

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD

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January 7, 2026



Dear College First family,

I hope you're having a great 2026. Many of you have started The Bible Recap with us which is fantastic. You won't regret studying God's Word this year.

I want to highlight the upcoming Refocus on Purpose Workshop which begins February 12 and Night to Shine on February 13. Details are in today's FYI.

Praying for you and the new year.

Blessings,

Kirk



Judy Doby 1/1
Tim Leichty 1/2
Matt Kid 1/3
Georgia Orians 1/4
Tammy August 1/4
Deb Anders 1/7
Martin Hartman 1/7
Deb Lucio 1/8
Jill Harmon 1/8
Donna Lora 1/10
Joe Parsell 1/10
Chuck Stumpp 1/12
Lynn Parsell 1/13
David Brown 1/13
Donna Clagg 1/13
April Stahl 1/14
Don Frommer 1/14
Gregg Henschen 1/14
Bette Berke 1/15
Kristy Thomas 1/15

Upcoming Events

1/13: Senior Fun Dinner, 5:30 PM
1/18: Baptisms, 10 AM Service
1/24: Bible Quiz Team-Home Meet, 9:30 AM
1/30: Finally Friday, 6 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$24,758.11
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$4,241.40
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:



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

To donate funds for Night to Shine, please find the bright blue envelopes located in front of the Sanctuary, Sanctuary pews, or the Winebrenner Welcome Table. Please make out checks to either College First Church of God and in memo line "Findlay Night to Shine" or make them directly to Findlay Night to Shine; either way will work!

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
- Paula Dewey
- Briella Fletcher
- Jill Gordon
- Dan Kerlin
- Ledger Han
- Barbara Hovis
- 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.



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

Thank Offering: Christian Clearing House

We have a total for Thanksgiving Offering. Total came to \$10,305.52. Thank you to everyone who gave and with your donation, lives are changed through God's grace!

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?

Register
by
1/30/26



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.

January Senior Fun Soup Supper

**Tuesday, January 13
5:30 pm / Fellowship Hall**

Our Senior Fun Ministry sponsors a dinner each month and the January dinner is coming soon. Plan to come with a hot dish, salad or dessert to share to complement the planned soup supper. Various soups and chili will be available for all to share. Then, prepare to enjoy an evening great entertainment provided by some of your College First friends during our annual Talent Show. A signup list has been placed near the church offices for you to indicate your participation. Please sign up today. You can also call at 419-422-7365 to sign up. Contact Pastor David for any questions you may have.



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

Baptisms

There will be baptisms at the 10 AM service on Sunday, January 18. If interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreesse@collegefirst.org.

Birchaven Worship Service : You Are Invited

College First has enjoyed a long and meaningful relationship for decades with Birchaven Village in Findlay. Part of that relationship brings the opportunity each month in providing meaningful worship experiences on the fourth Sundays of each month and the occasional fifth Sundays when that takes place. Each month a team from College First gathers with our brothers and sisters and friends at Birchaven for a thirty-minute worship service that begins at 4:00 pm. Members of the team help in greeting worshipers as they arrive and provide assistance during the services for those who have challenges with dexterity and mobility. Following the service, team members often help with transporting residents back to their rooms. Team members also provide musical, prayer, and preaching/teaching leadership. You can see that there something for everyone to do. Please contact Pastor David Welker if you are interested in being a part of this meaningful ministry.

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 kreesse@collegefirst.org.

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.

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.



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.

NEXT GEN UPDATES

Dear Next Gen families,

Just a few updates from Next Gen Ministries:

- Bible Quizzing resumes on Sunday, January 11 from 4-5:30 PM.
- Youth Group will be starting back up again on Sunday, January 11 from 5:30-7:30 PM.

I hope you had a blessed Christmas and New Year's with loved ones. Any questions, please let me know. See you soon!

Sincerely,
Pastor Nancy Hiser

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