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August 20, 2025



Dear College First family,

It's back to school time and that means new students, new small groups, and new opportunities to welcome people into your home, conversations, and heart.

Our annual Free Sale is Friday. It's not too late to drop off your gently-used treasures! Please bring empty bags for shoppers, too.

Host families are needed for Japanese exchange students attending Findlay High School. For details, visit https://tinyurl.com/FHS-Exchange-Student.

Blessings,

Kirk



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

9/3: Worship Choir, 7 PM

9/9: Senior Fun Dinner, 5:30 PM-7:30 PM

9/21: Membership Class, 12:15 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS.... \$16,766.77 ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS.... \$312.35 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.





The Findlay Civic Choir Presents:



David and Amy Lai Summer Choral Concert

Sunday, August 24, 2025, 3 PM Marathon Center for the Performing Arts







Join a small group today!

God designed the Church for His glory and our benefit. Small groups help us find community, build our faith, and grow closer to Jesus...together! If you are not yet connected with a group, pick up a Groups brochure near the church office or contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org to learn more about the many small group options at College First.



- Linda Bratt
- Christine Cole
- Becky Crawford
- Paula Dewey
- Don Dreisbach
- Briella Fletcher
- Iill Gordon
- Ledger Han
- **Dorothy 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.

Thank You

Thank you everyone for the prayers for my granddaughter, Briella. Transplant surgery is now finished and all went well. We are now on to the next step of recovery. I praise God and can't thank my church family enough for their prayers, encouragement and support. Please continue to pray that recovery goes well.

Thank you, Nancy Baughman



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 27: 3-5 PM, 7-10 PM
- August 28: 3-5 PM
- August 29: 9 AM-11 AM, 11 AM-1 PM, 5-7 PM. 7-10 PM

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."



Ice Cream Booth Updates

For those who are volunteering for ice cream serving for our booth at the Hancock County Fair, first of all **THANK YOU!!!**

Second, please keep an eye on your e-mail the day prior you are serving.

There will be two e-mails. One is the day and time you serve and address to the Hancock County Fair. And the other e-mail is for your ticket to get into the Fair. These tickets are good for *only the day* you volunteer.

Any questions, please let Simeon know at simeon@collegefirst.org or call the church office.



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 September for this great read!

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.





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.



Dear College First Church of God,
We're excited to invite the men of College First to the 3rd
annual Forge Men's Retreat, taking place
September 19–20, 2025 at Camp Otyokwah!
The Forge is more than a getaway—it's a weekend of
brotherhood, spiritual renewal, and growth. It's a time
for men to unplug from the daily grind, dive into God's
Word, and walk away refreshed, challenged, and
inspired.

Register and find more details at: www.glccg.org (You can also scan the QR code on the attached graphic.) Let's step into the forge together—to be sharpened, strengthened, and sent out with purpose. In Christ,

Pastor Arnie Kaufman







Kids Ministries: Winebrenner Update

- On Sunday, August 24, during 10 AM service, all children will begin in the large service, but after Praise and Worship Music, k-2 grades will be dismissed. The 3-5 grades will remain in the large service to enjoy the Youth Sunday Service.
- We will celebrate our kids going into kindergarten and those starting grade 6 this year on Sunday, August 31! We will start in the 10 AM service and then meet in the worship room for our celebration!
- In September, we will return to our regular classroom schedule.







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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