

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD

Love. Equip. Send.

December 10, 2025



Dear College First family,

We are all called to be messengers...of the gospel, the good news that Jesus is LORD! You can do that by sharing your story, inviting friends to hear the story at a College First gathering, serving, and investing in the loving, equipping, and sending of future messengers through the new Reist Next Gen Leadership Development Quasi-endowment (our Christmas offering). How will you respond to God's invitation to go and make disciples of all nations?

I'm getting excited about our four Christmas Eve services! Our family service is at 3 PM with three identical candlelight services at 5, 7, and 9 PM. Pray for and invite friends. We're making more invite cards which will be available this Sunday.

Blessings,

Kirk



Art Yoder 12/1
Charlene Hankinson 12/1
Nancy Hiser 12/2
Beppie Walerius 12/3
Annette Peterman 12/3
John Rupp 12/5
Judith Rutledge 12/7
Deidre Ramthun 12/8
Megan Rupp 12/8
Jacob Harris 12/9
Gary Lora 12/11
Bonnie Smith 12/12
Erick Reese 12/12

Upcoming Events

12/13: Young Adult Bethlehem Experience, 6:30 PM
12/19: Young Adult Trip, 10 AM-6 PM
12/21: Blue Christmas, 6:00 PM
12/24: Christmas Eve Family Service, 3 PM
12/24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 5,7,9 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$33,937.08
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$7,060.95
BUDGET.... \$19,738.00



You can 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.



Christmas Offering

Dear College First Family,

Each year, we receive special offerings at Thanksgiving, Christmas, and Easter. This year's Christmas offering will serve as an investment in the future of College First Church of God—and in the future of God's Kingdom. Our 2025 Christmas offering will help launch the Reist Next Gen Leadership Development Quasi-Endowment.

I am grateful for the leaders who crafted our "love, equip, send" mission language and our vision: *to become a future-oriented church by 2028, with 33% of our congregation made up of kids, students, and young adults.* This fall, we have regularly been meeting that target. We want to see that momentum continue.

While many churches are closing their doors, College First has both a bright present and a hopeful future. Our investments in interns, residents, and ministry fellows have produced tremendous fruit, and we desire to ensure that impact continues for generations.

My prayer is that we raise \$1 million to establish this fund, with ongoing support coming from trusts, estates, and special gifts. This endowment will allow us to love, equip, and send tomorrow's pastors, missionaries, elders, and Kingdom leaders for God's glory. You may give online by scanning the QR Code, or place your Christmas offering in the collection basket during service.

May God bless you in this season of giving as we celebrate Emmanuel—God with us.

Kirk Schneemann, Lead Pastor



- Linda Bratt
- Christine Cole
- Paula Dewey
- Briella Fletcher
- Jill Gordon
- Kathy Kennard
- Dan Kerlin
- Ledger Han
- David Martaus
- Phyllis Miller
- Lee Osmun
- Florence Roberts
- Cindy Sims-Perry
- Heather Tussing
- Kay Reinehr
- Doug Rosendale
- JoAnn Wilson

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 kreesec@collegefirst.org.

In Sympathy

Our sympathy and prayers to the family of Phyllis Miller after her passing on December 7th, including her daughter Julie Bame.

Our sympathy and prayers to Chuck Schiltz and Wendy Jolliff-Schiltz after the passing of Chuck's mom on December 4th.

College First Library News

Check out the Christmas books for adults and children on the book cart in the hall and also in the Library. A new title has been added: *The Christmas Ring* by Karen Kingsbury. The motion picture based on the book is now showing!



Operation Christmas Child box numbers were phenomenal-754! **THANK YOU!!!**

FLYING SOLO
SINGLE MOMS BIBLE STUDY!
WITH CHILDCARE!
THURSDAYS 7-8PM



Staff Christmas Gift

To All Who Worship at College First Church of God,

In the past, many of you have given Christmas gifts for the College First pastors and staff who minister to us and support us throughout the year. You are again invited to contribute toward monetary gifts that will be distributed to all pastors and staff. If you would like to participate, please insert your contribution in an envelope located next to the mailroom across from the Sanctuary or at the Welcome Table at Winebrenner and place it in the offering plate. Or you may return the envelope to the church, before December 19 by Noon, so that gifts can be presented during the Christmas season. Online giving is also available at <https://collegefirst.churchcenter.com/giving>.

We understand you have family priorities, personal needs and other opportunities for giving during the Christmas season. With those considerations, please use this as an invitation, not an expectation, to give. Prayers for our pastors and staff are always appreciated.

Thank you and may God bless you throughout the coming year.

Nathan Tice, Council President



The Winebrenner worship service is in need of additional volunteers for our tech teams...and we'd love to have you!

All volunteers will serve approximately once a month after training is complete. Some of the available roles include running the audio board, slides and lights operator and live stream operator.

For additional details or to get involved, please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org. We hope you'll be a part of our behind-the-scenes team!

CHRISTMAS EVE at COLLEGE FIRST

Family Service

3:00 pm

Candlelight Services

5:00, 7:00, and 9:00 pm

College First Sanctuary

One of the most meaningful days of the year for the ministry of our church takes place on Christmas Eve. Amidst the glow of candles and smiling faces, the retelling of the Christmas story is an experience not to be missed.

The evening will feature three worship services. The first service, at 3:00 pm, will be designed to minister to the entire family—especially those families with young children. Children from the church will minister in music at this service. Nursery care will be provided.

Three identical services will then be held at 5, 7, and 9:00 pm. These worship experiences will feature the traditional Scripture lessons, carols, and candles. The Worship Choir and Handbell Choir will minister in music. Pastor Schneemann will deliver the Christmas message.

Make plans now for you and your entire family to come and be a part of these special worship services as together we all keep Christ in Christmas.

Blue Christmas

A service of Remembrance and Hope

Sunday, December 21 / 6:00 pm

College First Sanctuary

The holiday season can be a difficult season for those who are going through some tough times or for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

For this reason, College First is offering a special service of remembrance and hope. The service is open to everyone. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available.

Questions?

Contact Pastor David or Pastor Kimberly at office@collegefirst.org.

The holiday season is hard
for those whose hearts
are hurting.
You are not alone.



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COLLEGEFIRST CHURCH

YOUNG ADULT BETHLEHEM EXPERIENCE

Hope and Joy

Saturday
December
13, 2025
At 6:30 PM

VENUE
Meet at the church

Journey through time as you witness the events of the life of Jesus

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COLLEGE FIRST
NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

YOUNG ADULT TRIP

To Jungle Jim's International Market

Explore one of the most unique international grocery stores in the U.S.!

December 19
10AM – 6PM

Van Ride to Cincinnati from church



Angel Tree



CF Kids Min Angel Tree is up near the church office. Please take a tag off the tree and bring the gift back unwrapped or in a bag, with the tag attached to the gift before Friday, December 12. Any questions about the Angel tree, please contact Nicky at ninman@collegefirst.org.

CF KIDS MIN UPDATES

Dear CF Kids Min Families,

During the month of December, there are a few updates and cancellations.

- There **will be** Encounter Wednesday, December 3 and Wednesday, December 10 as usual from 6-7:30 PM in the Fellowship Hall.
- On Wednesday, December 17, we will be meeting at **Soar Jump Park** from 6-7:30 PM for those who helped say the 250 verses! Parents, please go to the Soar Jump Park website ahead of time and fill out the parent waiver on the top right hand of their website.
- There will be no Encounter on Wednesday December 24 and Wednesday December 31.
- **We will be performing at the 3:00 PM Christmas Eve Service on December 24.** Practice for this will be at Encounter and Saturday December 20 at 10:30 AM.
- There will be **no Finally Friday** on December 26.

I hope you have a blessed holiday season with your families and the remembrance of the reason of the season-Jesus' birth!

Any questions, please let me know. My email address is ninman@collegefirst.org. **U R LOVED!!!**

Sincerely,
Nicky Inman, CF Kids Min Director



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU

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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Nate Tice, Outreach and Missions

Randy Ewing, Property Management

Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship



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