



WITH GOD

*All Things*

ARE POSSIBLE

*Mark 10:27*

# *First Evangelical and Reformed Church*

320 W. Wayne St. Lima, OH 45801

*“Open Hearts, Open Doors”*

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Sunday School – 9:00 am  
Worship Service – 10:15 am

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**May 3, 2026**

PRELUDE: Meditation on “Azmon” Lani Smith

WELCOME

HYMN: “Wonderful Grace of Jesus” Hymnal #249

HYMN: “Father, I Adore You” Hymnal #202

PRAISES AND PRAYERS

PASTORAL PRAYER

OFFERING

OFFERTORY: “Sweet Hour of Prayer” James Boeringer

DOXOLOGY

BLESSING OF TITHES AND OFFERINGS

THE LORD’S PRAYER

SCRIPTURE: 1 John 4:1-8

SERMON: “Testing the Spirits” Rev. John Hyter

HYMN: “There’s within My Heart a Melody” Hymnal #346

BENEDICTION: “Blest Be the Tie That Binds” Hymnal #209  
(First verse.)

POSTLUDE: “A Trumpet Air” David Paxton

**Serving You This Week:**

Guest Pastor  
Organist  
Secretary

Rev. John Hyter  
Charles Chevront  
Pat Grossi

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**Prayer Concerns:** Scarlet Rettig, Tom and Sarah Moneer, Betty Carr, Mike Lautzenheiser, Missionary James Reynolds, Tom Clutter, Connie Ryan, Rob Hyter, Tiffany Smith, Shelia Coon, Christian, Don Snook, Mike Butler, Tessa Money, Remy Hefner, Marisha Collier, Kameyan Campos, Charles (Jill's Dad), Karen, Anna, Don, Ruth Ann Russell, Lucas and Emma, Carole Chevront, Connie Ryan, Paul and Melissa Busick and their prison ministry, the family of Carla Bailey and Grant Lewis.

**Life Situations:** Please pray for healing for the above-mentioned individuals. Pray for families impacted by violent acts. Pray for wisdom, godliness and safety for our country's leaders and law enforcement.

*“And the prayer of faith will save the sick, and the Lord will raise him up. And if he has committed sins, he will be forgiven. Confess your trespasses to one another, and pray for one another, that you may be healed. The effective, fervent prayer of a righteous man avails much.”*  
*James 5:15 & 16*

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**Shut-In of the Week:** Betty Carr is our shut-in of the week. Please take time to send her a card and pray for her. Her address is 100 Red Oak Drive, Willow Room #422, Cridersville, OH 45806.

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**Trivia:** Who had been placed in Joseph's tomb before Jesus?  
(Luke 23:53)

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| a) Caiaphas | c) Simon the Cyrene |
| b) No one   | d) Lazarus          |

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**Pondering:** You will seek me and find me when you seek me with all your heart. (*Jeremiah 29:12, 13*)

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

**LADIES AID** - Please mark your calendar for the Mother's Day carry-in lunch. It is May 6, here at the church in the fellowship hall at noon. Please bring a covered dish. The officers will provide meat dishes, drinks and rolls.

Please bring along something that you have that has special meaning to you that was your Mother's or Grandmother's. We will share why it was special to you. All are welcome to attend.

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**National Day of Prayer**--The Allen County Community Observance of the National Day of Prayer takes place on Thursday, May 7 from 11:45 AM – 1 PM at the Veterans Memorial Civic and Convention Center, 7 Town Square in Lima. WTGN will broadcast the event live starting at 11:45 AM.



For May, **CUP** (Churches United Pantry) is asking for deodorant. If you can help with a donation, it would be much appreciated. You can place your donations on the shelf near the elevator marked **CUP**. Thank you.

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The May *Informer Newsletter* has been released by email. If you do not have email, you may pick up a copy on the table near the sanctuary.



Please make sure your phone is on “silent” during the church service! Thank you.

## ATTENTION ALL GRADUATES!

First Evangelical & Reformed Church would like to honor all those graduating from College or High School this year. This is for members and their children. Graduation Recognition Sunday will be June 7, 2026. Please fill out the form below and place it in the offering, call or mail to office by May 10.

**GRADUATE'S NAME:** \_\_\_\_\_

**PARENT'S:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRANDPARENTS:** \_\_\_\_\_

**COLLEGE/HIGH SCHOOL:** \_\_\_\_\_

**GRADUATION DATE:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FUTURE PLANS:** \_\_\_\_\_

DEADLINE TO RETURN FORM IS **MAY 10, 2026.**

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April 23, 2026

Dear Family and Friends,

The time has come once again for Paul and me to return to prison and minister Jesus and His love to the young men incarcerated at Madison Correctional outside London, OH. The ministry is called ***Change of Heart Prison Ministries***. We will be accompanied on this weekend by approximately 25 other team members of diverse race, gender, age, and church affiliation. 10 men called deacons will help us with different tasks we are unable to perform inside i.e., obtaining ice/water, cooking and cleaning.

We are asking you to help by praying without ceasing as Apostle Paul wrote in I Thessalonians 5:17, from Thursday evening, May 14 through Sunday evening, May 17th. We will be inside the prison from 8AM - 8PM Friday and Saturday, and 8AM - 4PM on Sunday.

The number of men who re-enter prison after participating in an ***CoHPM*** weekend is very low, so the fruit of our labors is great. I say "our" because you are the most important part of our weekend. Without prayer we would be ships out of water. Thank you for praying as often as Holy Spirit brings us to your minds.

If you are willing to be used by God in this way, please reply to Charles if you can pray. I can add your name to the 24-hr. prayer chain which encircles the conference room during the weekend and gives the inmates a small example of the love of God's body for them. May God bless you richly as you serve Him. We are ever in Christ Jesus.

Paul and Melissa Busick