

*"The Legacy of the Apron"*  
**Ladies Tea party**

**Saturday, May 11th**  
*12:30 in the afternoon*

Minerva First Christian Church  
300 W Lincolnway Minerva, Ohio 44657

If you would like dress in Tea Party attire,  
and bring your favorite kitchen apron!



**Choir Concert**  
**Sunday, May 19<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

*Reception  
to follow*

**Mark Your  
Calendars  
June 23-27, 2024  
6-8:30 pm**



*"Blessed is the nation whose  
God is the LORD;  
and the people whom he hath chosen  
for his own inheritance."*

*Psalm 33:12 (KJV)*



**MAY 2024**

# QUESTIONS

Recently at MACS there have been a lot of students with lots of questions about God and the Bible. We will be in the middle of a chapel lesson and all of a sudden a question about Heaven or about Adam and Eve will come out of nowhere! Some may be annoyed by this, but I love it when the kids ask questions. It means they are thinking about the Bible, they are interacting with Scripture, there are things they wonder about and need answered.

Do you ever have questions like these? I sure do! Having these sorts of questions mean the same thing as when a kid asks a question in chapel, we are thinking! We are interacting with God's Word. Too often, it is almost looked down upon to have questions. It's almost as if it is a sin to ask something about God because it might somehow imply that we are questioning Him in general. This is not the case, and when questions are answered properly and answered well it serves to strengthen our faith in Scripture and in the Lord all the more.

Listen to what Peter says in 1 Peter 3:15: ***But in your hearts revere Christ as Lord. Always be prepared to give an answer to everyone who asks you to give the reason for the hope that you have. But do this with gentleness and respect,***

If someone were to ask you questions about the Bible, what would you tell them? Are you able to answer them? Do you know why the Bible is reliable? Are you able to point to what you believe and why you believe it? Or do you just accept everything you have been taught on blind faith? Having faith in Christ does not mean we just believe without reason to do so. The Bible even tells us this!

Hebrews 11:1 says: ***Now faith is confidence in what we hope for and assurance about what we do not see.*** How do we receive this confidence? By trusting in God, yes! But also by studying the Bible diligently, learning all we can about His Word, and being able to answer the questions that we have, but also the questions others may have without having to always refer them to a pastor to answer them.

We see by the Word of God and by things we observe that God is trustworthy. He can handle our questions, our doubts, our fears. Do our lives reflect this? Does how we live our lives show the evidence that the Bible is true? Are we living evidence that Jesus really is who the Bible says He is? We must live in such a way that shows that the Bible is true, not just some book of old fairy tales. Has it changed our lives? It's changed mine! Do we live like it?

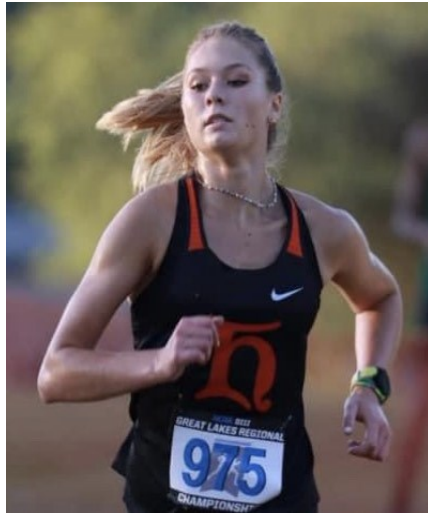
In Christ's Love,  
Zach Long  
BeRomans12  
"Together – We Build"

# HONORING OUR GRADUATES



## *Libby Mathis*

Libby is the daughter of Mike and Mandie Mathis. She will be graduating from Minerva High School. Libby plans to attend Stark State College with a major in Physical Therapy Assistant.



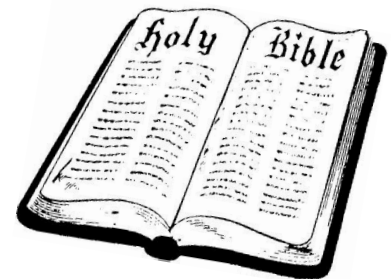
## *Kenzie Fountain*

Kenzie will be graduating from Heidelberg University with dual Bachelors degrees in Exercise Science & Business Marketing. She will be returning to Heidelberg in the Fall for Grad School to earn her Masters in Business Administration.



## *Pastor Zach Long*

Zach will graduate with a Master of Ministry Leadership from Central Christian College of the Bible.



## *Alex (Alexandra) Laughlin*

Alex is the daughter of Michael & Melissa Laughlin. She is graduating from Minerva High School and R.G. Drage for auto collision. She will be also be graduating from the University of Akron with an Associates Degree. Alex is currently an industrial painter, but hopes to gain more experience in the automotive industry and follow her dream to become a professional auto collision painter/tech.



# FAMILY MATTERS

**We rejoice as the following people have professed their faith and answered the call to be baptized. Let us lift them in prayer and give praise for their decisions.**

Emmah Grossman came forward on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and was baptized by Pastor Zach. Emmah lives at 620 E. First St., Minerva, OH 44657. She is in the 5<sup>th</sup> grade at Minerva Elementary School.

Daniel Gordon also came forward on Easter Sunday, March 31<sup>st</sup> and was baptized by Pastor Zach. Daniel lives at 403 W. Line St., Minerva, OH 44657.

Brian Broadnax came forward on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to be re-baptized by Pastor Zach. Brian lives at 289 Spring Rd. NW, Minerva, OH 44657.

Shawn Palmer also came forward on Sunday, April 21<sup>st</sup> to be re-baptized by Pastor Zach. Brian lives at 71 1/2 – 5th St. NE, Carrollton, OH 44615.

**We send our sympathies to . . .** The family and friends of Nancy Marquis. Nancy passed away on Wednesday, April 17<sup>th</sup>. As per her request, there were no services.

. . . The family and friends of Ellie Bender. Ellie passed away on Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>. Her service is scheduled for Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at the Gotschall Hutchinson Funeral Home.

. . . Also to the family and friends of Pearl Ray, Mrs. Ray passed away on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>, just 6 day shy of her 94<sup>th</sup> birthday. Her graveside service was held on Tuesday, April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**I can't wait to get back to Church and Sunday School** - I haven't been there since December. Having a lot of trouble with my legs and feet - can't stand for very long and have to sit with my legs up due to circulation. I am doing better. — Thanks, Allie Swank

**Thank you . . .** to everyone who made donations towards the SuperStart CIY trip. We are very grateful for your generosity. We surpassed our goal of 15 youth — We had 19 youth and 6 adults attend! It was a great time of worship and connecting with God. Our prayer is to help them stay connected with God as they go into Middle School and beyond. Thank you and keep the Youth in your prayers!

**Thank you . . .** for the donations for Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp. Your generosity will make it easier as the camp prepares to welcome campers this summer.

## RED CROSS BLOOD MOBILE

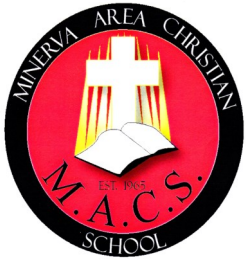


Friday, May 31<sup>st</sup>  
12-6 pm

## HOME DEPARTMENT

We will be meeting on Tuesday,  
**May 14<sup>th</sup> @ 7 pm**  
Please remember to pick up  
a bag and make a visit.

# MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



We have come to the final month in our school year. What an amazing year it has been for our students and staff. We have seen so many children grow and develop. We are proud of each and every one of them. As we come to the end of year. We want to thank everyone in the MACS community for their support. We have grown so much over the past few years and are poised to have the largest enrollment in the history of our school next year. God is truly blessing our ministry and we could not operate without the overwhelming support we receive. Thank you!

We have so many fun events planned this month to finish the year. Field trips, movie days, programs, field days, and so much more. We want to celebrate all that our students have accomplished this year! Our last day of school is May 23rd. After the end of the year, we will begin some exciting summer projects and activities. Stay tuned for more information regarding those!

Thank you to all who came out and supported us on our McTeacher's Night on April 18th. We raised over \$850 for the school and had a great time with our families. That was our last fundraiser for this school year, however, we are planning some summer fundraisers that will be open to the community. We would love for you to be involved. We also invite any interested families to attend our Drop-In day on Wednesday, May 15th at 10:30 am if they would like to register their child for next year or learn more about the school.

We hope you enjoy the beautiful weather and flowers that we experience this month and that God continues to bless our school and our community.

"This is the LORD's doing;  
it is marvelous in our eyes.  
This is the day that the LORD has made;  
let us rejoice and be glad in it." Psalm 118: 23-24

Upcoming Events  
Drop-In Day May 15th at 10:30 am  
Board Meeting Tuesday, May 21st at 5:15 pm  
Last Day of School May 23rd

## MAY CALENDAR

May 1 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
May 5 - AWANA 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
May 5 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 pm  
May 8 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
May 11 - Ladies Tea Party 12:30 pm  
May 14 - Home Dept. Meeting 7:00 pm  
May 14 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
May 14 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm  
May 15 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
May 16 - Deacons Pantry 9 - 10:30 am  
May 19 - Choir Concert 6:00 pm  
May 21 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
(Arbor's Visit)  
May 21 - MACS K-8 Closing Program  
6:30 pm  
May 22 - MACS Pre-School Closing Program  
(3 yr. olds 6:00 pm - 4 yr. olds 7:00 pm)  
May 26 - NO Evening Services  
May 27 - Office Closed - Memorial Day  
May 28 - FLIP (4-6 grades) 6:30 - 7:30 pm  
(last one before summer break)  
May 28 - 24/7 Bible Study 7:30-8:30 pm  
May 31 - Red Cross Blood Mobile 12 - 6 pm

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**No** May Board Meeting  
Our next meeting will  
Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup> @ 7:30 pm

## ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Nomination Ballot Acceptance Letters are due  
by Monday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Our Election of officers will be held  
Sunday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>.

## 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, May 16<sup>st</sup>, if you are able to help see Jay Harsh.

## SHUT INS

Mrs. Christa Archer  
25841 Quaker Church Rd.  
East Rochester, OH 44625

Mrs. Betty Hoopes  
4325 Woodale Ave. SE. Lot 29  
Minerva, OH 44657

Mrs. Allie Swank  
729 Lynnwood Drive  
Minerva, OH 44657

Mrs. Eva Wolf  
515 Valley St.  
Minerva, OH 44657

Mrs. Connie Morris  
205 Scranton Blvd.  
Minerva, OH 44657

Mrs. Betty McIntosh  
16621 Lisbon St. NE  
Minerva, OH 44657

## PRAYER LIST

Reagan Abner  
 Jennifer Allen  
 Alice & Gary Archer  
 Christa Archer  
 Kassadee Archer  
 Bill & Linda Becknell  
 Doug Bell  
 Dorothy Birney  
 Arlene Brown  
 Shirley Catlett  
 Don Clapper  
 Lora Crabtree  
 Donna Dennis  
 Jenny Dowell  
 Janet Greathouse  
 Mary Jo Hardman  
 Lois Hawkins  
 Betty Hoopes  
 Evelyn Hopkins  
 George Horvath  
 Lee Iden  
 Nancy Kibler  
 Leroy Kibler  
 Rory & Nancy King  
 Mary Long  
 Herb & Pat Lowery  
 Sondra Lowery  
 Nancy Marquis  
 Dolores M<sup>c</sup>Cully  
 Jean Miller  
 Shea Mitchell  
 Connie Morris  
 Sheila Murray  
 Eric Prowe  
 Heidi Randall  
 John & Sandy Russell  
 Sally Shaw  
 Gene Schmucker  
 Kathy Schmucker  
 Gary Schotts  
 Lynette Shatzer  
 Kathy Shaw  
 Don Shields  
 Dean Shotwell  
 Midge Snyder  
 Allie Swank  
 Carol Thomas

Jeremiah Ward  
 Marge Warrick  
 Richard Wickersham  
 Les Willison  
 Eva Wolf

***Military:*** CSM Jesse Clark; Sgt. Kurt Warrick  
**Please let us know about Military updates/corrections.**

## SPECIAL FUND BALANCES AS OF MARCH 31<sup>st</sup>

Vehicle/Bus	\$2,366
Coffee Spot	\$470
Missions	\$6,431
Deacons	\$1,201
Landscaping	\$547
Audio/Visual	\$5,515
Kid's Corner Renovation	\$57,776
HS/MS Trips	\$5,938
Building	\$36,465
Minister's Benevolence Fund	\$7,863



**CHOIR  
 PRACTICE  
 WEDNESDAYS  
 @ 7 PM**

### ATTENDANCE

	<u>April 7</u>	<u>April 14</u>	<u>April 21</u>	<u>April 28</u>
Worship	98	144	138	131
Bible School	46	64	63	61

### MARCH GIVING:

General Fund	\$18,907
Building Fund	\$400
Mission Fund	\$2,767

### YTD as of 3/31/2024

General Fund given for budget	\$294,191
<b>Gen. Fund Budgeted Expenses</b>	<b>\$257,879</b>
General Fund actual expenses	\$269,249

**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

300 West Lincoln Way  
 Minerva, Ohio 44657

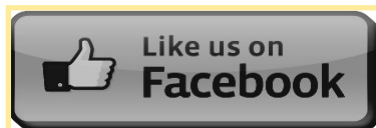
April 30, 2024

**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

Minerva First Christian Church  
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## MAY BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| <p>1 David &amp; Jo D. Unkefer<br/>42 years</p> <p>2 Kenzie Fountain</p> <p>4 Jill Long</p> <p>9 Kenny Unkefer<br/>Eva Wolf</p> <p>10 Shelly Fountain</p> <p>15 Lilly Vert<br/>Ann Zahn<br/>Tim &amp; Trish Bush<br/>53 years</p> <p>18 Bob Palmer</p> | <p>20 Tim Bush<br/>Carol Thomas</p> <p>24 Marilyn Hoopes</p> <p>25 Mike Mathis</p> <p>26 Melody Fisher</p> <p>27 Diana Palmer</p> <p>28 Bill Fisher</p> <p>29 Barb (B.J.) Dunlevy<br/>Johnny Costea</p> <p>31 Jean Miller</p> |
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## SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	May 5	May 12	May 19	May 26
<b>Comm. Meditation</b>	Dave Bush	John Russell	John Long	Jordan Vert
<b>Ushers</b>	John Bowman	Kenny Hoopes	Jordan Vert	Mike Fountain
<b>Deaconess</b>	Dorothy Thomas	Dorothy Thomas	Dorothy Thomas	Dorothy Thomas
<b>Shut-In Teams</b>	Matt Zahn & Bob Palmer	Mother' Day No Shut In's	Mike Fountain & John Long	Jordan Vert & Dave Seibert