

# Weekly Update FYI

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April 10, 2024



## Hello my friends,

Next month Linda and I will celebrate our Fiftieth wedding anniversary. My oh my how time goes by! Thinking back to that day, so many things changed in our lives. It was a turning point for both of us; old things passed away, and all things became new. Our single lives became one. Promises made with an engagement ring were sealed with wedding bands. Over the years I lost mine four times, but nothing changed. The covenant we made together

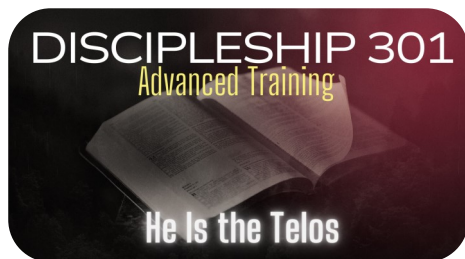
before God and our family that day in May half a century ago continues, for which we both thank God. Our wedding day consummated all that was before in our lives and ushered in a whole new way of living life. It's been so very good! We praise God for each other.

Resurrection Day did that for the first disciples and for every generation of believers since. The message this Sunday from Luke 24:13 – 35 will focus upon Jesus as the “author and finisher” (Hebrews 12:2) of our faith. All that was promised or foretold concerning the Messiah, Jesus fulfilled or completed. His life ends the old covenant of Law and ushers in the new covenant of Grace. The two on the Emmaus Road and the disciples in Jerusalem needed to understand Jesus as the Telos, the end of all that came before and the beginning of all that is to come. We need to grasp this truth as well. Jesus is the Alpha and Omega, the First and the Last, the Beginning and the End. (Revelation 22:13)

I invite you to worship with us this Sunday 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. Come and experience the joy of Jesus first hand. You can also join us virtually, if you can't attend in person. Our service is live at 9 a.m. on Facebook and YouTube.

Remember this: “He has risen!”

Interim Lead Pastor



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April 7, 2024

Tithes/Offerings.....\$26,288.15  
Additional Offerings.....\$11,829.62

Weekly average budget amount:  
\$18,562.00




### Encounter \*TONIGHT\* April 10, 6-7:15pm

Kids K-5th grade can join us on Wednesdays, 6-7:15pm. This month we are doing "Throw Back!" Some retro things never go out of style, like the 80's! We will be looking at timeless lessons from Jesus, Grab your Rubik's cube, Walkman, jelly bracelets, Bible, and gel-pens & join us for a ton of fun!

### Upward Flag Football & Cheer League May 1

Early player registration opens on May 1st for Flag Football & Cheer League through the Upward Sports program! The leagues are open to both boys & girls in Kindergarten through 6th grade in fall of 2024. Registration to volunteer as a football or cheer coach, referee, or part of the set-up & tear down crew is now live. The mission of Upward sports is to help youth experience fair play, sportsmanship, & Godly virtues in an encouraging environment. You can find out more about the league and volunteering at:

[www.collegefirst.org/upward](http://www.collegefirst.org/upward) 

### 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.



### 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, & 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.

### Pentecost Sunday Combined Worship May 19

College First will join for one combined worship service on Sunday, May 19th at 10:00 AM at Winebrenner Seminary as we remember the descent of the Holy Spirit. Join in the celebration! Immediately following the worship service will be a church-wide picnic on the front lawn of Old Main. Menu will include hamburgers, hot dogs, baked beans, potato salad, chips and cookies.

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

April 7: It's always good to be humble.

Matthew 7

**9 & 10 AM**

### City Mission Benefit Garage Sale April 12 & 13

The City Mission in Findlay is holding a garage sale this Friday & Saturday, 8am-3pm, in their new warehouse! Their Benefit Garage Sale will use all proceeds from the sale will go toward supporting City Mission Ministries and Programs.

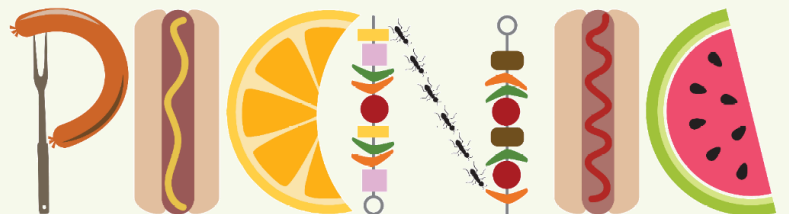
Interested in helping the sale? Donations for the sale are being accepted from 1 pm to 4 pm, Monday through Friday, at their location on 330 Walnut St. If you have any questions, please call City Mission directly at 567-250-9129. Items being accepted for the sale can be toys, clothes, books, furniture, jewelry, collectibles, and more!

### Church Membership & Baptism April 28

If God has been stirring in your life and you are ready to respond, baptism is your first step! We will be holding baptisms April 28. An addition to baptism, we will also be offering the opportunity for church membership. Have you been attending College First for a while but not sure what to do next? We invite you to consider becoming a member of College First Church! 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.

### Ladies Luncheon May 11, 11am

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. Feel free to invite your friends! Lunch will be served and a master gardener will be speaking about hummingbirds. Sign-up sheets will be available outside the church office as well as at the CFW 10am service welcome table. If you have questions, please call Becky Spikes at 419-348-8936.





LINDA BRATT  
BRIELLA FLETCHER  
KIMBERLEE FOOS  
JILL GORDON  
LOIS JORDAN

LEE OSMUN  
BILL REIST  
DOUG ROSENDALE  
CINDY-SIMS PERRY

**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.)

The pastors would like to visit you in the hospital. Please let the pastors or church office know if you or a loved one are in the hospital and if you would like a visit. The office phone number is 419-422-7365 or email Pastor Kimberly at [kreese@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreese@collegefirst.org).

## A Message from Bill & Judy Reist

Dear Friends,

Judy and I continue to offer our deepest gratitude and appreciation for your many expressions of love and support in these recent weeks—for cards, food, care of Tess, and most of all, your prayers and encouragement. Earlier this week (4/8) I finished radiation therapy and rang the bell as a marker of this chapter completed. I'm scheduled for a scan in several weeks and will then begin a six-month round of chemo that will take us to October. I am thankful that to this point I don't have many side effects and that the brain fog is slowly beginning to dissipate.

I've been meditating on the phrase, "But God." Despite this vicious disease, the Lord is still sovereign and all about life and hope: "...like sheep they are appointed for Sheol... but God will ransom my soul from the power of Sheol, for he will receive me" (Ps 49:14-15). The Lord is faithful and carrying us through this experience. Judy writes, "I am learning more and more about the power of prayer and to expect surprises that are gifts from God." Your love and support makes it easier to bear, and we are both blessed and grateful to be part of such a loving congregation. Thank you for your gifts!

-Bill and Judy Reist

## Backyard Mission Trip April 27

Time to consider your Spring cleaning needs! Do you have a garden that will need to be weeded, mulched, or replanted? Maybe a fresh coat of paint would brighten your front porch or a bathroom. Has a handrail just been feeling a little wobbly for far too long? You can now register a home project you need completed as part of the city-wide Backyard Mission Trip on April 27. Go to [findlaybmt.com](http://findlaybmt.com) to register your home project and on the 27th your neighbors will be by to lend a hand! The deadline to register your project is **April 12th!**

Maybe you don't have a project that needs done this Spring, and you'd like to help out a neighbor for the BMT! You can sign-up and invite your friends & family to volunteer for the BMT Project Day on April 27th at [findlaybmt.com](http://findlaybmt.com)



**Not available for BMT? For more opportunities to help a neighbor, please read on to *Helping Hands*.**

## Easter Flowers

Thank you to all who helped decorate the church on Easter Sunday by sponsoring flowers in memory and in celebration of your loved ones.

*Easter Flowers were place by*

**Robert & Berniece Asel** to the glory of God.

**Alante, Aaron, Alexis, Kaila, & Scott** in memory of Christine Butterworth and all the saints that have gone before us.

**Donna Clagg** in celebration of Jaxon's 1<sup>st</sup> birthday, Kylie's 3<sup>rd</sup> birthday, and Rory's 8<sup>th</sup> birthday.

**Sharon Eckenrode** in memory of Gary G. Eckenrode.

**Doug & Sally Guilford** in memory of Tom & Betty Dorsey, Vern & Vera Guilford, Jim Dorsey, and Steve Dorsey.

**Ricardo & Deb Lucio** in memory of Paul and Virginia Cairl, Ricardo, Sr and Emma Lucio.

**Susan Nice** in memory of Reverend Paul & Louise Nice.

**Susan Williams** in celebration of our pastors, staff, & leaders.

**Bob & Jo Wilson** to the glory of God.



## **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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## **LifeWise Academy Searching for Director**

LifeWise Academy provides Bible-based, character-focused, Released Time Religious Instruction at 2 of 6 elementary schools in Findlay. Students attend programming that is both academic & religious in nature! The program is searching for a Director, check it out here: <http://lifewise.org/directorapplication/>

University of Findlay Choirs Present

George and Shirlee Whitson Spring Choral Concert

## *Imaginary Creatures*

### **UF Choral Concert April 11, 7pm**

Come enjoy the vocals of the UF Choir as they present their Spring concert, *Imaginary Creatures*, sponsored by College First members, George and Shirlee Whitson! The concert will be held at the Marathon Center of Performing Arts, 200 W. Main Cross St. in Findlay, on April 11 at 7pm. If you are in need of special accommodations, please contact UF directly at 419-422-8381.

### **St. Andrew's Annex FREE Laundry Facility**

On April 2<sup>nd</sup>, St. Andrew's Annex (214 W. Sandusky St., Findlay) opened their FREE public laundry facility for community members. The facility is 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.

### **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.

### **Preaching Plan**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Bible Text</b>	<b>Message Title</b>
<b>Discipleship 301: Advanced Training</b>		
April 14	Luke 24:13 – 35	He Is the Telos
April 21	Luke 24:36 – 49	He Is the Mission
April 28	John 20:19 – 31	He Is the Lord
May 5	John 21:1 – 25	He Is the Master
May 12	Acts 1:1 -11	He Is the Victor

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