

# Weekly Update FYI

**COLLEGE FIRST**  
CHURCH OF GOD

*Love. Equip. Send.*

January 21, 2026



Dear College First family,

Greetings from Kenya! We are in the middle of our week of training pastors in Africa. Please pray for continued health and safety.

Don't miss these upcoming opportunities to love, equip, and send:

- WRC Baby Bottle Fundraiser has begun
- Souper Bowl of Caring through February 8
- Bible Quiz home meet Saturday at 10 AM
- Alpha starts Sunday at Winebrenner at 5:30 PM
- Grief Recovery group, February 2
- Senior Fun Dinner, February 10
- Refocus on Purpose workshop begins February 12
- Night to Shine Findlay, February 13

Blessings,

Kirk

P.S. Bahnu Ravuri, one of our key volunteers and commissioners, is moving to North Carolina for a job and a "Farewell" get together will be held at the Trenton McDonald's tomorrow (Thursday) starting at 7:30 PM.



**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

1/21: Encounter- Baptisms, 6 PM  
1/22: Farewell @ Trenton Ave. McDonald's, 7:30 PM  
1/24: Bible Quiz Team-Home Meet, 10 AM  
1/25: Alpha @ Winebrenner, 5:30 PM  
1/30: Finally Friday, 6 PM

**TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$17,373.57**  
**ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$3,036.70**  
**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](http://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 College First Church of God and in memo line "Findlay Night to Shine."

For further information, please go to: [findlaynighttoshine.org](http://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!!!**

## The POWER of PRAYER

- Mike August
- Linda Bratt
- Christine Cole
- Briella Fletcher
- Jill Gordon
- Dan Kerlin
- Ledger Han
- Susan Martaus
- Lee Osmun
- Doug Rosendale
- Cindy Sims-Perry
- Heather Tussing

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



## 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.

STARTING  
**JANUARY | 18 | 2026**

## Giving Statements

The 2026 giving statements are now available and will be emailed. If you want yours mailed, please contact the office at [office@collegefirst.org](mailto:office@collegefirst.org) **or** call at 419-422-7365. Thank you!



## 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/10C0E4BADA82EA0F8C34-58536533-alpha](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADA82EA0F8C34-58536533-alpha).

For more details check out:

[collegefirst.org/alpha](http://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](mailto:kreese@collegefirst.org).

## SENIOR FUN February Dinner

**Tuesday, February 10  
5:30 pm / Fellowship Hall**

Love is in the air as we draw closer to February and prepare for our next Senior Fun Dinner. Our main course will be a pasta bake. Please bring a side-dish, salad or dessert to share. Main course, drink and table service will be provided.

Following the meal, Lance Finley, Executive Director of the Churches of God, General Conference, will share in an informative program on the latest news within the denomination. Plan to come and bring a friend as we gather together. Sign up today.

## GRIEF SUPPORT GROUP

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



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

419-234-3010 [iiames@winebrenner.edu](mailto:iiames@winebrenner.edu)

To join, please email [kreese@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreese@collegefirst.org)

REFOCUS COACHING  
HELPING PEOPLE TRANSITION INTO A PURPOSE-FILLED LIFE

## REFOCUS ON PURPOSE WORKSHOP

### THE PURPOSE

The Refocus on Purpose Workshop is designed for people of all ages to look at life in a new and exciting way. In a world filled with apathy, loneliness, confusion, and increasing complexity, this workshop will take participants back to the foundational principles of identity, purpose, relationships, and the impact they are called to make in this world.

Each section of the workshop is thoughtfully designed to guide participants in considering all aspects of their lives, prompting them to embrace a sense of anticipation and excitement while seeking to fulfill God's purposes. Together through engaging activities and practical exercises, they will be challenged in creating action steps in order to experience greater purpose and lasting joy.

### THE 4 PILLARS:

Our aim is to help participants discover their purpose through the lens of God's Word by exploring four foundational pillars and reflecting on four key questions.

- ① **Rediscover Your Uniqueness**  
• Who Am I?
- ② **Reorient & Repurpose**  
• Where Am I Going?
- ③ **Social Connections**  
• How Will I Get There?
- ④ **Leave a Legacy**  
• Why Is This Important?

Sign-up by  
1/30/2026



I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:14

### AT A GLANCE

#### WHATS INCLUDED:

- 4 Group Sessions with Scott Miller, Life Coach
- 1 RPW Workbook Per Person
- 1 Value Card Deck Per Household

### SIGN UP NOW

Sign-up sheet is outside the Church office.

Dates: 2/12/26  
2/19/26  
2/26/26  
3/5/26

Times: 6pm - 7:30pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$49.00 per person

Checks payable to: College First Church of God  
ReFocus on Purpose Workshop  
in Memo

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



YOU ARE INVITED TO

# FAREWELL

**Bhanu Ravuri**  
is moving on to the next step of his journey.

Stop by and enjoy some fries and shakes as we send him off with love and good wishes.

Thursday, January 22  
AT 7:30 PM - 9PM  
📍 McDonald's on Trenton Ave

## VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CFKIDS NEEDS YOU!



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!**

**UR LOVED!**

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



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.

## JOIN US FOR ENCOUNTER!



EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30  
PRESCHOOL THROUGH 5TH GRADE

### 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.

Finally Friday

# UNLOCKED



January 30<sup>th</sup> 6pm-8pm

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NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

# 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



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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.

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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

• CLEANING PRODUCTS

• SHAMPOO

• BODY WASH

• DISH DETERGENT

• FEMININE PRODUCTS

• TOILET PAPER

• DEODORANT

• TOOTH PASTE

• TOOTHBRUSHES

• SHAVING CREAM

• BABY WIPES

• LAUNDRY 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](mailto:nhiser@collegefirst.org).

International Student Ministry Donations  
Needed

Our international students are in need of: a computer chair,  
a clothes rack, and mattresses. If you have any of these  
items to donate, please contact Pastor Nancy at  
[nhiser@collegefirst.org](mailto:nhiser@collegefirst.org).

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Nate Tice, Outreach and Missions

Randy Ewing, Property Management

Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship

## 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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