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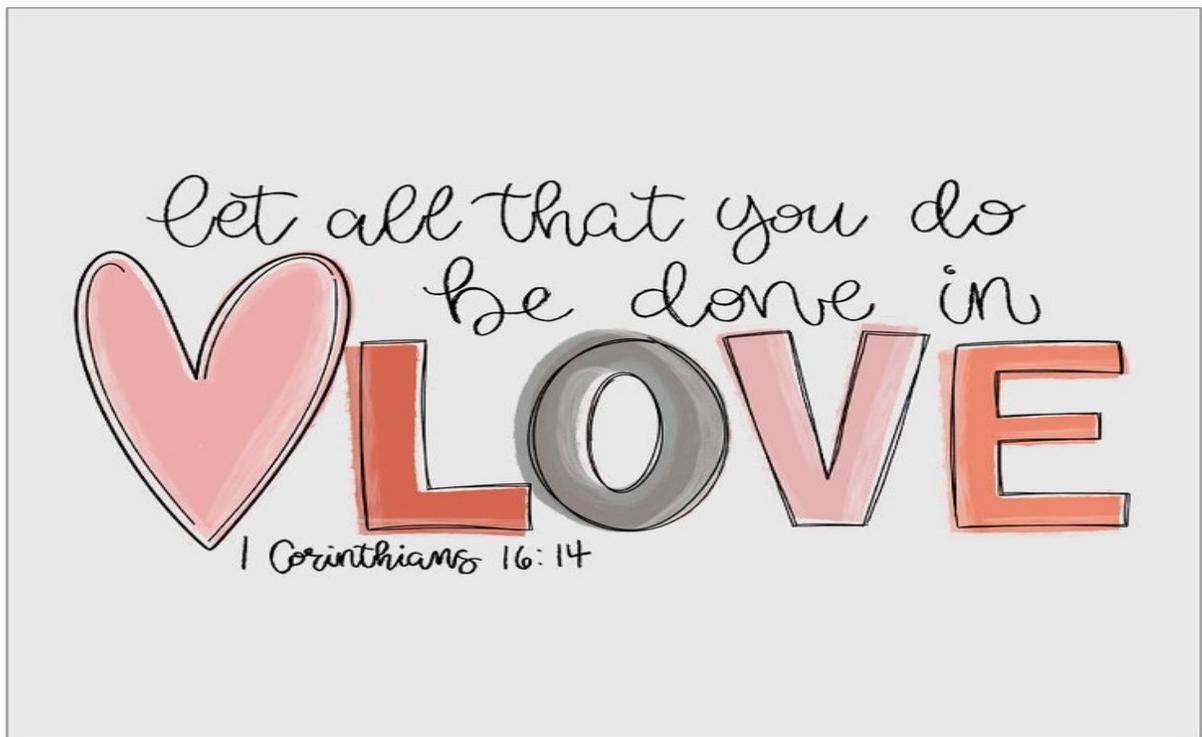
LADIES BIBLE STUDY TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 1ST 9:30 AM

We will be meeting for Bible Study and will also have some service projects. Our Study will be on a book by Lisa Terkeurst entitled "Forgiving What You Can't Forget": Discover How to Move On, Make Peace with Painful Memories, and Create a Life That's Beautiful Again.

This is open to ALL ladies!
Questions? Contact Trish Bush @ 330-863-2215



FEBRUARY 2024



2 BAD & 2 GOOD

Every person who has ever lived either can serve as a bad example of how to live or a good example of how to live. This is true of individuals in Scripture as well. Either we should follow their example or we should not. It's pretty simple. And speaking simplicity, our topic for this article is pretty simple: the response we have when asked by God to do something. So, we're going to take a look at 2 bad examples from Scripture and 2 good ones. Let's start with the bad to get it out of the road, shall we?

Ever hear of a guy named Moses? He's a pretty popular Old Testament figure, if not THE most popular. He is well known for good reason, because God used him to do some pretty incredible things, but before all that he was an 80 year old shepherd that didn't want to change... Essentially God comes to him and says, "Moses, I want to use you to free my people from slavery in Egypt."

Moses hems and haws around, making all sorts of excuses. Finally he even begs God to find someone else! God doesn't, and eventually Moses would go on to obey. However, we learn from Moses as a bad example, because we know that when God asks us to do something we should do it, not make excuses. How do we know what God wants us to do? We read about it in His Word, the Bible. Has God convicted you of something and you just keep on making excuses?

Ever hear of a guy named Jonah? Yeah, probably, but most of the time it's just for the fact that he was swallowed by a huge fish. But before all that, God simply called this prophet to go and preach to the wicked city of Nineveh. Jonah didn't want to go, but he doesn't even make excuses like Moses. He just runs away! Doesn't even say anything! He pretends like he can get away from God without Him knowing, so he gets on a boat headed for Tarshish. Funny.

A storm rages on the sea and the only thing that'll calm it is Jonah being thrown overboard. So, the sailors throw him over. The sea becomes calm, Jonah is swallowed by a fish and repents and eventually goes on to obey. Even when he obeys though, if you look at Jonah chapter four he's got a pretty bad attitude about it... We learn from Jonah as a bad example, why? Because when God asks us to do something, we shouldn't run away, and we shouldn't whine about it... Is there something God wants you to do, but you know that you have been avoiding God and avoiding doing it forever? Don't be like Jonah, or you're liable to get swallowed by a big fish!

How about a good example? Finally, right? Ever hear of a teenager named Mary? She was called to be the mother of the Son of God, Jesus Himself. An angel appears to her and tells her all this, and she's afraid at first, but who wouldn't be if an angel actually appeared to them??? She is told all these crazy things, that she will carry the Son of God in her womb. That is a pretty important calling. But Mary doesn't make excuses. Mary doesn't run away. She says this in Luke 1:38, "I am the Lord's servant"... Mary simply obeys. No questions, no fighting, no running. Just listening and obeying. Trusting God.

Ever hear of a few fishermen named Peter, Andrew, James, and John? They were some of Jesus' first disciples, and you can read about them in Matthew 4. They are out fishing when Jesus calls them and says, "Come, follow me!" The Bible says that Peter and Andrew went "at once", and that James and John went "immediately".

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Their obedience is instantaneous. They don't ask where they are going, what they will be doing, none of that, they simply go.

Church which two are you? Be honest. When asked to do something for God, are you making excuses or running away like Moses and Jonah? Or are you hopping to it with excitement and tenacity liking Mary, Peter, Andrew, James, and John? Far too often we are too hesitant just like Moses and Jonah. Let's be like those other 5 individuals who got it. When God asks us to do something, let's OBEY.

So, are you obeying? Here's a test, open your Bible and read Ephesians 4:29-32, you'll find out real quick!

Thanks and God Bless,
Zach Long
BeRomans12

ASX



COOKIES NEEDED

We are asking for cookie donations. They can be dropped off at the office during the week or set on the mission table on Sunday mornings.

Thank you!

AWANA

Come Join us for Sparkies and TNT!

Games, Bible Stories, Verse Memorization, and Fun!!!

Sundays 5:00-6:30 pm Ages: K-5



Connect with Jordan PH:
208-721-0630 or by email:
jwvert@gmail.com

EYE GLASS COLLECTING

We are collecting old eye-glasses to donate to "Cross Eyed Mission". This is a mission founded by Dr. Brady Kail of Waynesburg Vision. There is a basket on the information table to place any glasses.



Hey 4th - 6th graders! Join the Club!

So, what is FLIP?



What: A club for 4th-6th grade that meets once a week to have a great time with each other and the Lord! FLIP includes:

- ✔ Games
- ✔ Music
- ✔ God's Word

Where: Minerva FCC, Youth Room

When: Tuesday nights from 6:30pm - 7:30pm

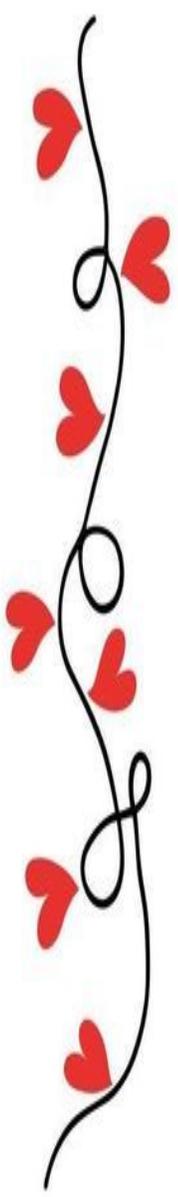
Why: To show students they are loved by God while giving them a place to belong.

Questions? Call or Text Zach Long @ 330-417-4834

FAMILY MATTERS

We welcome Austin Lee to the family of God. Austin stepped out in faith and was baptized on Sunday, January 14th. He is active in our 24/7 Youth Group. Austin is a Sophomore at Minerva High School. Let us welcome Austin with open arms into the family of God. Austin lives at 813 Lynnwood Drive., Minerva, OH 44657

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BOY SCOUT REUNION



86
Years

Troop 150 is celebrating **86 years** of scouting in
Minerva, Ohio.

All current and former Troop 150 Scouts are invited
to join us on **Saturday, March 16th** at the
Minerva First Christian Church
for a *Scout Reunion Dinner* to celebrate our
historical achievements in scouting.

Bring your family (including former scout parents).

All are welcome!

A catered dinner of chicken parmesan, salad, roll
and beverage will begin at **6:00 p.m.** followed by a
small ceremony with guest speakers.

*Doors open at 5:30 p.m.

Dinner is \$16 per plate.

The deadline to register/pay is
Sunday, March 3, 2024

Register/Pay at:

<https://www.signnupgenius.com/go/10C0F4EAFA82EA2FFC16-47331060-scout>

or use QR Code:



MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Amazingly we are already into the second month of 2024. It is a very busy time at MACS as our students are entering their third nine weeks of school and we are making plans for next school year!

Families will have the opportunity to begin to enroll their children for the 2024-2025 school year beginning on Tuesday, February 6th.

MACS continues to be blessed and we are expecting to have a great group of families join us next year. If you know any families that would be interested in enrolling their children, have them contact us. We would love to speak with them. Also, we will have several Open Houses in March that families can attend to learn more information about the school. They will be held on March 7th and 16th. Families can sign up by contacting our office or on our website.

MACS also has several open positions for next school year and are looking to add to our dedicated, Christ-centered staff. If you know of anyone who may be interested in a position. Have them check out our website for more information. As we enter the enrollment season, we ask for your prayers that we are able to reach as many families as we can to be a part of our program and that we may continue to be a light for Jesus in our community.

Lastly, we invite all families from MFCC to join us for our Family Reading Night that will be held on Friday, February 9th from 6 pm to 8 pm in the Education Wing. The theme for the evening is "Reading under the Stars." It will be a fun night of Reading, projects, snacks, and fellowship. We hope you can join us. Thank you for your continued support of MACS. We continue to believe God has great things in store for the school as we move into this year and the future.

Upcoming Events

Family Reading Night - February 9th

MACS February Board Meeting Tuesday, February 20th 5:15 pm

FEBRUARY CALENDAR

Feb. 1 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Feb. 2 - American Cross Blood Mobile 11-5
Feb. 4 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Feb. 4 - NO Adult Bible Study
Feb. 6 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Feb. 6 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm
Feb. 7 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Feb. 8 - Board Reports are due to the office
Feb. 8 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Feb. 11 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Feb. 11 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm
Feb. 12 - General Board Meeting 7:30 pm
Feb. 12 - Home Dept., Meeting 7:00 pm
Feb. 13 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Feb. 13 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm
Feb. 14 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Feb. 15 - Deacons Pantry 9:30 - 10:00 am
Feb. 15 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Feb. 18 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Feb. 18 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm
Feb. 19 - NO School President's Day
Feb. 20 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm
Feb. 20 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm
Feb. 21 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Feb. 22 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm
Feb. 25 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm
Feb. 25 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm
Feb. 27 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30-7:30 pm
Feb. 27 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm
Feb. 28 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm
Feb. 29 - ASX 3:30 - 5:00 pm

24/7 Bible Study is for youth grades
6-12 Tuesdays 7:30-8:30 pm

Flip is for youth grades 4-6 Tuesdays
6:30 - 7:30 pm

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

February 12th, 2024
7:30 pm.

Please have all reports to the office
by Thurs., February 8th

RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE



FEBRUARY
2ND
11 AM - 5 PM

**Give the gift
Of life!**

DEACONS PANTRY



Each month our Deacon's Pantry distributes food and some paper products to 15 - 20 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. We will be making our distribution on Thursday, February 15th, if you are able to help see Jay Harsh.

PRAYER LIST

Jennifer Allen
 Christa Archer
 Alice & Gary Archer
 Kassadee Archer
 Bill & Linda Becknell
 Doug Bell
 Ellie Bender
 Dorothy Birney
 Arlene Brown
 Shirley Catlett
 Don Clapper
 Lora Crabtree
 Donna Dennis
 Jenny Dowell
 Janet Greathouse
 Mary Jo Hardman
 Debbie Harsh
 Lois Hawkins
 Bob Hetherington
 Evelyn Hopkins
 George Horvath
 Lee Iden
 Nancy Kibler
 Leroy Kibler
 Rory & Nancy King
 Mary Long
 Herb & Pat Lowery
 Sondra Lowery
 Nancy Marquis
 Dolores M^cCully
 Jean Miller
 Shea Mitchell
 Connie Morris
 Sheila Murray
 Eric Prowe
 Heidi Randall
 John & Sandy Russell
 Gene Schmucker
 Kathy Schmucker
 Gary & Carol Schotts
 Lynette Shatzer
 Kathy Shaw
 Don Shields
 Joan Shotwell
 Midge Snyder
 Jeremiah Ward
 Marge Warrick
 Carol White
 Richard Wickersham
 Les Willison

SPECIAL FUND BALANCES AS OF DECEMBER 31st

Vehicle/Bus	\$2,366
Coffee Spot	\$434
Missions	\$8,179
Deacons	\$1,182
Landscaping	\$547
Audio/Visual	\$5,510
Kid's Corner Renovation	\$56,076
HS/MS Trips	\$7,308
Building	\$37,165
YES Ministry	\$10
Minister's Benevolence Fund	\$8,318



**CHOIR
PRACTICE
WEDNESDAYS
@ 7 PM**

ATTENDANCE

	<u>Jan. 7</u>	<u>Jan. 14</u>	<u>Jan. 21</u>	<u>Jan. 28</u>
Worship	139	106	123	
Bible School	61	49	53	

Military: CSM Jesse Clark; Special Forces Captain Isaac Graham;; Thomas E. Greathouse, Jr.; Timothy Reed; Sgt. Kurt Warrick **Please let us know about Military updates/corrections.**

DECEMBER GIVING:

General Fund	\$62,822
Building Fund	\$5,900
Mission Fund	\$19,616

YTD as of 12/31/2023

General Fund given for budget	\$189,847
Gen. Fund Budgeted Expenses	\$171,920
General Fund actual expenses	\$178,477

FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH

300 West Lincoln Way
Minerva, Ohio 44657

January 31, 2024

Church

minervafcc@hotmail.com
Celebration 10:15 am
Sunday School 9:00 am
Sunday Evening 5:00 pm

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

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FEBRUARY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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|---|------------------------------------|
| 2 Lisa George | 17 Richard Wickersham
Ryan Zahn |
| 3 Dorothy Thomas
Mike Weekly | 18 Donald Shields |
| 4 Marilyn Humphries | 19 Sandy Doppelheuer |
| 6 Evelyn Hopkins | 22 Ashley Zahn |
| 9 Linda Becknell
Debbie Costea | 23 Alice Archer |
| | 24 Cindy Pilati |
| 10 Lucinda Hoopes | 25 Kathy Syme |
| 14 Frank & Maureen
DeSantis 43 years | |

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	Feb. 4	Feb. 11	Feb. 18	Feb. 25
Comm. Meditation	Bruce Doppelheuer	Nate Oberly	Zach Long	Dave Bush
Ushers	Mike Fountain	Chip Cyme	John Bowman	Kenny Hoopes
Deaconess	Trish Bush	Trish Bush	Trish Bush	Trish Bush
Shut-In Teams	Bruce Doppelheuer & Jordan Vert	John Long & Jay Harsh	Bob Palmer & Dave Seibert	Nate Oberly & Kenny Hoopes