Weekly Update



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August 13, 2025



Dear College First family,

Night to Shine is an unforgettable prom night experience centered on showing God's love to people with special needs, ages 14 years and older. We are joining churches around the world on February 13, cohosting the Findlay event with St. Mark's and Movement Church. The Tim Tebow Foundation created this incredible, annual celebration and we've been invited to serve. We need team leaders for the yard sign, local donations, and volunteer communications teams. Please contact Heather Schneemann, hsnowman@me.com, for details.

UF Freshmen Orientation Sunday will be held at Winebrenner Worship this week at 10 AM. All are invited to welcome new students...and enjoy brunch at Henderson Cafeteria afterwards.

The Hancock County Fair is right around the corner and that means Dietsch's **Ice Cream!** We need scoopers (and other helpers) for this Next Gen fundraiser. Fair entrance and a scoop of ice cream are free to all volunteers! Sign up today (or Sunday) in the lobby.

Did you know we have a **smartphone app**? Unfortunately, it was updated and it's tricky to find. Search for "The Church App Subsplash" in the App Store. After downloading, search for College First which will bring you to our app. It's free and filled with the latest info about College First.

Blessings,

Brad Adams 8/19
Doug Rosendale 8/20
Max Jolliff 8/21
Naomi Golden 8/25
Heidi Rupp 8/26
Janet Browne 8/27
Pam Jenkins 8/27
Mary Miller 8/30

Upcoming Events

8/22: Free Sale, 9 AM-3 PM

8/22: Back to School Bash, 6-8 PM

8/26-9/1: Hancock County Fair, 9AM-10PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS.... \$44,347.98 ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$2,809.35 BUDGET.... \$19,738.00

You can now give online via PayPal, in addition to giving on the church website. Please scan the QR Code provided.

Any questions, please call the church office.





Delighting in the Trinity Class

Many Christians find the concept of the Trinity confusing, such as wondering how one God can exist as three Persons, and are unsure of its significance: Is the Trinity just an esoteric and ancient doctrine, or is it critical and foundational to the Christian faith? Is the Trinity something a Christian can do without, or by becoming knowledgeable about the Trinity does one learn much about who God is and what he does?

Michael Reeves has written a deeply insightful and wonderfully witty book entitled *Delighting in the Trinity* that explores the concept of the Trinity and its impact on a Christian's faith and life.

Starting on 08/27/2025, Alan Armentrout will be leading a 10-week study of the Trinity using this book. The sessions will be held on Wednesday evenings from 5:30 pm to 6:45 pm. Roughly 1-2 hours of outside-of-class preparation is expected prior to most sessions, consisting of reading about 10-20 pages from the book and answering questions on the read material. The cost of the book is \$12. To reserve your place in the class and to have a book ordered for you, contact Kimberly Reese by 08/20/2025.

JOIN THE WORSHIP CHOIR





Our Worship Choir is preparing for another season of worship leadership and great music for our sanctuary services, and you are invited to be a part of this wonderful ensemble.

The first rehearsal is scheduled for Wednesday, September 3, at 7:00 pm in the sanctuary. For those who have sung in the past, you are welcome to rejoin the group. Others interested in being a part of the Worship Choir are very welcome to come and join in the fun. Just show up at the rehearsal. No audition required.

The choir rehearses each Wednesday evening at 7:00 pm for an hour and sings on Sunday mornings in the sanctuary at the 9:00 and 11:00 am services. Please contact SeaHwa Jung at jung@findlay.edu for more information.

POWER of PRAYER

- Linda Bratt
 - Christine Cole
- Becky Crawford
 - Paula Dewey
- Briella Fletcher
- Jill Gordon
- Ledger HanDorothy Harvey
- Missy LaRocco
- Connie McClelland
 - Phyllis Miller
 - Lee Osmun
 - Cindy Sims-Perry
- Doug Rosendale
 - Krista Smith
 - **Amy Snyder**

E-MAIL PRAYER GROUP - Praises and prayer concerns for the church body as a whole are sent out via e-mail by Connections Pastor Kimberly Reese. To submit a prayer request or to be added to the Prayer Chain recipient e-mail list please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org.

Download the College First App!

Stay up-to-date with College First ministries and events with the College First app. To download:

- 1. Visit your preferred app store
- 2. Download "The Church App" (it has a light gray cross as the icon)
- 3. Once in The Church App, search for "College First Church of God"







Ice Cream at the Fair!

Do you enjoy ice cream? How about fairs? College First once again is having a booth at the Merchant's Building at the Hancock County Fair from August 26-September 1! We still need *many* volunteers for the following dates and times:

- August 26: 3-5 PM, 5-7 PM, 7-10 PM
- August 27: 3-5 PM, 5-7 PM, 7-10 PM
- August 28: 3-5 PM, 5-7 PM, 7-10 PM
- August 29: 9 AM-11 AM, 11 AM-1 PM, 1-3 PM, 5-7 PM, 7-10 PM
- September 1: 3-5 PM and Tear Down of Booth

All proceeds from the fair will benefit Next Gen Ministries. Sign-up sheets are available in front of the church office. Any questions and for more information, please contact Simeon at simeon@collegefirst.org or the church office at 419-422-7365.

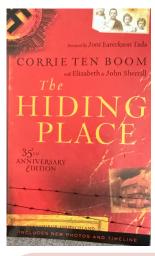
P.S. You get a free scoop of ice cream at the end of your shift as a "Thank You."

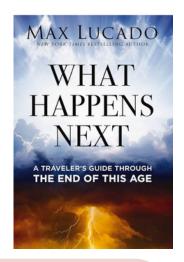
Rise and Shine Time!

Rise and Shine will meet at Scrambler's in downtown Findlay on Tuesday, August 26 at 8:30 AM for breakfast. Books for the upcoming study will be passed out at that time. Regular weekly meetings will be held at church in room 201 at 8:30 AM every Tuesday morning beginning September 2. Sally Green and Becky Canterbury will be team teaching. All ladies are welcome to attend! The book that is kicking off with the Rise and Shine group is called *Getting Through the Tough Stuff*.

According to Barnes and Noble website about the book, "We live in a time when things are tough for a lot of folks. The boomers are beginning to feel anxiety as they move toward retirement. Many people are facing financial pressure and are up to their ears in debt. We are having to care for both our kids and our parents. The pace of life, and the demands of life, just keep getting more intense. And for many, these tough times bring life crises. This is a book of encouragement, hope, and freedom, an invitation to meet Christ at the crossroads of our lives and move beyond the tough times."

Please join Rise and Shine for another great year!





Caring and Sharing

Come join Caring and Sharing in August and September for these great reads!

On Tuesday, August 19 at 7 PM, the book to be discussed is *The Hiding Place*. According to Amazon.com, "Corrie ten Boom was the first licensed female watchmaker in the Netherlands who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable ministers of hope in the twentieth century. This is her incredible true story--and ultimately the story of how faith, hope, and forgiveness triumphed over unthinkable evil."

And on Tuesday, September 16 at 7PM, the book to be discussed is *What Happens Next*. Also according to Amazon.com, "*What Happens Next* is an optimistic, accessible, and nonsensational guide to what the Bible says about heaven's time line that will empower you to face the future with faith. Max takes you on a well-researched overview of what God's Word says, exploring the following four big ideas that provide a solid foundation for understanding God's eternal plan:

- We were made to reign with Christ.
- God has made and will keep his promises.
- Heaven has a time line.
- A golden era-the millennium-awaits God's children.

Plus, Max takes you on a journey of the time line of history, examining essential milestones such as the rapture, the seven years of tribulation, and the glory of heaven."

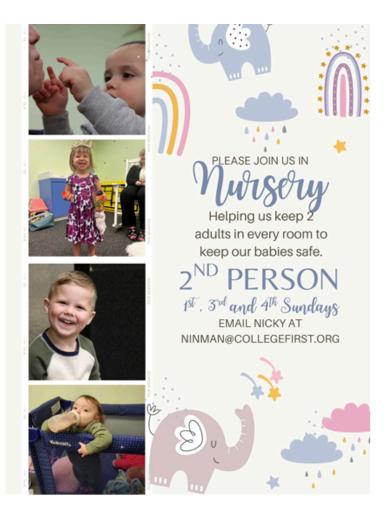
So connect with Caring and Sharing.....exploring God and humanity through stories and discussion.





International Student Ministry Donations Needed

Our international students are in need of blenders, bicycles, tables of any kind. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Pastor Nancy.





Looking for ways to be involved for Upward? Upward still need **lots** of volunteers both on and off the field.

Volunteers like:

- Prayer Partners and Team Chaplains- you can pray for the kids for a great season and to know God; you can do this at home (prayer partner) or come to games to do this on Thursday evenings (team chaplain).
- Setting up before a match starts or tearing down after the game is done.
- Greeters for games beginning Saturday, September 6, to help direct families where to go during games.
- Coaching! We still need two more coaches for flag football and one more cheerleader coach to help out with our awesome group of kids; 206 football players and 42 cheerleaders.

Whatever you would like to do, please get in touch with Faith Gingerich at upward@collegefirst.org. Thank you!















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