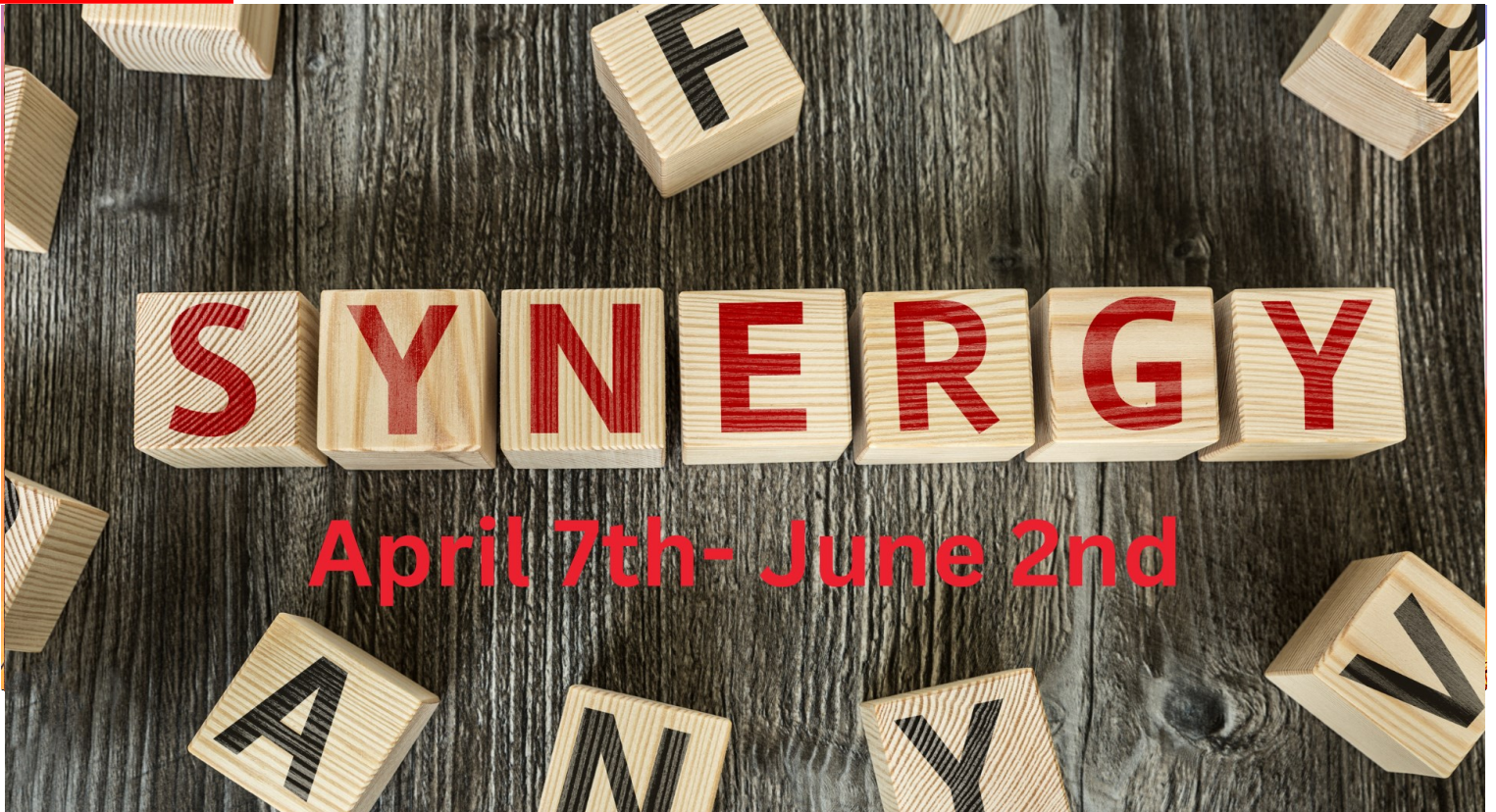


# The Chimes

May 2024

WE ARE HERE TO SERVE — NOT TO BE SERVED

**WORSHIP**



**A WORD FROM PASTOR JIM**

This month marks 4 years since Amy and I arrived to serve alongside all of you here at Perrysburg First. On one hand, it is hard to believe that the time has gone by so fast. On the other hand, it feels like we have been here for many years! It has been such a joy for us getting to know all of you and to watch the church grow around us as we all faithfully serve and follow Jesus together.

As we start year 5 together, allow me to offer a simple prayer for you, the saints of Perrysburg First Church, from the books of Colossians & Philemon:

I always thank my God when I pray for you, because of your faith in the Lord Jesus and your love for all of God's people. The faith and love that spring from the hope stored up for you in heaven and about which you have already heard in the true word of the gospel that has come to you. And I am praying that you will put into action the generosity that comes from your faith as you understand and experience all the good things we have in Christ. Your love has given me much joy and comfort, for your kindness has often refreshed the hearts of God's people.

Grace and peace to you!

Jim

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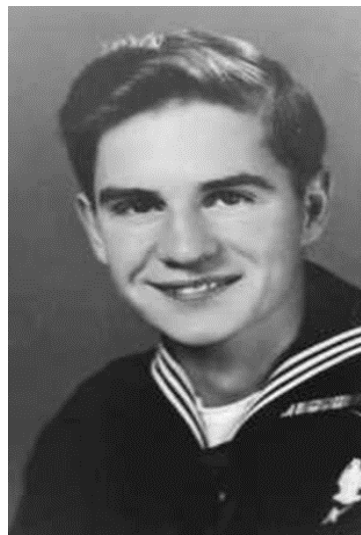
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## FIRST PEOPLE: BOB MASTERS

Bob Masters is someone we would all be happy to get to know. Bob, 98 years old, has been a member for over 60 years at Perrysburg First and gladly calls us his home. Recently, through the Library of Congress Veterans History Project, Bob was interviewed by the Way Public Library as a veteran of World War II, and his memories were published in the Perrysburg Messenger. His full story is full of his recollections of extraordinary events during his time of service, and we're retelling the highlights.

Bob served in the U.S. Navy, holding office posts from the time he enlisted. After boot camp, Bob put in for sea duty and, following a 5-day trip by train to San Francisco, he sailed to Pearl Harbor and reported to the naval station for training in radar and night offensives. From there he served in the office aboard the first fighting aircraft carrier, the Saratoga, and then assisted the admiral on the Enterprise, which saw action in the Pacific region. During his two years overseas, Bob survived kamikaze attacks and a bomb that hit ten feet below where he was on the flight deck, but it didn't explode. His return to San Diego was momentous as he arrived on the first battleship that docked there after the war had ended, just days after Japan surrendered. The ship was met with loud celebration, "whooping and hollering for two days," Bob explains, and they were met with celebrity media attention.

If you visit Bob, he can share his personal experiences and fill your imagination with his story. He'll tell you that learning shorthand in high school was an unusual circumstance but led to his appointments in office posts in the Navy. You might hear him honor the bravery of sailors in action. Reach out to our Care Team by calling the church office at 419-874-1911 to arrange a visit with Bob, or to drop him a card or a phone call. He is one of the First People you should know.



## FINANCIAL UPDATE

### Financial Summary

	March	YTD (Jan-March)
<b>Actual Expenses</b>	\$29,058.79	\$93,236.75
<b>Budgeted Expenses</b>	\$31,558.85	\$94,982.46
<b>Operating Income</b>	\$35,787.47	\$114,079.12

As you can see from the figures above, our church is off to a good start financially so far this year.

Please continue to support the mission and ministry of Perrysburg First through your faithful and generous offerings.

-Pastor Jim & John Barker (Chair, Finance Committee)



## Events

### Prime Timers: "MOTHER MAY I?"

Prime Timers will gather on Monday, May 13 for an event entitled "Mother May I?" I bet everyone remembers this childhood game. Are you ready to play? Perhaps we can put an adult spin on the directions and rules. Sound interesting? Come and find out just what's up!!

We will meet on the playground, otherwise known as the multipurpose room, at 12 noon for our usual food, fun, and fellowship with friends. I have it on good authority that there will be prizes involved. Don't miss out on the fun!!!



MAY 13TH @  
12PM

📍 Meet on the playground, otherwise known as the Multipurpose room

## Prime-Timers: "Mother May I?"

Come play this childhood game with an adult spin!

### BLOOD DRIVE:



#### [Home Page](#)

Blood donors report feeling a sense of great satisfaction after making their blood donation. Why? Because helping others in need just feels good. Donate blood today to help those in need.

[redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)

Be part of something big. Give blood. Perrysburg Christians United Blood Drive  
Zoar Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
314 East Indiana Avenue; Perrysburg, OH 43551  
Friday, May 17, 2024 from 12:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m.  
To schedule an appointment, please call 1-800-RED CROSS or  
visit [redcrossblood.org](http://redcrossblood.org)  
and enter sponsor code: PCU

## OFFICE CLOSED

The office will be closed on Monday, May 27th for Memorial day. We will re-open on May 28th at 9:00 am.

## LOST JACKETS

Just a reminder, there were several coats and jackets left in Fellowship Hall. If you or your kiddos are missing one, stop by the church office!



## ADOPT-A-DOOR

The trustees are having our exterior doors refinished this spring. They are definitely in need of a lot of love. We have contracted Schoen Painting, and they will begin in May, after pre-school is finished for the school year. The cost for this project is \$12,500 for 11 doors. We need your financial help with this project. Please consider helping by donating to the Trustee's non-campaign fund. If giving by check, please include "Adopt-a-door" in the memo line. Thank you!

## MAY PRAYER CALENDAR

 <b>May 2024</b> <b>PRAYER FOCUS</b>										
1 Renewal Isaiah 61:3	2 Strength 2 Chronicles 15:7	3 Ephesians 5:1-2 Imitate	4 God Cares Matthew 6:26	5 Challenges Joel 2:25	6 Grace 2 Peter 3:18	7 Trust Psalm 40:4				
8 Enough Matthew 6:11	9 Purpose Ephesians 1:1	10 Guidance Psalm 139:9-10	11 Pleasing Colossians 1:10	12 Dependence Matthew 18:3	13 The Word Psalm 119:105	14 Refuge Proverbs 18:10				
15 Patience James 5:7	16 Power 2 Kings 20:5	17 Peace John 16:33	18 Our Path Hebrews 12:1-2	19 Advocacy Romans 8:26	20 Work Colossians 3:23	21 Praise Psalm 50:11				
22 Rest Exodus 20:8	23 Growth John 15:5	24 Persevere Romans 12:12	25 Potential 1 Peter 5:10	26 Shelter Psalm 91:4	27 Faith Luke 17:6	28 Encourage 1 Thessalonians 5:11				
29 Presence Psalm 112:6-7	30 Requirements Micah 6:8									

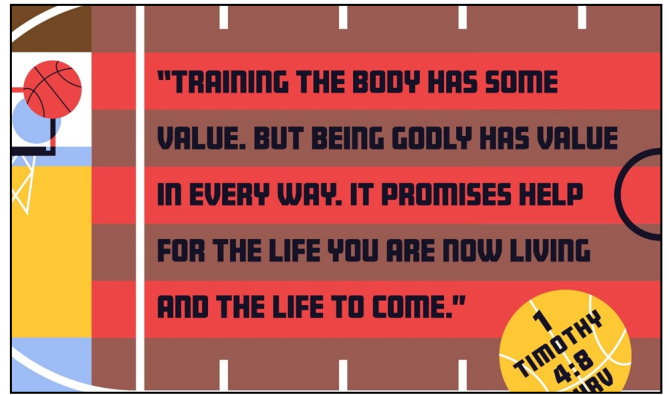
# FAMILY MINISTRY

## APRIL CHILDREN'S CHURCH

Theme



Memory Verse



### GOD VIEW: THE CONNECTION BETWEEN COMMITMENT AND GOD'S CHARACTER, AS SHOWN THROUGH GOD'S BIG STORY

Commitment is part of God's nature and how God interacts with us, keeping promises and putting plans into action. God's commitment to us is just one of the many reasons we can trust God no matter what. And because God's promises and plans came true in Jesus, we can be with God forever. We reflect God's character when we make a plan and stick to it. This month, we'll help kids discover that one of the best plans they can make is to commit to an ongoing relationship with Jesus. We hope they commit to practicing their faith by reading God's Word, praying to God honestly and consistently, talking about God with others, and living for God in how they show love throughout the everyday.

Bottom Line 1: Practice hearing from God

Bottom Line 2: Practice praying to God

Bottom Line 3: Practice talking about God

Bottom Line 4: Practice living for God

### APRIL NURSERY/PRESCHOOL THEME:

#### Preschool Monthly Overview:

This month is all about introducing preschoolers to God – the One who loves them with a love that lasts forever. When it comes to preschoolers and what they know about God, there are a few faith skills we want to make sure they have in their little red wagon. We want every child to know that they can hear from God, pray to God, talk about God to others, and live for God. We hope they will pull these faith skills around, wherever they go, for the rest of their lives. Then they can go with confidence because they have the faith skills needed for whatever comes their way.



Story Focus Week 1: I can hear from God

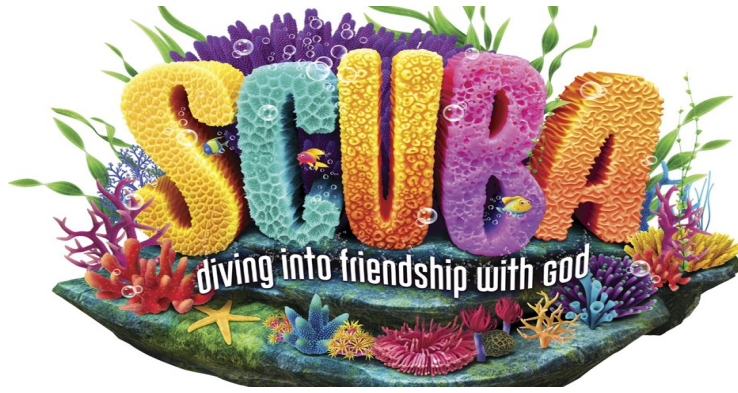
Story Focus Week 2: I can pray to God

Story Focus Week 3: I can talk about God to others

Story Focus Week 4: I can live for God



## VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL 2024



Vacation Bible School is 4 evenings of faith, food, fun, and fellowship for fully potty-trained 3-year-olds through 5<sup>th</sup> grade! Not to mention the fun all youth and adult ministry partners have for those 4 evenings! It is a time of learning and growing in our faith and relationship with Jesus! This year VBS is scheduled for July 7<sup>th</sup>-July 10<sup>th</sup> from 6 pm-8:15 pm. To register a child or to volunteer, scan here:

**Register**



**Volunteer**



Planning and preparing for VBS has already started! Mark your calendars to attend our collaborative decoration-making days at Grace Church on May 18<sup>h</sup> from 9 am-12 pm. We encourage children to come as we will have an area for them to work on decorations! **LITTLE HANDS CAN DO BIG THINGS!**

### Items needed:

In preparing for VBS, there are items we need such as Command Strips (lots and lots of the poster strips), pool noodles of all colors, blue plastic table clothes, coffee filters (all sizes), paper cupcake wrappers (all solid colors), and popcorn Styrofoam package filler. A complete list of needs will be coming in the next couple of months, but these are items we will need a lot of! Items can be left in Pastor Jodi's office.

### Team Kid/Youth:

Our last Team Kid/Youth before suspending for summer break is May 8<sup>th</sup> from 6-7:30 pm. We will have a bounce house and lots of fun things to eat and do!

Attention current youth (6<sup>th</sup>-12<sup>th</sup> grade) and upcoming youth (current 5<sup>th</sup> graders): Be on the lookout for an upcoming mini "lock-in" on either Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup> or Friday, May 17<sup>th</sup>, from 7 pm-11 pm at the church. It will be a time to have some fun and get to know each other. If you have any questions, contact Pastor Jodi.

## TROOP 198

Troop 198 Update.

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Mr. Liam Gail, a life scout of Troop 198, has completed his Eagle Project which was the restoration of Wood County Parks Garden Boxes.

Per Mr. Gail: "For my Eagle Project I worked with the Wood County Parks to restore several of their native plant garden boxes. After working with mentors to engage in fundraising in the community from neighbors, business owners, and family, I raised the necessary money to purchase all the materials necessary for the project. I successfully raised enough money to build 5 garden boxes. This project cost \$1,100.00. This project was completed on March 23rd and March 29th. I led a group of 5 scouts from both Troop 198 and Troop 219 in the construction process. We gathered at the Wood County Parks Nursery Building and worked with their supervisor to determine which garden beds were in greatest need of replacement. These beds are important because they help with conservation in our community and local parks....."

## OUR STAFF

### Senior Pastor

Jim Jennings

### Pastor of Family Ministry

Jodi Packard

### Administrative Assistant

Brittany Gilpin

### Treasurer

Irma Wolf

### Music Director

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### Multimedia Coordinator

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....encouraging planting of native plants is good for our local habitats and animals. It helps replace and rebuild what is needed. After the garden beds were completed, I placed name placards on each bed identifying the name of the project and donors. I am most thankful to everyone who supported my project, who mentored me, and to the Wood County Parks and their staff for their generosity and guidance."

Please help congratulate Mr. Gail on this project.

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Janet



## TROOP 219 SPOTLIGHT

The ladies of Troop 219 have been busy this month. They attended the Tenderfoot Weekend at Camp Frontier. Those scouts that are older taught the scouts that have just crossed over. Our station was First Aid. The ladies taught how to remove fishhooks and nails from the skin, how to handle eye injuries, do CPR, and treat broken bones and sprains.



## SERVE

### PERRYSBURG FIRST AND PCU

The churches of PCU are asked to contribute specific items to the food bank each month. For the month of May, we are asked to donate toilet paper. For June, donations of soup would be appreciated. If you wish to give a monetary donation, you may do so by visiting: <https://secure.myvanco.com/L-YQZA/home>. Thank you for your continued support of PCU!

Donations may be made online at [www.perrysburgfirst.church](http://www.perrysburgfirst.church) under 'Give'.

The submission deadline for the next Chimes newsletter is on/around the 25th of the month.

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### Church Office Hours

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There is always a chance we could be out of the office, so we encourage you to call ahead before stopping by.