,483

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

300 West Lincoln Way
Minerva, Ohio 44657

September 29, 2021

Church

minervafcc@hotmail.com
Celebration 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Evening 6:00 pm

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

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Minerva First Christian Church

FREE

FALL FESTIVAL

Sun. Oct. 24th 5-7pm

Everything Inside!

Candy, Food, Games, and much more!

2021 Preaching Theme

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

OCTOBER SERMON SCHEDULE

Oct. 3

"PRAISING GOD DURING THE SHAKING"

Text: Habakkuk 3:17-19

Translation: World English Bible

Oct. 10

"HEARING VS. LISTENING"

Text: Romans 6:11-18

Translation: King James Version

Oct. 17

"A NEW NAME"

Text: Matthew 12:46-50

Genesis 35:16-20

Translation: World English Bible

Oct. 24

"A FATHER OF THE FATHERLESS"

Text: Psalm 68:4-6

Translation: World English Bible

Oct. 31

"UNSTAINED BY THE WORLD"

Text: Mark 5:24-34

Translation: World English Bible

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	October 3	October 10	October 17	October 24	October 31
Communion Meditation	Dave Bush	Mike Fountain	John Long	John Russell	Bruce Doppelheuer
Ushers	Bob Palmer	Bill Shaw	Matt Zahn	Mike Fountain	John George
Deaconesses	Dora Sutton	Dora Sutton	Dora Sutton	Dora Sutton	Dora Sutton

24/7 Middle & High School Youth Group

Food, games, lessons, fellowship & FUN!!!
 Contact Zach for more information
 330-417-4834

Youth Group
 Sundays 5 - 7 PM @ FCC

Bible Study
 Tuesdays 7:00 - 8:30 PM @ FCC

MARK YOUR CALENDARS

FAMILY FALL FESTIVAL
Sunday, October 24th

PRAYER MEETING

We meet on **Wednesday** evenings at **7:00** for our Prayer Meetings. We meet in the Followers' Classroom which is on the 3rd floor. Everyone is welcome to join us. Questions, please see Eric Hoffmeyer.

PRAISE CHOIR

We are excited for a new season. and always looking for new members! Choir Practice is **Wednesdays, @ 7 PM**. If you love to make a joyful noise, Join Us! For more information, contact Christa Archer at 330-760-4540.

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.





**OCTOBER
2021
BIRTHDAYS
& ANNIVERSARIES**

Milestones

Milestones

1 John George

2 Linda Palmer

3 **Bill & Melody Fisher**

29

4 **John & Cindy Pilati**

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7 Connie Brewer
Terri Bush

8 **Jason & Shelly Jackson**

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9 Josiah Jackson

10 Jay Harsh

11 Luis Torres

12 Kathryn Clapper
Bruce Doppelheuer
Nancy Marquis

15 Sue Barr

17 Barb Edwards
Bill Myers

18 Flora Bergman

22 Danielle Weiss

27 Joan Henninger

29 Arla Seck

31 McKayla Long
Chip Syme