

# Weekly Update FYI



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](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!!!**

## Thank You!

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



- Mike August
- Linda Bratt
- Christine Cole
- Briella Fletcher
- Jill Gordon
- Dan Kerlin
- Ledger Han
- Susan Martaus
- Jacob Nichols
- Penny Prigge
- 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](mailto: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**
4. Follow the prompts to choose your preferred date and time.  
*Free 8 x 10 photo included with session!*



**WRC**  
**Baby Bottle  
Fundraiser**

online



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](mailto:pastorbrada@yahoo.com).





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**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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://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 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 Iiames

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

#### WHAT'S 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.

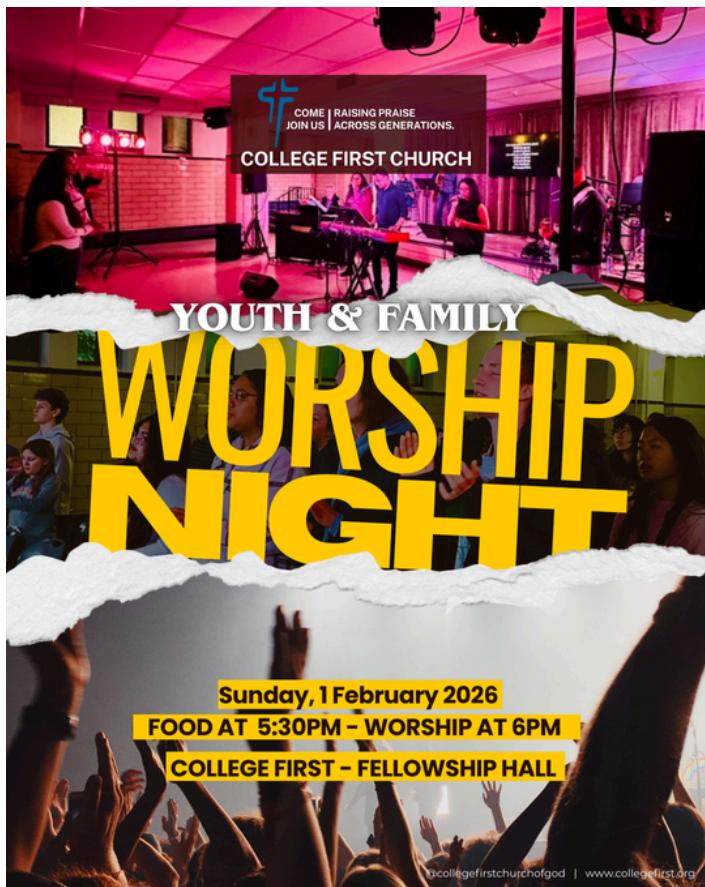
If you'd like to join the Alpha course as a participant, sign up at [www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADA82EA0F8C34-58536533-alpha](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADA82EA0F8C34-58536533-alpha).

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).

## FLYING SOLO

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



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:

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

## 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).



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!

**URLOVED!**

Volunteering not for you?  
Please share this post so  
we can reach as many  
hands 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.



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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.




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

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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

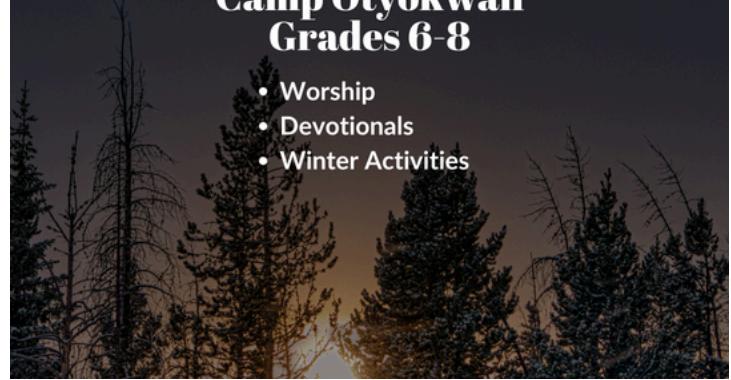
THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!

# 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).

## 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

1100 N. Main St. Findlay, OH 45840

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**WEBSITE:** www.collegefirst.org

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



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Nate Tice, Outreach and Missions

Randy Ewing, Property Management

Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship