

March 27, 2024



## Hello friends,

Dressed up for Easter, that's what I remember. Back in the day my mother would take us kids shopping for new "dress" clothes to wear to church on Easter. It was an annual rite of passage two or three weeks prior to the holy day. Back then, at least in our town, there were no shopping malls, just the stores on Main Street. Our first stop was always Gordon's Department Store to find new dresses for my mother and sister. Then, we walked down the

street to Galen Gates' Men's Shop so my brother and I could be suited up. I vividly recall standing like Christ the Redeemer in Rio de Janeiro and being tape measured in all directions. Next, we went to Goodhart's so we all could get new shoes. The final stop was the Hat Box where mother would pick out her "bonnet." For the ladies it was *de rigueur* to wear a hat in church, especially on Easter.

Given the fact that we celebrate Christ's crucifixion this Friday, where they stripped him and gambled for his clothes, getting all dressed up for the holiday seems almost sacrilegious. And yet, when we consider his resurrection, it becomes quite appropriate. The Lord exchanged his grave clothes for his resurrection glory. I'm thinking that's the reason behind all the Easter finery. This week like the women of Galilee, Peter and John, and the rest of Jesus' disciples, we too will encounter the reality of the resurrection as presented in Luke 24:1-12. There is mystery and marvel in this account, but there is also manumission for all those who see and believe. On Easter we celebrate our release from captivity which gives us every reason to dress our best.

Come worship with us at 9 and 11 a.m. in the sanctuary at 1100 North Main Street, and at 10 a.m. in Winebrenner Auditorium at 950 North Main Street. Please join us virtually, if you're unable to attend in person. Our service is live at 9 a.m. on Facebook and on YouTube.

God bless and remember, "He is risen!"

*Pastor Ed*

Interim Lead Pastor

DISCIPLESHIP 201

Basic Training

He Is Risen Indeed!

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March 24, 2024

Tithes/Offerings.....\$12,004.20  
Additional Offerings.....\$2,274.40

Weekly average budget amount:  
\$18,562.00

### Encounter \*TONIGHT\* March 27, 6-7:15pm

Kids K-5th grade, come join us on Wednesdays from 6-7:15pm. Glow in the Dark! We were made to shine bright! Come shine with us as we explore how Jesus is the light in the darkness and how we can choose to be like Jesus in our dark world!

### Solar Eclipse Watch Party April 8, 1-3:30pm

College First Church and Pack 302 are hosting a solar eclipse watch party on April 8th from 1PM to 3:30PM at College First Church. Scouts can earn the solar eclipse badge by attending the watch party. There will be games, information about the eclipse, and snacks. We ask that you sign up in advance, so we know how many glasses to purchase and how many badges to purchase for the scouts. We will also have parking in our lot available. Families are encouraged to stay as well!

Register at: [bit.ly/EclipseCF](http://bit.ly/EclipseCF)

### Student Summer Ministry Sponsors Needed

It will be summer again before you know it and our children and youth are starting to make plans to attend Camp Otyokwah, Bible Quizzing Nationals, The Well, and our Student Mission Trip to Pittsburgh. If you would be willing to pray for & write to a student or be willing to financially sponsor a student, please email Pastor Nancy.

### Camp Otyokwah Time!

It is time to sign up for Camp Otyokwah and the Student Mission trip to Pittsburgh. Camp is for kids grades 2nd-graduating this year and the mission trip is for ages 11-20. Sponsorship is available. Please sign up by contacting Pastor Nancy at [nhiser@collegefirst.org](mailto:nhiser@collegefirst.org). Early bird registration is due by April 17th and then prices will be going up.

### Ladies Luncheon Save the Date!

Mark your calendars, ladies! The Ladies Luncheon will be held May 11th at 11am in the Fellowship Hall. Little ladies and wise ladies, all ladies 0-100 are invited. More details to come in April!

### St. Andrew's Annex Laundry Facility

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Andrew's Annex (214 W. Sandusky St., Findlay) will be opening a public laundry facility for community members. The facility will be open on Tuesdays & Thursdays from 9am and a final load can be started at 3pm. There is a limit of 2 loads per family. All of the laundry supplies are provided.

### Kids Sunday School (K-5th grade)

March 24: God hears our cries.

Luke 23

9 & 10 AM

### Holy Week and Easter Services

Maundy Thursday	Good Friday	Easter Sunday
3/28, 7pm Sanctuary	3/29, 7pm Sanctuary	3/31, regular services

### Holy Week Streaming Info

For Holy Week, we will live stream the Good Friday service at 7pm on both YouTube and Facebook. Of course, the 9am Sunday services will be streamed as usual. The Maundy Thursday service will not be live streamed.

### Easter Sunday Worship at Birchaven, Mar. 31, 4pm

College First has long offered worship experiences at Birchaven Village on the fourth Sunday of each month as well as the occasional fifth Sunday when they occur. Easter Sunday falls on the fifth Sunday of March and we are offering a special invitation to anyone from the church who would like to join our Birchaven worship team & gather with our Birchaven friends for Easter worship at 4:00 pm in the Birchaven chapel. The service is only thirty minutes long and it promises to be an experience of great joy as we celebrate the resurrection of our Lord. Please plan to come and join in the fun. Please email Pastor David if you have any questions.

### April Senior Fun Dinner April 9, 5:30pm

Plan to gather with all the Senior Fun gang for our April Senior Fun Dinner. Please bring a hot dish, salad, or dessert to share to compliment the planned Italian Bake dinner. Drink and table service will be provided. Our time together will conclude with a program of some good music and good laughs as we all enjoy some of the wonderful talents of our College First friends. Please plan to come and bring a friend as we share in a great evening of fun, food and fellowship. Please indicate your attendance on the signup form near the church office. Call the church office at 419-422-7365 if you need more information or are in need of transportation.



LINDA BRATT  
BRIELLA FLETCHER  
KIMBERLEE FOOS  
JILL GORDON

LOIS JORDAN  
LEE OSMUN  
BILL REIST  
DOUG ROSENDALE

**PRAYER CHAIN** - Praises and prayer concerns for the church body as a whole are sent out via email by Connections Pastor Kimberly Reese. To submit a prayer request or to be added to the Prayer Chain recipient email list please contact Pastor Kimberly at [KREESE@collegefirst.org](mailto:KREESE@collegefirst.org). (Paper copies of prayer requests are also available upon request.)

## Samaritan's Purse Disaster Relief

As you may be aware, last week, many tornados ripped through parts of Indiana and Ohio. Samaritan's Purse is looking for volunteers to help with disaster relief. If you would like to volunteer, please visit [spvolunteer.org](http://spvolunteer.org). Click on the Logan County project for details. Day trips are available.

## Backyard Mission Trip April 27

Many of our neighbors have submitted projects for yard work, painting, and modest home repairs. Sign-up and invite your friends and family to volunteer for the Backyard Mission Trip Project Day, April 27th! Register your project or volunteer at [findlaybmt.com](http://findlaybmt.com)

## Next Gen Ministry Needs

Current donation needs for International Students include table, a blender, a rice cooker and beds/mattresses.

## Sanctuary Nursery

We are looking for a Nursery ministry partners for the first week of every month at the 9:00 service and for weekly partners for the 11am services. Please contact Nicky if this may be a ministry opportunity for you!

## Vehicle Search

There is a need for a used reliable vehicle at free or low cost. Please contact Pastor Ed if you have any insight on possible vehicles.

**Ongoing Partner Opportunities:**  
[bit.ly/PartnerOppsMinistry](http://bit.ly/PartnerOppsMinistry)

Our sympathy and prayers to Larry Sprout, family, and friends after the passing of Larry's wife, Christine Sprout, on March 26th.



## Church Mailboxes *(to be cleared)*

If you have a church mailbox, please continue to check it on a regular basis. Easter Sunday is the final day to pick up your mail from the boxes before they are emptied. Additionally, if you have been wanting a church mailbox, please reach out to the church office and one will be made for you! By having a church mailbox, other members may write you cards for various holidays or let you know they are praying for you. It is also used for mail coming from the church office, as we will put special holiday offerings and upcoming event information in your mailbox.

## Church Membership & Baptism

We will be holding baptisms on April 28th. There is opportunity for church membership as well. Classes for membership are on April 14 & 28, 2-4:30pm. If you are interested or have questions concerning either membership or baptism, please reach out to any of our pastors or by contacting the church office.

## Easter Flowers

Envelopes are now available outside the church office for lilies, tulips, & daffodils that will decorate worship services. The cost for each plant is \$16 and a list of names will appear in the FYI and bulletins the first week of April. Make checks payable to College First Church of God with 'Easter Flowers' in the memo line. Plants may be picked up following the 10AM Winebrenner service and 11AM Easter Sunday worship service in the sanctuary.

We would like to thank the many kindnesses shown to our family after the passing of our mother, Rosie Dosh. All the hugs, cards, and words of comfort were so appreciated by us all. We were so touched by those who took the time to come to her visitation and memorial service. Special thanks to those who visited our mother over the years, which meant so much to her and all of us. Thanks to Dave and Anna Welker who provided such uplifting music at her service. We felt so supported & blessed by the whole church!

From Judy Steiner & the extended Dosh family



## **SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE**

### **TRADITIONAL BLENDED WORSHIP**

**9:00AM 11:00AM**

**SERVICES IN THE SANCTUARY, 1100 N. MAIN ST.**

### **CONTEMPORARY WORSHIP**

**10:00AM @ WINEBRENNER**

**WINEBRENNER TLB AUDITORIUM , 950 N. MAIN ST.**

### **SUNDAY WORSHIP ONLINE**

**LIVESTREAM 9:00AM**

**FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUTUBE CHANNEL**

**GO TO THE WEBSITE 'ONLINE WORSHIP' PAGE FOR LINKS**

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## **Easter Offering**

Last week, the Easter Offering letter and envelopes were placed in the USPS mail as well as church mailboxes. This year's Easter Offering will contribute to necessary renovations for Camp Otyokwah. When imagining the impact that Camp O has on our youth at College First (*47 CF campers last year*), we can also continue to consider how these students then have friends they talk to about God, continue to spread His word, and build the next generation of spiritual champions.

There will be a small enclosed envelope for your check made payable to College First Church of God. Place it in an offering plate during the weeks leading up to Easter or mail it to the church office. If you misplace or do not have an offering envelope, you may pick-up an extra envelope (and letter) at CFW's welcome table or by the church office. You may also choose to give online at [www.collegefirst.org](http://www.collegefirst.org). May the Lord bless you during this special season and thank you for your support!

**Maundy Thursday  
Service at 7pm**

Will *not* be  
live streamed

**DISCIPLESHIP 201**  
Basic Training

**Remember Me in This**

**DISCIPLESHIP 201**  
Basic Training

**Father, Forgive Them**

**Good Friday  
Service at 7pm**

Will be live streamed

## **Preaching Plan**

Date	Bible Text	Message Title
Mar. 28	Luke 22:14 – 23	Remember Me in This
Mar. 29	Luke 23:26 – 49	Father, Forgive Them
Mar. 31	Luke 24:1 – 12	He Is Risen Indeed!
<i>*New Series*</i> Discipleship 301: Advanced Training		
April 7	John 20:1 – 18	He Is the Resurrection
April 14	Luke 24:13 – 35	He Is the Telos

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