

Weekly Update FYI



January 14, 2026

Dear College First family,

It has been said that **prayer is the primary work of God's people**. We all know we "should" pray more, but the reality is we are to pray without ceasing (1 Thessalonians 5:17)...engaging with God throughout the week, pouring out our praise, confession, thanksgiving, and petitions/requests. We have been encouraged to pray and repent of our sins today at noon. I would ask you to pray every Wednesday at noon as you receive the FYI...for yourself, your family, College First, our city, state, nation, and world. Would you pause now and take a moment to pray?

Who are you? I recently asked for a "10 words or less" description of yourself. Would you share yours with me (kirk@collegefirst.org)? Mine are spiritual pilgrim, artist, entrepreneur, papa.

On Sunday, you heard about opportunities to give and volunteer with **Night to Shine Findlay**, the February 13 prom for special needs people in our community. For more info, visit <https://www.findlaynighttosshine.org>.

The annual **Baby Bottle Fundraiser** for the Women's Resource Center is underway. Pick up a bottle Sunday (or sooner).

The **Souper Bowl of Caring** for the Christian Clearing House runs now through February 8. Place items in the church lobby box.

College First will be partnering with UF Campus Ministry and Dr. Mary Liames with Winebrenner Theological Seminary to host a **Grief Recovery group** on Monday evenings beginning February 2nd through March 23rd. Details are below.

Blessings,

Kirk

P.S. Today I head to **Kenya** along with Dr. David Odegard (the director of the Great Lakes Conference) and Pastor Arnie Kauffman. We will be training Churches of God General Conference pastors for a week. Prayers for health, safety, and effective ministry would be greatly appreciated.



April Stahl 1/14
Don Frommer 1/14
Gregg Henschen 1/14
Bette Berke 1/15
Kristy Thomas 1/15
Steve Jolliff 1/19
Florence Roberts 1/20
Judy Reist 1/21
Michael Crawford 1/23
Kristin Pritts 1/25
Steve Hill 1/28
Kimberly Hughes 1/28
Darrell Baird 1/29
Chris Kniss 1/31
Timothy Lauth 1/31

Upcoming Events

1/18: Baptisms, 10 AM Service
1/24: Bible Quiz Team-Home Meet, 10 AM
1/25: Alpha @ Winebrenner, 5:30 PM
1/30: Finally Friday, 6 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$30,851.44
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$1,487.64
BUDGET....\$22,749.40

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.





Please join us in this wonderful event! On February 13, 2026, along with St. Mark's United Methodist and Movement Church, here in Findlay, we will celebrate anyone living with special needs, ages 14 and older.

According to timtebowfoundation.org, "Each (Night to Shine) event is unique to its location (nationwide), but some cornerstone activities included across all of them are a red carpet entrance complete with a warm welcome from a friendly crowd and paparazzi, hair and makeup stations, shoeshines, limousine rides, karaoke, gifts, a catered dinner, a Sensory Room, a Respite Room for parents and caregivers, dancing, and a crowning ceremony where every guest is honored as a King or a Queen - the way God sees them each and every day."

As you can imagine, this event will need **A LOT** of volunteers. To volunteer for Night To Shine, please scan the QR Code below:



To donate funds for Night to Shine, please find the bright blue envelopes located in front of the Sanctuary, Sanctuary pews, or the Winebrenner Resource Table during the month of January. Please make out checks to either College First Church of God and in memo line "Findlay Night to Shine."

For further information, please go to: findlaynighttoshine.org. Night To Shine will be held at the University of Findlay Alumni Memorial Union.

With your help, let's make dreams come true and shine God's love! **THANK YOU!!!**

Church Office Closed

Church office is closed on Monday, January 19 in observance of MLK, Jr. Day. Church building will be open limited hours for groups meeting on Monday. Any questions, please call the office. Thanks!



- Mike August
- Linda Bratt
- Christine Cole
- Paula Dewey
- Briella Fletcher
- Jill Gordon
- Dan Kerlin
- Ledger Han
- Susan Martaus
- Lee Osmun
- Doug Rosendale
- Cindy Sims-Perry
- Heather Tussing
- Phyllis 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 kreese@collegefirst.org.

In Sympathy

Our sympathy and our prayers to the family of Curtis Cole after his passing on January 11. Please especially keep in prayer his wife, Christine.



WRC
Baby Bottle
Fundraiser



Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life when you receive an empty baby bottle from a participating church, local business, or WRC.

Your financial donation impacts WRC's mission in practical, emotional, and spiritual ways.

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GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP



The Action Program for Moving Beyond Death, Divorce, and Other Losses



THE 8-WEEK PROGRAM
will begin Monday, February 2nd
6:00 - 8:00 p.m. and will run
through March 23rd.

MEETINGS WILL BE HELD AT
COLLEGE FIRST

Your feelings are normal and natural. The problem is that we have been socialized to believe that these feelings are abnormal and unnatural.

Whether your loss is from Death | Divorce or End of a Relationship | -Loss of Career | Loss of Trust | Loss of Faith | Loss of Safety | ... -Loss of Health | or Other Losses, the group proves partnerships and guidance as you move on in your life.

Questions? Contact Mary liames

419-234-3010 liames@winebrenner.edu

To join, please email kreese@collegefirst.org



COLLEGEFIRST CHURCH

Bible Quizzing Meet

January 24th, 2026
10AM - 12PM | 1PM-2:30PM

Come cheer on our championship
middle and high school team



College First Main Building

What is Alpha?

Alpha is a series of conversations about things we all question in life: Why do bad things happen to good people? What's the purpose of life? What's next?

If you're looking for a judgment-free space to ask hard questions and share your own opinion, there's a place for you.

Alpha begins Sunday, January 25th and will meet 12 weeks. Each gathering will be held in Winebrenner, room 254 from 5:30-7:30 p.m. A shared meal is a part of each gathering.

If you'd like to join the Alpha course as a participant, sign up at www.signupgenius.com/go/10COE4BADA8EA0F8C34-58536533-alpha.

For more details check out: collegefirst.org/alpha

If you are interested in serving as a table leader for Alpha or assisting with the meal ministry portion of Alpha, please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org.



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.

Baptisms

We are excited to invite you to a baptismal service for Encounter on Wednesday, January 21 at 6:00 PM!

Come celebrate what God is doing in our kid's lives! Refreshments will be served in the Fellowship Hall following. Any questions, please contact Nicky at ninman@collegefirst.org. U R LOVED!!

CF KIDS

Join us for our first Finally Friday of the year - UNLOCKED! Come enjoy a night of mystery and clues to escape the room with your crew. Rooms will vary in difficulty to cover K-5 grade.






COLLEGE FIRST CHURCH

SCOUT THANK YOU APPRECIATION BRUNCH

We're getting together to say thank you for all your hard work!

FEBRUARY 8, 2026
10AM - 1PM

College First Fellowship Hall

All who connect with College First are Invited
Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, toppings, and get to know our Scouts



WINTER FEST

February 12-15 Gatlinburg, TN
Grades 9-Young Adult

Winterfest is a weekend retreat and spiritual conference geared towards high-school students. Designed to encourage spiritual growth and discipleship among youth.



COLLEGE FIRST CHURCH

Souper Bowl of Caring February 8th

THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HANCOCK COUNTY CHRISTIAN CLEARING HOUSE PANTRY

HOW TO GIVE:
YOUTH WILL COLLECT MONETARY DONATIONS AT ALL SERVICES ON FEBRUARY 8

TIME TO CARE, TIME TO SHARE

DESIRED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- DIAPERS
- FEMININE PRODUCTS
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- CLEANING PRODUCTS
- SHAMPOO
- DEODORANT
- BABY WIPES
- BODY WASH
- TOOTHPASTE
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT
- DISH DETERGENT

PLACE DONATIONS IN THE MAIN CHURCH LOBBY ANYTIME BEFORE FEB 8

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!



IGNITE

Jr High Winter Retreat

Feb 20-22
Camp Otyokwah
Grades 6-8

- Worship
- Devotionals
- Winter Activities

Any questions or to sign up for Winter Fest or Ignite, please email Pastor Nancy at nhiser@collegefirst.org.

International Student Ministry Donations Needed

Our international students are in need of: space heaters, coffee table, a computer chair, a clothes rack, 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.

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 AM & 10 AM

FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUTUBE CHANNEL

GO TO THE WEBSITE 'ONLINE WORSHIP' PAGE FOR LINKS

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