

Weekly Update

FYI



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, "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. 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!!!**



- 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 kreese@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 **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.

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.

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 Iiames

419-234-3010 iiames@winebrenner.edu

To join, please email kreese@collegefirst.org

FLYING SOLO

SINGLE MOMS BIBLE STUDY! WITH CHILDCARE!

THURSDAYS 7-8PM

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.

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



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



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! 😊

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



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.



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LOVE-EQUIP-SEND

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

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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
- CLEANING PRODUCTS
- TOILET PAPER
- SHAMPOO
- DEODORANT
- BODY WASH
- TOOTHPASTE
- DISH DETERGENT
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- SHAVING CREAM
- BABY WIPES
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT

PLACE DONATIONS IN THE MAIN CHURCH LOBBY ANYTIME BEFORE FEB 8

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

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.

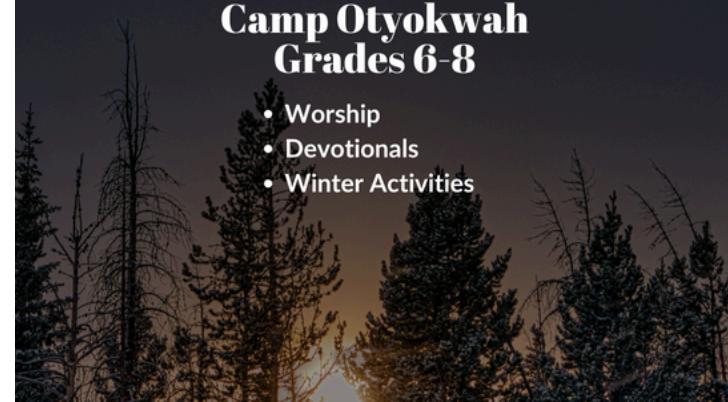


IGNITE

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: 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.

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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Nate Tice, Outreach and Missions

Randy Ewing, Property Management

Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship