

April 17, 2024



Pastor Kimberly & family

Hello my friends,

Surprise! Surprise! Surprise! When I turned fifty, a few years ago now, Linda threw a big birthday party for me. All the expected guests were there including my mother, my kids, our extended family, and even friends I hadn't seen for a while. I knew nothing about the event until it happened. Linda walked me into the room, and *voila*, there was everybody wearing garish hats greeting me with tooter horns. Everywhere I looked hot-pink flamingos decorated the tables. I was born in the 1950s,

remember. I knew I was being razzed or should I say, ha-razzed? We all had a wonderful time celebrating my half-century mark.

On Resurrection Day Jesus' disciples also experienced a big surprise. That evening he appeared in their midst unannounced, and the doors were locked according to John. They were scared out of their wits thinking he was an apparition of some sort. He had to show them his wounds and eat a piece of fish to prove his reality to them. It's all recorded in Luke 24:36 – 49, which is our text this coming Sunday. Pastor Kimberly will share the message Jesus gave us to take to all nations, the message of Christ's love and forgiveness.

You are invited to worship with us on 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 surprising and life-changing presence of Jesus first hand as the church gathers in his name. You can also join us virtually, if you can't attend in person. Our service is live at 9 a.m. on Facebook and You Tube.

"He has risen!"

Interim Lead Pastor

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Tithes/Offerings.....\$15,296.88
 Additional Offerings.....\$1,632.95

Weekly average budget amount:
\$18,562.00



DISCIPLESHIP 301
 Advanced Training
 He Is the Mission

Encounter *TONIGHT* April 17, 6-7:15pm

Kids K-5th grade can join us on Wednesdays, 6-7:15pm. Some classics are forever! Come learn with us as we look at classic principles such as humility, forgiveness, and fairness. We can always choose to be kind!

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

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. Early bird registration is due TODAY (April 17) & then prices will go 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.

Solar Eclipse Glasses Collection

Please recycle your eclipse glasses by dropping them off in the box in front of the church office or at the Welcome table at Winebrenner at the 10am service on Sunday. The eclipse glasses will be sent to Latin America for their eclipse in August this year! Return them by April 22 so they may be shipped in time. Thank you to Doug Rosendale for initiating this recycle effort at College First!

Church 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 at the 11am service. If you are interested or have questions, please reach out to any of our pastors or by contact the church office.

Ladies Luncheon May 11

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 are available outside the church office as well as at the Winebrenner welcome table. For questions, please call Becky Spikes at 419-348-8936.

May Senior Fun Dinner May 14

May will bring our last dinner for the 2023-2024 season as we are set to take a break for the summer. Plan to bring a side-dish, salad or dessert to share to compliment a chicken dinner catered by Lee's Chicken. Following the meal, our own Pastor Ed and Linda Rosenberry will lead us on a tour of Egypt with highlights from their trip to this fascinating land. It promises to be a wonderful time together. Plan to come and bring a friend as we share in a great time of food, fellowship and fun. Call the church office at 419-422-7365 if you need more information or transportation.



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. Want to help at the picnic? Sign-up for set up, grilling, serving food, or tear down on the sheets outside the office or at the Welcome Table at Winebrenner on Sunday.

Do you have a golf cart that could be used on Pentecost Sunday to help transport people from the worship service to the picnic? If so, please contact Pastor Kimberly. Thank you in advance!



LINDA BRATT	LOIS JORDAN
BRIELLA FLETCHER	LEE OSMUN
KIMBERLEE FOOS	BILL REIST
NAOMI GOLDEN	DOUG ROSENDALE
JILL GORDON	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. (Paper copies of prayer requests are also available upon request.)

Backyard Mission Trip April 27

Help out a neighbor this Spring for the Backyard Mission Trip! You may be painting, pulling weeds, or helping with other small home projects. Sign-up and invite your friends & family to volunteer for the BMT Project Day on April 27th at findlaybmt.com

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

Helping Hands Ministry List

The Helping Hands ministry is a group of individuals who are willing to assist when needs arise within the church or in the community! When you sign-up for this ministry, an email is sent to the Helping Hands list, and those who can help with the project reply. Signing up for Helping Hands means you're willing to receive emails for potential opportunities to serve. It is not expected that you help each time, it's based on your availability. Sign-up for this ministry team by emailing Sarah at office@collegefirst.org

In the past, those who are a part of the Helping Hands ministry have washed windows, cleaned up flower beds, raked leaves, trimmed bushes, and loaded moving trucks. College First is grateful to those who serve through the Helping Hands ministry. With nice weather just around the corner many projects are sure to *spring* up!

**Ongoing Partner Opportunities:
bit.ly/PartnerOppsMinistry**

Next Gen Ministry Needs

We have an International Graduate student who has been serving in our Church for the last two years who is moving off campus to a new apartment. She is in need of furniture. Please let Pastor Nancy know if you have furniture you would be willing to donate to her at nhiser@collegefirst.org.



Gathering Ground Crew

Maybe you've seen our Gathering Ground Crew (GGC) before or after the 9:00 and 11:00 services on Sunday mornings. Have you noticed volunteers wearing blue aprons as they put out donuts, prepare coffee, and keep things organized in the Gathering Ground Room? These cheerful & friendly volunteers are part of the GGC!

Pam Jenkins heads up this ministry each Sunday as the Gathering Ground Crew members serve tasty treats and hot coffee. GGC acts of service are based on Romans 12:10-13, "Be devoted to one another in love. Honor one another above yourselves. Never be lacking in zeal, but keep your spiritual fervor, serving the Lord. Be joyful in hope, patient in affliction, faithful in prayers. Share with the Lord's people who are in need. Practice hospitality."

Be sure to stop next Sunday and chat with members of our GGC! If you would like information on how to become a GGC ministry partner, please contact Pam Jenkins by email at pkjenkins1978@hotmail.com or by phone at (419) 615-9774.



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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Children's Mentoring CONNECTION
OF HANCOCK COUNTY

A Celebration of Connections April 23

Children's Mentoring Connection is holding a community event on April 23, 7-8pm at Winebrenner, 950 N Main St. Guest speaker Steve Pemberton, author of "The Lighthouse Effect," will share his experience of foster care and the powerful effects mentors can make in a life. The event is free to all, though pre-registration is requested. Register at: tinyurl.com/CMC42324event

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/>

St. Andrew's Annex FREE Laundry Facility

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

Date	Bible Text	Message Title
Discipleship 301: Advanced Training		
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
May 19	Acts 2:29 – 41	He Is the Messiah

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