

EASTER DRAMA  
**"WE ARE WITNESSES"**  
Saturday, April 12<sup>th</sup> @

**FRIDAY, APRIL 18<sup>TH</sup>**  
**6:00 pm**

**RESURRECTION SUNDAY**



8:45 - 9:00 am Breakfast

9:00 am Sunday School

10:15 am Celebration  
Service

**APRIL 2025**

## FROM THE PREACHER'S PEN

Roy Fowler shares his story about his Division Officer in the Navy who was also a Naval aviator. On his way home from a mission over Afghanistan, he got vertigo (a dizzy, confused state of mind caused by the inner ear). His senses were confused. The biggest was his sense of flight, which can be deadly when landing on an aircraft carrier deck at night in the middle of the Persian Gulf. He thought his plane was flying upright but when he looked at the instruments he was flying upside down. Everything he did was backward according to the instruments but in his mind they were correct.

He could follow what he thought was right or he could depend on his instruments. He said overriding what he felt was right was the hardest thing to do. The struggle that took place in his mind was overwhelming to him. You can figure out what he depended on: because he lived to tell the story. It's our relationship with God that will give us the true meaning of what is right and what is wrong. Specifically because of the ministry of the Third Person of the Holy Trinity the Holy Spirit.

Romans 8 focuses specifically on the ministry of the Holy Spirit in the heart and life of a Christian. This chapter tells us that He is the guiding principle in our lives. Verse 9 of chapter 8 says However, you are not in the flesh but in the Spirit, if indeed the Spirit of God dwells in you. The sinful nature is no longer the governing principle in our lives. At one time before we had come to Christ it was. The world, those who have yet to embrace Christ as Lord and Savior are guided by the flesh. This is why we see 60 million and counting babies that have been put to death by means of abortion. This is why Super Bowl halftime shows and Grammy performances turn almost pornographic because their sinful nature governs their life.

For the born-again Christian, this is no longer the case. The Holy Spirit now governs our life, He leads us to desire what God desires, to obey what the Lord has said in His written word, and leads us to live a life pleasing to God. If you have been a Christian for any time at all you will know that living the Christian life is countercultural. It is the very antithesis of what those who belong to this world are seeking. Christians are seeking to be a blessing to their neighbors, to love even those who hate us, and to spread the knowledge of Jesus to all who are in our sphere of influence. The Holy Spirit is convicting us when the sinful nature rears its ugly head in the life of a Christian.

The Holy Spirit warns us of spiritual danger, alerting our conscience to teaching that is not in line with His inspired Word. If we are content to follow Him all the days of our life, at the moment of death, this same Holy Spirit that has guided us through this word will lead us to the very throne of God. The end of the Book of Revelation

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describes where He is leading us; then he showed me a river of the water of life, clear as crystal, coming from the throne of God and of the Lamb, in the middle of its street. On either side of the river was the tree of life, bearing twelve *kinds of* fruit, yielding its fruit every month, and the leaves of the tree were for the healing of the nations. There will no longer be any curse, and the throne of God and of the Lamb will be in it, and His bond-servants will serve Him; they will see His face, and His name *will be* on their foreheads. And there will no longer be *any* night; and they will not need the light of a lamp nor the light of the sun, because the Lord God will illumine them; and they will reign forever and ever. And he said to me, These words are faithful and true.

## FAMILY MATTERS

**We celebrate** . . . the baptism of Landen Sterling. Landen was baptized during worship service on Sunday, March 16<sup>th</sup>. Landen lives with his family at 747 East St., Minerva, OH 44657. Let us welcome Landen to the family of God.

## OUR SHUT-INS

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Wellsville, OH 43968

Mrs. Pat Lowery  
23127 US Rt. 30  
Minerva, OH 44657

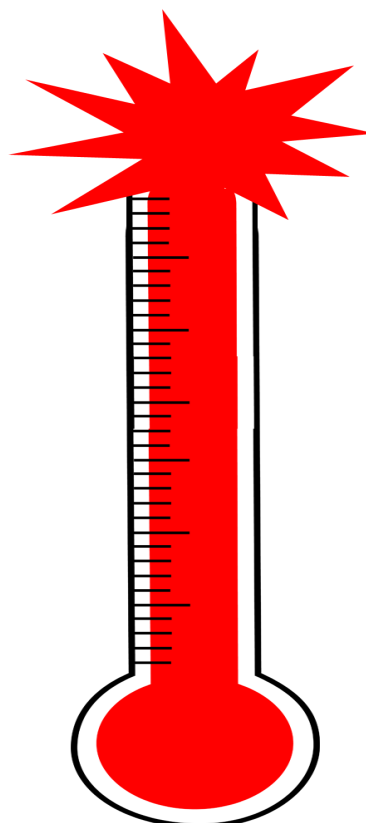
Mrs. Dolores McCully  
716 Lynnwood Dr,  
Minerva, OH 44657

Mrs. Dorothy Birney  
c/o St. Luke's  
4301 Woodale Ave.  
SE Room 101  
Minerva, OH 44657

Mrs. Lois Hawkins  
c/o Centreville  
Village  
1082 Kensington Rd.  
NE  
Carrollton, OH  
44615

## ELEVATOR REPAIR

**OUR GOAL HAS BEEN MET!**  
Repairs will be taking place in  
the near future!  
**THANK YOU!**



"And my  
God will  
meet all  
your needs  
according  
to the  
riches of  
His glory  
in Christ  
Jesus"

Philippians  
4:19

## "BE FAITHFUL, NO MATTER WHAT"

Recently I have been reading through the book of Jeremiah again. Every time I do so something new stands out to me. His prophetic narrative is one of my favorite Old Testament books. Jeremiah lived in a horrific time of Israel/Judah's history. The people are on the verge of exile, and Jeremiah has warned them consistently about this for years. No one listens.

*"When you tell them all this, they will not listen to you; when you call to them, they will not answer. Therefore say to them, 'This is the nation that has not obeyed the LORD its God or responded to correction. Truth has perished; it has vanished from their lips.'" **Jeremiah 7:27-28***

The Lord even tells Jeremiah, "They won't listen, yet I am calling you to speak to them." Jeremiah is faithful to the call of God on his life, regardless of the results. Did he always do this with a smile on his face? Woke up in the morning beaming and couldn't wait for the people to deride and ridicule him every minute? No. In fact, he is clear in his writing at times that he was very much burnt out, but there was a deeper burning that kept him going.

*You deceived me, LORD, and I was deceived; you overpowered me and prevailed. I am ridiculed all day long; everyone mocks me. Whenever I speak, I cry out proclaiming violence and destruction. So the word of the LORD has brought me insult and reproach all day long. But if I say, "I will not mention his word or speak anymore in his name," **his word is in my heart like a fire, a fire shut up in my bones. I am weary of holding it in; indeed, I cannot. I hear many whispering, "Terror on every side! Denounce him! Let's denounce him!" All my friends are waiting for me to slip, saying, "Perhaps he will be deceived; then we will prevail over him and take our revenge on him."** But the LORD is with me like a mighty warrior; so my persecutors will stumble and not prevail. They will fail and be thoroughly disgraced; their dishonor will never be forgotten. LORD Almighty, you who examine the righteous and probe the heart and mind, let me see your vengeance on them, **for to you I have committed my cause. Sing to the LORD! Give praise to the LORD! He rescues the life of the needy from the hands of the wicked. Jeremiah 20:7-13***

Jeremiah was ready to quit, but if he tried to stop, he couldn't! A fire deep in his soul burned with passion to speak God's truth. Honestly, I can relate. There's nothing like sharing the truth of Jesus with someone. Nothing like preaching the word



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and seeing a life changed for eternity. It's that kind of a burning that I believe we all should have, not just prophets. Not just preachers. Not just teachers. What lesson can we learn from Jeremiah here? Well, there will be many people that don't care to live for Jesus. They will hear your witnessing or your explanation of how He changed your life as a broken record. To them, it may just be annoying. But, Church, it isn't our job to change the hearts and minds of people, the Holy Spirit will do that. But it is our job, our call, Jesus' command that we Share the Gospel, that we "give a reason for that hope that is in us" (1 Peter 3:15).

Does your heart burn for the souls of the lost? When you try, like Jeremiah, to quit, are you filled with an overwhelming desire to speak Christ even when no one will listen? Remember, Church, it is the Holy Spirit who changes hearts, but it is the Church that is called to Go and tell those hearts that Jesus loves them so much He died for them. Are you communicating that to the people in your life?

*How, then, can they call on the one they have not believed in? And how can they believe in the one of whom they have not heard? And how can they hear without someone preaching to them? And how can anyone preach unless they are sent? As it is written: "How beautiful are the feet of those who bring good news!"*

**Romans 10:14-15**

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

### HOME DEPT.

**TUESDAY**  
**MARCH 11<sup>TH</sup>**  
Our meetings are  
now scheduled  
for **1:00 pm.**

### YOUTH BASKETBALL

Middle School  
Boys & Girls  
Basketball  
Thursdays 5:30-7:00  
Beginning  
March 6<sup>th</sup>



A TASTE OF TAIWAN  
**MISSION & MINISTRY**

A night of food and fellowship sponsored by MACS  
 Featuring Pastor Chris Sanford  
 Tuesday, April 8th, 6 pm - 7:30 pm



300 W Lincoln Way Minerva, Ohio call 330.868.5728 for info

A free community event



Sun., April 13

We would like to invite you to join us as we go to see the "Worthy Is the Lamb" drama at Cornerstone Church in Duncan Falls OH. We will be taking the church bus leaving MFCC @ 2:30 PM. Drama is free but you will need money for dinner on the way down. Any questions see Mike Fountain. Sign up sheet at info booth.

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**IRCC TULIP TEA**

Join us for our annual IRCC  
 Tulip Tea  
**WOMEN'S LUNCHEON**

Saturday  
 April 26, 2025

Doors open 10am - Program 10:30am  
 Luncheon to follow

FEATURING SPEAKER

*Ann Lawson*

Follower of Jesus, loving daughter, silly step-grandma, & resilient widow because of God's goodness. Current Malone University Director of Admissions, & faculty member since 2002



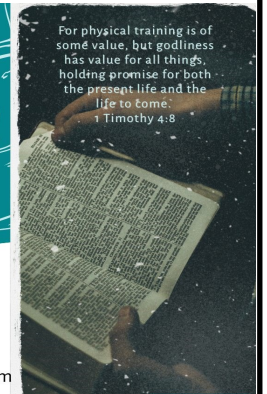
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Also bring a cleaning  
 item to help the  
 Domestic Violence

Project:  
 sponges, dish soap,  
 window cleaner,  
 floor cleaner,  
 disinfectant wipes,  
 baby wipes, etc.

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 CHRISTIAN  
 CHURCH**

8368 Hill Church St. SE, East Canton OH

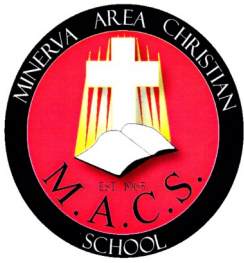


For physical training is of  
 some value, but godliness  
 has value for all things,  
 holding promise for both  
 the present life and the  
 life to come.  
 1 Timothy 4:8

**RSVP BY APRIL 18**

Register online at  
 ChristForEastCanton.com  
 Or call the church office  
 330-488-2938

# MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



Happy Easter! This month, we will celebrate the most important event of the year, the resurrection of our Savior! This is one of the best times of the year at MACS as we focus on Easter and how grateful we are for the amazing sacrifice that gives us hope. We have several events scheduled for our students to learn more about the importance of Easter and how it impacts all of our lives. Furthermore, we have scheduled our spring break around Easter so that our students will have time to spend with their families to celebrate the holiday.

We are rapidly approaching the end of the school year as we only have about six full weeks of school left. It is a very busy time for our staff and students as we have many important days and events left. Please pray for our school as we take our comprehensive assessments, go on field trips, and finish out the school year. One upcoming event that we are looking forward to is our Cultural Night on Tuesday, April 8th. At this event, the Sanford's will talk about their time in Taiwan in ministry. It is open to anyone interested in learning more. We invite you to join us!

Our students will be participating in MACS Sunday at MFCC on Sunday, May 4th. It will be a great time where our students will perform for the congregation and participate in the service. We are looking forward to a great time of worship!

Thank you for your continued support of MACS. We believe that God is blessing this ministry to be a place where families can feel comfortable sending their child and where their child can grow in all areas of their lives!

"Whatever you do, work heartily, as for the Lord and not for men,  
knowing that from the Lord you will receive the inheritance  
as your reward. You are serving the Lord Christ."  
Colossians 3:23-24 ESV

## Upcoming Events

Cultural Night: Taiwan Tuesday, April 8th 6 pm  
MACS Board Meeting Tuesday, April 15th 5:15 pm  
Easter Break Wednesday, April 16th through Monday, April 21st



## APRIL CALENDAR

April 1 - Easter Drama Practice 7:00 pm  
April 2 - FLIP 6:30 - 7:30 pm (grades 4-6)  
April 2 - Upper Room 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
(grades 6-12)  
April 3 - MS Basketball 5:30 -7:00 pm  
April 4 - Red Cross Blood Mobile 11 am-5pm  
April 6 - AWANA (grades K-5) 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
April 6 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
April 6 - Easter Drama Practice 7:00 pm  
April 8 - MACS "A Taste of Taiwan" 6-7:30pm  
April 8 - Easter Drama Practice 7:00 pm  
April 9 - FLIP 6:30 - 7:30 pm (grades 4-6)  
April 9 - Upper Room 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
(grades 6-12)  
April 10 - MS Basketball 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
April 12 - Easter Pancake Breakfast & Egg  
Hunt 9:00 am  
April 12 - "We Are Witnesses" Drama 7:00pm  
April 13 - AWANA (grades K-5) 5:00-6:30pm  
April 13 - "Worthy Is The Lamb" bus trip  
leaving @ 2:30 pm  
April 15 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
April 16 - FLIP 6:30 - 7:30 pm (grades 4-6)  
April 16 - Upper Room 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
(grades 6-12)  
April 17 - Deacons Pantry 9:00 - 10:30 am  
April 17 - MS Basketball 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
April 18 - Good Friday Service 6:00 pm  
April 20 - Easter Breakfast 7:45 - 9:00 am  
April 20 - Resurrection Sunday  
April 22 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
April 23 - FLIP 6:30 - 7:30 pm (grades 4-6)  
April 23 - Upper Room 7:30 - 8:30 pm  
(grades 6-12)  
April 24 - MS Basketball 5:30 - 7:00 pm  
April 26 - Men's Breakfast 9:00 am  
April 27 - AWANA (grades K-5) 5:00-6:30pm  
April 27 - Adult Bible Study 5:00 - 6:30 pm  
April 29 - Choir Practice 7:00 pm  
April 30 - FLIP 6:30 - 7:30 pm (grades 4-6)  
April 30 - Upper Room 7:30 - 8:30 pm

## GENERAL BOARD MEETING

### APRIL GENERAL BOARD MEETING MONDAY, APRIL 14<sup>TH</sup> 7:30 PM

Please have all reports to the office by Thursday, April 10<sup>th</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, April 17<sup>th</sup>**, if you are able to help see Jay Harsh.

## MEN'S BREAKFAST

**SATURDAY, APRIL 26<sup>th</sup>**  
**9:00 AM**  
**@ MFCC**



Join us for  
Donuts & Devotion



## PRAYER LIST

Reagan Abner  
 Jennifer Allen  
 Alice Archer  
 Christa Archer  
 Kassadee Archer  
 Bill Becknell  
 Doug Bell  
 Dorothy Birney  
 Arlene Brown  
 Larry Brown  
 Shirley Catlett  
 Don Clapper  
 Lora Crabtree  
 Mary Jo Hardman  
 Larry Hartshorn  
 Lois Hawkins  
 Todd Hetherington  
 Betty Hoopes  
 Evelyn Hopkins  
 George Horvath  
 Marilyn Humphries  
 Lee Iden  
 Leroy Kibler  
 Rory & Nancy King  
 Mary Long  
 Herb & Pat Lowery  
 Sondra & Dan  
     Lowery  
 Scoo & Dolores  
     McCully  
 Jean Miller  
 Shea Mitchell  
 Lynn Morgan  
 Connie Morris  
 Sheila Murray  
 Barbara Palmer  
 Eric Prowe  
 Heidi Randall  
 Alan & Linda Richter  
 John & Sandy  
     Russell  
 Gene Schmucker  
 Kathy Schmucker  
 Gary Schotts

# Easter Pancake Breakfast & Egg Hunt!

Families Welcome!

**CHILDREN MUST BE ACCOMPANIED BY AN ADULT**

Come celebrate the fact that JESUS IS ALIVE!



**Saturday, March 23rd, 2024**  
**Minerva First Christian Church**



**Pancake Breakfast @9am,**  
**Egg Hunt to Follow**



### ATTENDANCE

	Mar. 2	Mar. 9	Mar. 16	Mar. 23	Mar. 30
Worship	138	136	136	121	n/a
Bible School	64	69	78	61	n/a

Lynette Shatzer  
 Kathy Shaw  
 Sally Shaw  
 Dean Shotwell  
 George Shotwell  
 Tony & Alicia Smith  
 Midge Snyder  
 Jerry & Carol Strait  
 Allie Swank  
 Carol Thomas  
 Cheri Grimes Torres  
 Jeremiah Ward  
 Marge Warrick  
 Eva Wolf

## MILITARY

**Military:** CSM Jesse Clark; Sgt. Kurt Warrick, Staff Sgt. E6 Michael Derrick.  
**Please let us know about Military updates/corrections.**



**FIRST CHRISTIAN CHURCH**

300 West Lincoln Way  
 Minerva, Ohio 44657

March 27, 2025

**Church**

minervafcc@hotmail.com

Celebration 10:15 am

Sunday School 9:00 am

Sunday Evening 5:00 pm

Wednesday Bible Study 6:30 pm

Office Hours: 8:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm

Monday-Friday

Minerva First Christian Church

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## APRIL BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

3	Shawn & Christa Archer 32 years	21	Kim Hoopes
5.	Christa Archer	22	Patty Morgan
7	Chip & Kathy Syme 56 years	24	Roger & Barbara Patterson 44 years
8	Boyd Dowell	25	Matt & Ashley Zahn 10 years
10	Holly Reed	26	Kenny & Sandi Unkefer 11 years
14	Janet Johnson Alissa Seibert	28	Jay & Debbie Harsh 23 years
16	Betty Hoopes	29	Kassadee Archer
18	Zach Long Matt Zahn	30	Herb Lowery

## SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	April 6	April 13	April 20	April 27
<b>Comm. Meditation</b>	John Long	Jordan Vert	Zach Long	Nate Oberly
<b>Ushers</b>	Chip Syme	John Bowman	Bill Shaw	Brandon Keen
<b>Deacons</b>	Barb Dunlevy & Carolyn Reckner	Barb Dunlevy & Carolyn Reckner	Barb Dunlevy & Carolyn Reckner	Barb Dunlevy & Carolyn Reckner
<b>Shut-In Teams</b>	Zach Long & Brad Snyder	Bob Palmer & Jay Harsh	Mike Fountain & Nate Oberly	John George & Chris Sanford