

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD

Love. Equip. Send.

January 28, 2026



Dear College First family,

It's great to be back in the USA (even if the weather is 80 degrees colder than Africa!). Thanks for your prayers while I was in Kenya training pastors last week. It was a memorable experience that I pray will bear much good fruit for God's glory.

I apologize for the confusion with the 2025 giving statements. There was an error with the first e-mail. The REVISED e-mail is correct. If you did not receive one, please contact the office. We are grateful for your generosity!

February is already packed with exciting opportunities to love, equip, and send including:

- Women's Resource Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser (bottles at office)
- Souper Bowl of Caring through February 8
- Grief Recovery group, February 2
- Senior Fun Dinner, February 10
- Refocus on Purpose workshop begins February 12
- Night to Shine Findlay, February 13

I hope to see you Sunday...and stay safe!

Blessings,

Kirk



Steve Hill 1/28
Kimberly Hughes 1/28
Darrell Baird 1/29
Chris Kniss 1/31
Timothy Lauth 1/31
Lisa Jolliff 2/1
Ken Schumacher 2/1
Karis Woodward 2/2
Kaylyn Cole 2/2
Chad Hiser 2/4
Gary Gearing, 2/7
Jeff McCord 2/7
Cheryl Cramer 2/8
Susan Russel 2/8

Upcoming Events

1/30: Finally Friday, 6 PM
2/1: Alpha @ Winebrenner, 5:30 PM
2/1: Youth & Family Worship Night, 5:30 PM
2/2: Grief Support, 6 PM
2/8: Scout Appreciation Brunch, 10 AM

Due to the weather on Sunday, there are no tithes/offerings to report this week.

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!!!**

Thank You!

Dear College First family,
Thank you for the love, prayers, and support you have given me!
Sincerely, Christine Cole



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| • Mike August | • Susan Martaus |
| • Linda Bratt | • Jacob Nichols |
| • Christine Cole | • Penny Prigge |
| • Briella Fletcher | • Lee Osmun |
| • Jill Gordon | • Doug Rosendale |
| • Dan Kerlin | • Cindy Sims-Perry |
| • Ledger Han | • 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.

In Sympathy

Our thoughts and prayers to Jay and Debbie Edel after the passing of Debbie's brother, Dallas Rader, on January 20.

Time for an updated family photo?



**Sign up for the
College First pictorial
directory today!**

MARCH 24-28



1. Go to <https://ucdir.com/> or scan the QR code
 2. Click on the **red** box labeled "Photography Session Sign Up"
 3. Enter the following information:

Church Code: OH2944	Password: photos2
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 4. Follow the prompts to choose your preferred date and time.
- Free 8 x 10 photo included with session!*





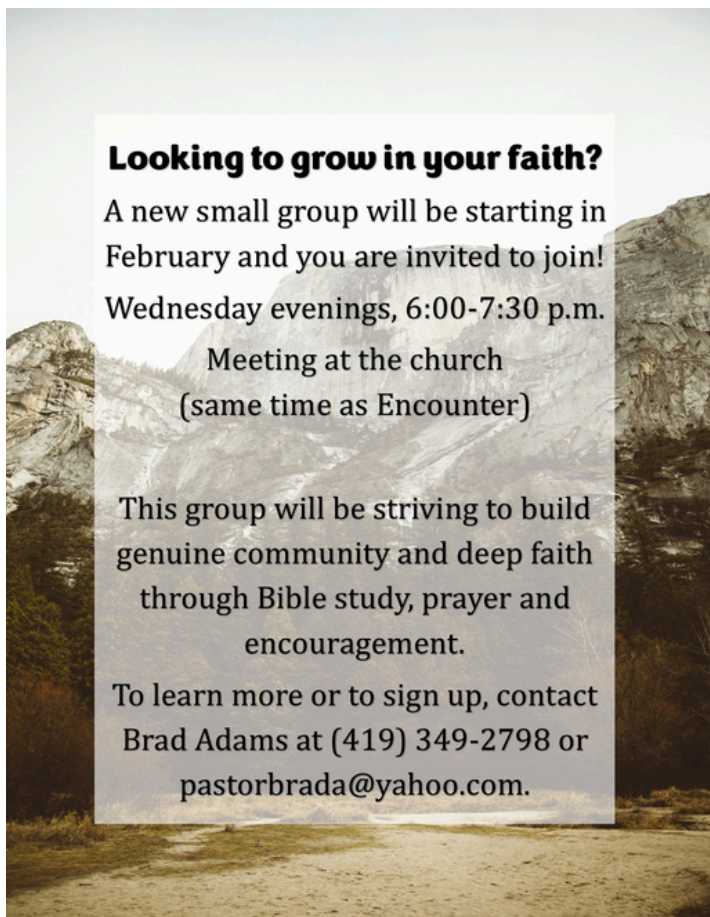
Baby Bottle Fundraiser



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



Looking to grow in your faith?

A new small group will be starting in February and you are invited to join! Wednesday evenings, 6:00-7:30 p.m.

Meeting at the church (same time as Encounter)

This group will be striving to build genuine community and deep faith through Bible study, prayer and encouragement.

To learn more or to sign up, contact Brad Adams at (419) 349-2798 or pastorbrada@yahoo.com.



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SPIRITUAL FORMATION

ABOUT


Learners demonstrate understanding of and commitment to personal spiritual formation. They practice daily the inward and outward disciplines of the spiritual life. Learners research the classic Christian streams of spirituality. They demonstrate self-awareness and insight into their spiritual journey and develop a personal growth plan.


Tuesdays: Feb 3, 10, 17, & 24


7:00PM-10:00PM EST


Microsoft Teams


New Students can scan QR code to register


Returning students can email adam.willford@winebrenner.edu

Instructor: Dr. Martin Johnson
Course Text: Invitation to a Journey: A Road Map for Spiritual Formation, M. Robert Mulholland Jr. (\$12)

For questions, please contact Adam Willford. adam.willford@winebrenner.edu

Giving Statements

The 2026 giving statements are now available. Please keep an eye on your email. If you want yours mailed, please contact the office at office@collegefirst.org **or** call at 419-422-7365. Thank you!

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 and drop down in the box to "Flowers." Any questions, please call the church office.

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 Iames

419-234-3010 iames@winebrenner.edu

To join, please email kreesee@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

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.

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

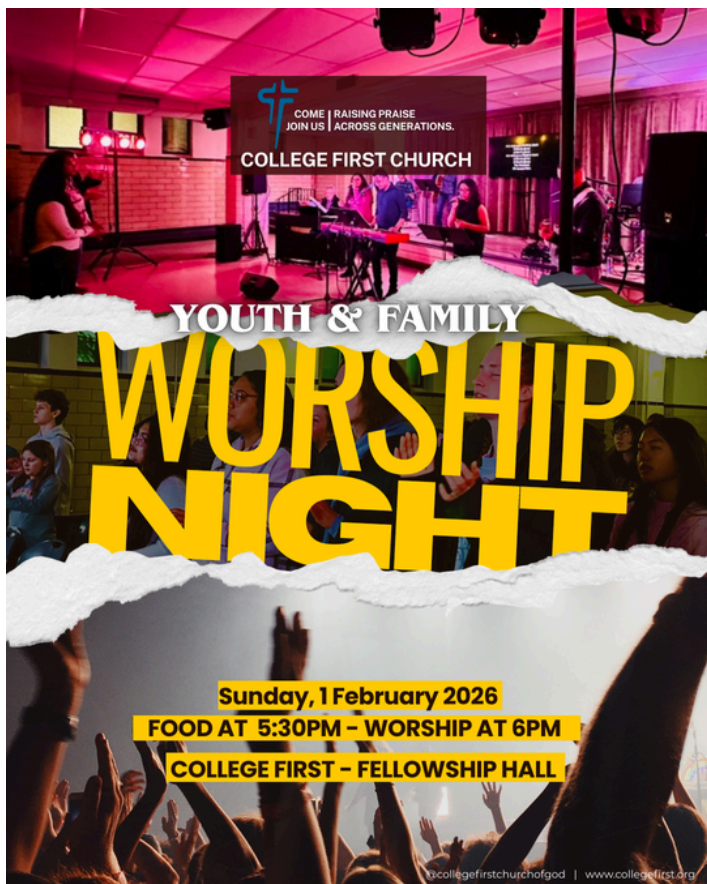
If you are interested in serving as a table leader for Alpha or assisting with the meal ministry portion of Alpha, please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreesee@collegefirst.org.



FLYING SOLO

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





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.



We welcomed students from Columbia City and Suer Grove Churches of God in January for our annual Bible Quizzing Home meet. An encouraging and meaningful time was had by all as we introduced many new quizzers from our team to the world of Bible Quizzing competition in their very first interchurch competition. Our rookies had a great showing, with many jumps and scores. In the end, our more experienced quizzers proved why they are still very skilled and dedicated by posting the following results:

- 1st place- Hannah Jung
- 2nd place- Connor Finley
- 3rd place- Chadryk Hiser
- 5th place- Abigail Jung
- 6th place- Andrew Odegard
- 7th place- Abram Hiser
- 9th place- Molly Finley

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!

U R LOVED!

Volunteering not for you?
Please share this post so
we can reach as many
as 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 (grades K-5th). *There will be no Finally Friday if Findlay Schools close Friday, January 30.



COLLEGE FIRST
NEXT GEN MINISTRIES

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.



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.

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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.

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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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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4 PM, Friday 9 AM-2 PM



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