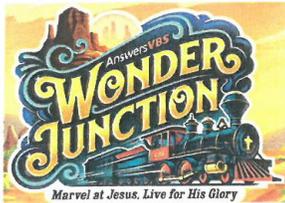


Minerva First Christian Church
VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL



June 22 - 26

6:00 - 8:30pm

Ages 4 - Grade 5

Scan to Register Online



FREE Games, Snacks, Prizes!
Register your child online at minervafcc.com

JUNE 2025



**DINNER &
A MOVIE**

**SUNDAY
JUNE 1**

5:00 PM

**Open to
everyone —**

FROM THE PREACHER'S PEN

On Sunday mornings, we are doing a deep dive study into the Book of Romans. In chapter 12, the apostle Paul begins to make practical what he has been discussing in the previous 11 chapters. In the first couple of verses in chapter 12, he says the Christians are to live a life of transformation. Part of living a life of transformation is how we go about treating our fellow Christians.

A Christian is fighting against the sinful and selfish tendencies that are ours due to our sinful nature. Starting in verse 9, the Holy Spirit gives us 13 imperatives, 13 attitudes we must assume as people, by the mercy of God, are being transformed. The first is to let love be without hypocrisy.

Samantha and I love to watch the television show Survivor. The goal of Survivor is to outplay, outlast, and especially outwit the other 17 players. It is this last part, to outwit, that makes the show such a success. At times, people are pretending to be allies when, in fact, each person is playing to win the prize of 1 million dollars. During every episode, one of the players is voted off the island and no longer takes part in the game. Some of the most entertaining parts of the show are when someone doesn't have a clue they are being voted off. They, with surprise, look upon the people who said to their face that they were friends and yet voted to have them kicked off the island. This is the kind of love the Bible says in Romans 12 that Christians are not to have.

Our love for our brothers and sisters in Christ is not to love them to their face and then behind their back gossip and slander them. Our love has to be without hypocrisy. We cannot pretend to love them while at the same time despising them in our hearts. But how can I love someone whom I don't feel loving towards?

Love is more than a simple emotion. Love is a decision of the will to act in another's best interests. This is the love that God commands us to have for our fellow Christians. A decision to act in their best interest, whether I feel like it or not. It is a decision to do what I can to make sure the person I am trying to love can thrive. This is how we love others without hypocrisy.

PRAY, PRAY, PRAY!

Pray for Summer of 2025 to be Filled with God's Presence!

Every summer I love to ask for the Church to specifically pray for different ministries that will be taking place, especially a few that deal with students. I have a deep love for students and leading them to Jesus. As you check out the top 3 things I have for you to pray for this summer as far as youth at MFCC goes, please be in prayer for these everyday up until the event. Even after that, pray for the students involved, that we make a real impact for Jesus and His Kingdom here in Minerva.

1 Wonder Junction Vacation Bible School – June 22nd – 26th, 2025

VBS. I love it. It's always a blast to decorate, sing, dance, play games, eat cookies, goof around, and joke with volunteers. But much more than that, it is a week when elementary age students in Minerva can know that they have first and foremost a Savior who died for them and loves them, as well as a church they can feel at home in. VBS can and always should be a bridge to bigger things. A bridge to regular church attendance.

Pray that every preparation and decoration is made without any issues! Pray that through silly things like sliming, dancing, and minute to win it games, an open heart will be formed inside of a students' life that will allow them to listen intently to the lesson about Jesus and His love for them. Pray that students see Jesus in me, and every volunteer! Pray that students would come to know Jesus because of VBS 2025. Pray for Jesus to be praised all week!

2. CIY MOVE/MIX in the Future – TBD

If you were to compare this prayer lists to ones I have made in the past, you will notice that #2 is always having to do with CIY (Christ in Youth) events. CIY is a passion of mine, it's where I fell in love with Christ and His Kingdom, and where I believe so many walls can be taken down to reach a students heart.

Unfortunately, with the financial situation MFCC is in at the moment, we made the very difficult decision to not take a trip to either CIY MOVE (high school) or CIY MIX (middle school) this year. With that being said, pray for FUTURE trips that we will be taking to CIY events. Pray that we can return to CIY as soon as summer of 2026! Pray that fundraisers like CIY Brunches or others will be well attended and well funded! Pray for the future students that might someday go on these trips, that their lives will be changed for Jesus.

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Pray for all the students that will be going to CIY MIX or MOVE this summer all over the nation, that God will use those events to raise up the next generation of Church leaders!

3. 5th – 6th Grade Camp at Round Lake Christian Camp – July 27th – August 1st , 2025

I put these specific dates above because that is the week of camp I go to personally, and co-dean with Doug Modlin from Perry Christian Church. However, be in prayer for every week of camp at Elkhorn Valley Christian Service Camp and Round Lake Christian Camp! MFCC supports both camps, and students involved in our church have the option of going to either camp for free when they memorize all the Bible verses in our memory pamphlet.

I do ask for specific prayers for my week of camp at RLCC, though! We need it always! We will be taking several students down from our church, a good mixture of MACS students and ASX students. Camp is an incredible opportunity for God to move in the lives of a students' heart. A week away from the everyday pressures of home can be just what they need to focus on the most important things.

With that being said, pray that many students at camp will come to know Jesus as Lord. Pray that many students who need to recommit their life to Jesus would do so. Pray for every volunteer that they will have energy and rest throughout the week, and that all staff, campers, and volunteers would be kept safe. Pray that campers would be fully engaged in the programming, that there would be no homesickness! Ultimately, pray Jesus be glorified and His Name be praised all week long!

Pray, pray, pray!

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

FAMILY MATTERS

We celebrate the baptism of . . . Matt Hawkins. Matt was baptized by Pastor Chris on Wednesday, April 30th. He makes his home at 3007 Ravenna Ave., Louisville, OH 44641.

. . . Quinn Mangun. Quinn was baptized by Pastor Zach on Sunday, May 25th. He will be in the 9th grade at Minerva High School next school year. He lives at 22780 Fairview Dr., Minerva, OH 44657.

We send our sympathies to . . . The family and friends of Eva Wolf. Eva passed away on Tuesday, May 13th. Her services were held Saturday, May 17th. She had been a member of MFCC for over 77 years.

. . . Also to the family and friends of Doug Bell. Doug passed away on Friday, May 23. He was the husband of Danielle (Dennis) Bell and son-in-law to Dave & Donna Dennis. They live in Australia.

We celebrate . . . Becky (Lutz) Freeman who graduated from Stark State College with a degree in Early Childhood Education. Congratulations!

. . . Kenzie Fountain upon her graduation from Heidelberg University with her Master's Degree in Business Administration. Congratulations!

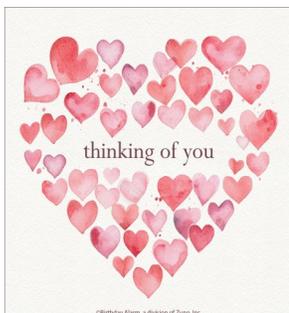
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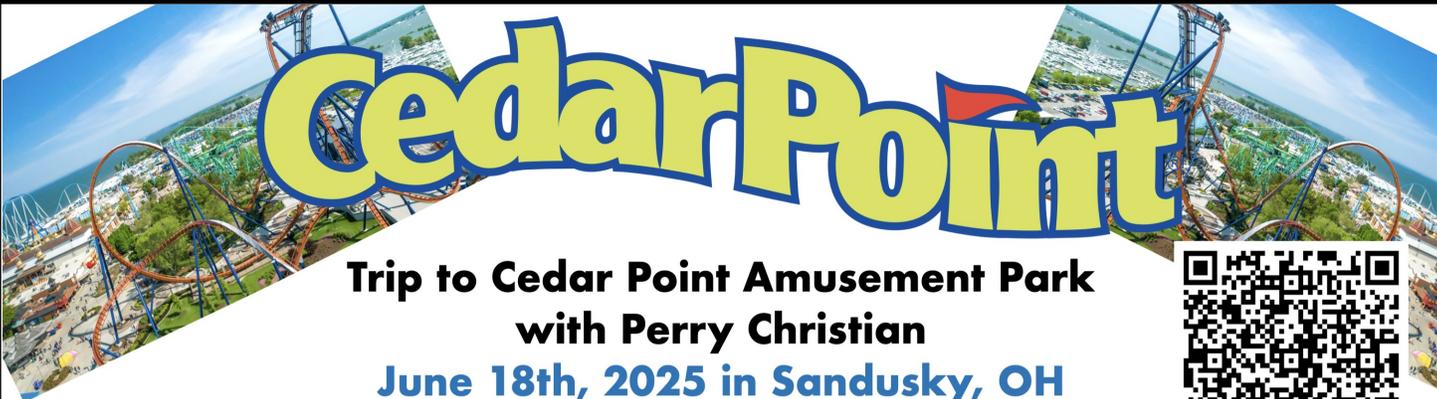


SENIORS TRIP TO BERLIN

Saturday, June 28, 2025
\$43 per person / leaving Perry
Christian Church at 8:30 am

- Visit Behalt Center: See & Hear Amish & Mennonite history
- Visit an Amish School
- In an Amish barn see a Conestoga Wagon that brought early Amish settlers to Holmes County.
- Buffet Meal at Berlin Farmstead Restaurant

Sign up Sheet at the information Center
For more info, contact Lisa George @
330-904-4649.



Cedar Point

**Trip to Cedar Point Amusement Park
with Perry Christian
June 18th, 2025 in Sandusky, OH
6th-12th grade**



Scan code to sign up!

Leaving Minerva FCC @ 7:15am, will return around 12am

Cost: * \$50 Cash to be given to Zach before leaving

***You will also need money for food and drink throughout the day, as well as any souvenirs you may purchase, at least \$40-\$45 is recommended for food. Cedar Point is CASHLESS, they do have cash to card kiosks available. Credit and Debit cards are fine as well.**

Text Zach @ 330-417-4834 if you have any questions!

YOUTH BASKETBALL



Middle School
Boys & Girls
Basketball
Thursdays
5:30-7:00

HOME DEPT.



**TUESDAY
JUNE 10TH**
Our meetings are
now scheduled
for **1:00 pm.**

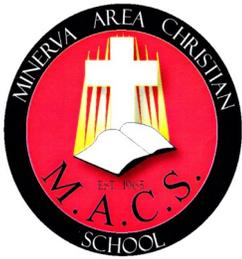
TORRES UPDATE

We want to thank everyone who has been praying for us during Chere's recovery from a total hip replacement. She is finishing Physical Therapy next week but will continue exercises at home. We ask for continued prayers as she still has a slight limp. Thank you. Also, thank you for the financial gifts to pay the hospital bill.

In April the congregation in Alseseca celebrated their 2nd anniversary with a service and a meal. Then the medical team from Tennessee came, We helped get supplies but Chere was not physically able to go. The team saw 902 patients! We are looking forward to going with them in October. Thank you for your continued prayers for the ministry here in this part of Mexico.

— Luis & Chere Torres

MINERVA AREA CHRISTIAN SCHOOL



MACS is on Summer Break for the next few months. We had a great school year, and thank you for your prayers and support. Next year, MACS will be celebrating its 60th year of ministering to the greater Minerva community. Thank you for supporting this ministry and allowing thousands of children to hear the Gospel message through this ministry. We look forward to celebrating this amazing milestone during the next school year.

We had so much fun finishing the school year. Our students had great end-of-the-year performances, field trips, and other awesome activities. Thank you to the awesome teachers and staff who were a part of the ministry this year. Please pray for them over the summer as they take a break and prepare for next year.

We are enrolling students for the next school year. We are accepting applications for students in all grade levels. Please continue to pray that we can reach families who are interested in having their child attend MACS. If you know anyone who may be interested in having their children attend or have questions, please have them contact us!

Thank you for all of the support you have given to MACS this year. We know that we cannot operate without your financial support. More importantly, our staff greatly appreciates your prayerful support of our students and staff. Through God's grace, MACS has had an extraordinary impact on our community over the past 60 years. We believe that God has amazing plans for the future. Have a wonderful summer!



Preschool- 8th Grade



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a ministry of First Christian Church of Minerva

JUNE CALENDAR

June 1 - Dinner & Movie Night 5:00 pm
June 4 - Upper Room 6:30 - 7:30 pm
(grades 6-12)
June 5 - MS Basketball 5:30 -7:00 pm
June 9 - General Board Meeting 7:30pm
June 10 - Home Dept. Meeting 1:00 pm
June 11 - Upper Room 6:30 - 7:30 pm
(grades 6-12)
June 12 - MS Basketball 5:30 - 7:00 pm
June 17 - Upper Room 6:30 - 7:30 pm
(grades 6-12)
June 18 - Cedar Point Trip 6-12 grades
7:15 am - midnight
June 18 - MS Basketball 5:30 - 7:00 pm
June 19 - Deacons Pantry 9 - 10:30 am
June 22 - 26 - VBS 6 - 8:30 pm
June 28 - Sr. Trip to Berlin
June 28 - Men's Breakfast 9:00 am

EVENING SERVICES

We are going to pause our Sunday Evening Bible Study through the Summer. We will resume in the Fall.

EYE GLASSES

We are collecting old eyeglasses 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.

GENERAL BOARD MEETING

**JUNE GENERAL
BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, JUNE 9 @
7:30 pm**

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, June 19th, if you are able to help see Jay Harsh.

MEN'S BREAKFAST

SATURDAY, JUNE 28th

**9:00 AM
@ MFCC**



Join us for
Donuts & Devotion

PRAYER LIST

Reagan Abner
 Jennifer Allen
 Alice Archer
 Christa Archer
 Kassadee Archer
 Bill Becknell
 Family of 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
 Lee Iden
 Leroy Kibler
 Rory & Nancy King
 Mary Long
 Herb & Pat Lowery
 Sondra & Dan
 Lowery
 Carol Martin
 Scoo & Dolores
 M'Cully

Jean Miller
 Shea Mitchell
 Lynn Morgan
 Connie Morris
 Sheila Murray
 Emily Owens
 Barbara Palmer
 Eric Prowe
 Damian Randall
 Alan & Linda Richter
 John & Sandy
 Russell
 Gene Schmucker
 Kathy Schmucker

Gary Schotts
 Lynette Shatzer
 Kathy Shaw
 Sally Shaw
 Dean Shotwell
 George Shotwell
 Joan Shotwell
 Midge Snyder
 Jerry & Carol Strait
 Allie Swank
 Carol Thomas
 Jeremiah Ward
 Marge Warrick



ATTENDANCE

	May 4	May 11	May 18	May 25
Worship	157	152	137	143
Bible School	64	58	66	78

MILITARY

Military: CSS 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

May 29, 2025

Church Services

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

SUMMER HOURS

Tuesday-Friday
8:00 a.m.- 4:00 pm
Closed for lunch 12 - 1

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JUNE BIRTHDAYS & ANNIVERSARIES

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| 2 | Addyson Siple | 22 | Debbie Shields |
| 6 | Pat Lowery
Kathy Schmucker | 23 | Debbie Baxter
Midgie Snyder |
| 9 | Parker Fountain | 24 | Debbie Bowman
Harold & Jeanette
Smith 68 years |
| 11 | Rachael Snyder
John Toalston | 27 | Bruce & Sandy
Doppelheuer
45 years |
| 14 | Lani Lowery | | |
| 15 | Johnny & Debbie
Costea 51 years | | |
| 16 | John Pilati | | |

SERVE THE LORD WITH GLADNESS!

	June 1	June 8	June 15	June 22	June 29
Comm. Meditation	Zach Long	Nate Oberly	John Russell	Zach Long	Dave Bush
Ushers	Mike Fountain	Chip Syme	John Bowman	Bill Shaw	Brandon Keen
Deaconess	Teresa Seibert	Teresa Seibert	Teresa Seibert	Teresa Seibert	Teresa Seibert
Shut-In Teams	Mike Fountain & Chris Sanford	Kenny Hoopes & Nate Oberly	Bruce Doppelheuer & John Long	Dave Seiber & Jordan Vert	Zach Long & Bob Palmer