

# Weekly Update FYI

**COLLEGE FIRST**  
CHURCH OF GOD

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August 6, 2025



Dear College First family,

Tonight is our (postponed) kids baptism which will be followed by a night of worship sponsored by our Next Gen Ministries at 8 PM. All are welcome.

The Hancock County Fair is coming up and that means our annual ice cream fundraiser for Next Gen. There are plenty of volunteer slots remaining...and you not only get free fair admission, you get a scoop of Dietsch's! Sign up in the main lobby.

Blessings,

Kirk

Charlotte White 8/1  
Kerri Shoemaker 8/2  
Randy Jones 8/3  
Christopher Anders 8/3  
Charlie Leichty 8/5  
Lee Osmun 8/7  
David Miller 8/7  
Jannie Leader 8/8  
Daniel Roberts 8/8  
Carl Rupp 8/8  
Susan Williams 8/9  
Dale Brougher 8/9  
Roberta Bakies 8/11  
Tyler Knestrick 8/11  
Grace Jung 8/11  
Joe Whitman 8/12  
Amy Snyder 8/13  
Keith Mohr 8/14  
Beth Hill 8/14  
Carol Dreibach 8/14  
Kevin Jenkins 8/14

*Happy  
Birthdays*



## Upcoming Events

8/6: Next Gen Night of Worship, 8-9 PM  
8/6: Last Encounter & Baptism, 6-7:30 PM  
8/11: Crochet Class, 4:30-6:30 PM  
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.... \$24,742.60**  
**ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$88.97**  
**BUDGET.... \$19,738.00**

## Office Closed

We will have church staff training on Thursday, August 7 and Friday, August 8. Church office will be closed on Thursday, August 7, but will be open on Friday, August 8 from 9 AM-2PM. Katie Thomas will be in the office Friday, August 8 should you need any questions answered or to take any messages for the staff. Thank you!

### 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.

### Friday Night Small Group

Looking to grow in your faith and connect with others? A new small group recently started meeting on Friday evenings. This group is gathering at the home of Katie Erickson for a shared meal, then spends time in a Bible study. The meal is a "pot luck" style each week, with community and relationships at the core of the time together. The first book the group is studying is *Ten Reasons to Believe the Bible* by C.A. Wolcott. If you are looking for Christian community and spiritual growth, check out this new opportunity! To learn more or get connected, contact Pastor Kimberly at [kreesse@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreesse@collegefirst.org) or group leader Katie Erickson at [eemathnut@gmail.com](mailto:eemathnut@gmail.com) or 419- 206-1114.

### Now Is The Time To Shop!

Now is a good time to purchase many of the items you would include in your Operation Christmas Child Shoeboxes. A lot of school supplies are on a big sale at Walmart, Target, and Staples and nearly everything in the store is tax FREE now through August 14. Take advantage of this sale -- maybe you can save enough money to fill an extra box. Just think, each box is an opportunity to tell a child about JESUS !



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| • Linda Bratt      | • Connie McClelland |
| • Christine Cole   | • Phyllis Miller    |
| • Becky Crawford   | • Lee Osmun         |
| • Paula Dewey      | • Cindy Sims-Perry  |
| • Briella Fletcher | • Doug Rosendale    |
| • Jill Gordon      | • Krista Smith      |
| • Ledger Han       | • Amy Snyder        |
| • Dorothy Harvey   | • John Wolford      |

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 [kreesse@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreesse@collegefirst.org).



### Crochet Class

Crochet class was very popular, so Jen Miller our church Treasurer, is bringing crochet class back on the second Monday through the months of August-December, from 4:30-6:30 PM. Please ask as many questions you may have about crochet! All the materials you will need to bring is yarn. RSVP to Jen if you want to join the class at [jmiller@collegefirst.org](mailto:jmiller@collegefirst.org) or call the church office at 419-422-7365.

## 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](mailto:jung@findlay.edu) for more information.



### 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: 1-3 PM, 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, 3-5 PM, 5-7 PM, 7-10 PM
- September 1: 3-5 PM and Tear Down of Booth

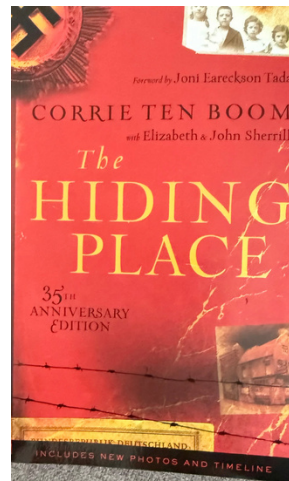
All proceeds from the fair will benefit Next Gen Ministries. Sign-up sheets are available in front of the church office. Any questions and for more information, please contact Simeon at [simeon@collegefirst.org](mailto:simeon@collegefirst.org) or the church office at 419-422-7365.

### 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.

## Thank You!

To everyone who donated their scrap metal for Youth Missions.....THANK YOU!!! This year's scrap metal drive was a HUGE success. With your support, we made over \$1,900!

## College First Kids Updates

C F KIDS will be taking a short break in the month of August for some extra family time!

Winebrenner kids will start in the big service with their parents in August and be dismissed after worship for their class times (nursery and preschool will be available from the beginning of worship).

We will be ending Encounter on August 6th with a party and baptismal service - everyone welcome!

We will have our Back to School Bash on August 22 and Encounter will resume for the school year on September 3! Any questions, please contact Nicky at [ninman@collegefirst.org](mailto:ninman@collegefirst.org). U R LOVED!!



Do you want to **teach** Bible lessons on Sundays and build relationships with great kids? Want to have some fun? Come be Our Wednesday night **Game Master**!

Maybe you want something more chill? You could also be a **second adult** in the room to help with restrooms and other small things. You could also be a Cfkids **host**, and help all our new guests check in and feel comfortable! 😊

Want to Join us? **TEXT**  
**567-429-8278**

Follow us at **CFKids** on  
**FaceBook!**

**U R LOVED!**

Volunteering not for you? Please share this post so we can reach has many has we can!

A vertical poster for the nursery. On the left are four photos of children: a baby being kissed, a girl in a floral dress, a boy smiling, and a baby in a stroller. The right side has colorful illustrations of rainbows, clouds, and elephants. The text reads: "PLEASE JOIN US IN Nursery Helping us keep 2 adults in every room to keep our babies safe. 2ND PERSON 1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays EMAIL NICKY AT NINMAN@COLLEGEFIRST.ORG".

## FREE SALE DONATIONS WANTED

**Taking Donations through August 21**

- ALL items accepted
- Help International Students + Community Members
- Donations can be dropped off in the church office or Bible Quizzing Room

Questions: Contact Pastor Nancy at [nhiser@collegefirst.org](mailto:nhiser@collegefirst.org)



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## 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.

## SUNDAY WORSHIP SCHEDULE

### TRADITIONAL 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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**OFFICE HOURS:** Monday-Thursday 9AM-4 PM, Friday 9 AM-2 PM



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Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship