

# Weekly Update FYI

# COLLEGE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Love. Equip. Send.

December 17, 2025



Dear College First family,

As you wrap presents, open Christmas cards, and sing carols in the car, it's not too soon to think about the new year. Now is a great time to get a head start on **reading through the Bible with us in 2026**. Visit <https://www.thebiblerecap.com/start> to begin now.

This season is difficult for many for a variety of reasons. If that's you or a loved one, Sunday's **Blue Christmas** service at 6 PM is for you. It's a hopeful gathering with less "holly, jolly." All are welcome.

We have **four Christmas Eve services**, but the first one at 3 PM is different from the others. Our family service features our children with stories and music while the 5, 7, and 9 PM candlelight services are more traditional. They are all wonderful ways to celebrate Jesus' birthday! I hope you will join us...and invite unchurched friends.

Blessings,

Kirk



Donna Collingwood 12/16  
Terry Will 12/17  
Mike Kerns 12/18  
Ann Fifolt-Bame 12/19  
Nathan Baird 12/19  
Leonard Burris 12/20  
Justin Jolliff 12/20  
Jennia Knestrick 12/21  
Eli Nichols 12/21  
Amy Sager 12/22  
Sony Fontin 12/24  
Don Thomas 12/25  
Sara Franks 12/26  
Christine Flick 12/26  
Jerry Sprouse 12/30  
Heather Schneemann 12/30  
Alvin Trusty 12/31  
Lauren Mead 12/31

## Upcoming Events

12/19: Young Adult Trip, 10 AM-6 PM  
12/21: Blue Christmas, 6:00 PM  
12/22: Young Adult Fantasy of Lights, 6:30 PM-9 PM  
12/24: Christmas Eve Family Service, 3 PM  
12/24: Christmas Eve Candlelight Services, 5,7,9 PM

**TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$19,037.44**  
**ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$29,187.21**  
**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
- 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 [kreese@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreese@collegefirst.org).

## Bring Christmas Goodies!

Fort Findlay is closed on December 28th. Rather than having donuts, we invite the church family to bring in their leftover Christmas goodies to share with others. Please place your tasty treats on the donut table (this is at both Winebrenner and sanctuary services). Thank you!



## Volunteers Needed

We are needing help for the 3, 5, and 9 PM Christmas Eve services! We need greeters to welcome people and help direct people where to go. If you would be willing to help, please contact Alex Miller at [millera18@findlay.edu](mailto:millera18@findlay.edu). Thank you!

## 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*

## 2026 Altar Flowers

The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is up on the community bulletin board in front of the Gathering Point room. Remember flowers are \$55.00 and no invoices will be sent out from the office. You may take your flowers home with you after the 11 AM service on Sunday. Payment can be in form of a check and in the memo line write, "Altar Flowers," or you can pay online at [collegefirst.org/give](http://collegefirst.org/give) and drop down in the box to "Flowers." Any questions, please call the church office.

## Church Office Closed

Church office will be closed December 24, 25, and 26 and on December 31, January 1, and January 2. Church Building will be closed December 25, 31 and January 1 in observance of Christmas and New Year's. Church building will be open December 24 only during Christmas Eve church services. Thank you!

## 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 of 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 to open to everyone. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available.

### Questions?

Contact Pastor David or Pastor Kimberly at [office@collegefirst.org](mailto:office@collegefirst.org).

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


 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**

## 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](mailto:ninman@collegefirst.org). **U R LOVED!!!**

Sincerely,  
Nicky Inman, CF Kids Min Director



*Christmas*

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You are invited to

YOUNG ADULT UPPER WINTER  
FANTASY OF LIGHTS

Monday  
**22**  
December  
6:30 – 9:00 PM

Cookies + Christmas music on the ride!  
☀ Experience one of Northwest Ohio's biggest winter light displays!

[www.collegefirst.org](http://www.collegefirst.org)



**IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.**

### International Student Ministry Donations Needed

Our international students are in need of Christmas decorations, space heaters, mattresses, men's winter coats, desks, and bicycles. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Pastor Nancy at [nhiser@collegefirst.org](mailto:nhiser@collegefirst.org).

## 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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Alvin Trusty, Connection and Discipleship

Nate Tice, Outreach and Missions

Randy Ewing, Property Management

Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship



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