

Weekly Update

# FYI



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](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:



For further information about the Findlay Night to Shine please go to: [findlaynighttoshine.org](http://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!!!**



- 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](mailto:kreese@collegefirst.org).



**WRC**  
**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




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



**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.

**Baptisms**

There will be baptisms at the 10 AM service on Sunday, January 18. If interested in being baptized, please contact Pastor Kimberly at [kreese@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreese@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](http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C0E4BADA82EA0F8C34-58536533-alpha).

For more details check out: [collegefirst.org/alpha](http://collegefirst.org/alpha)

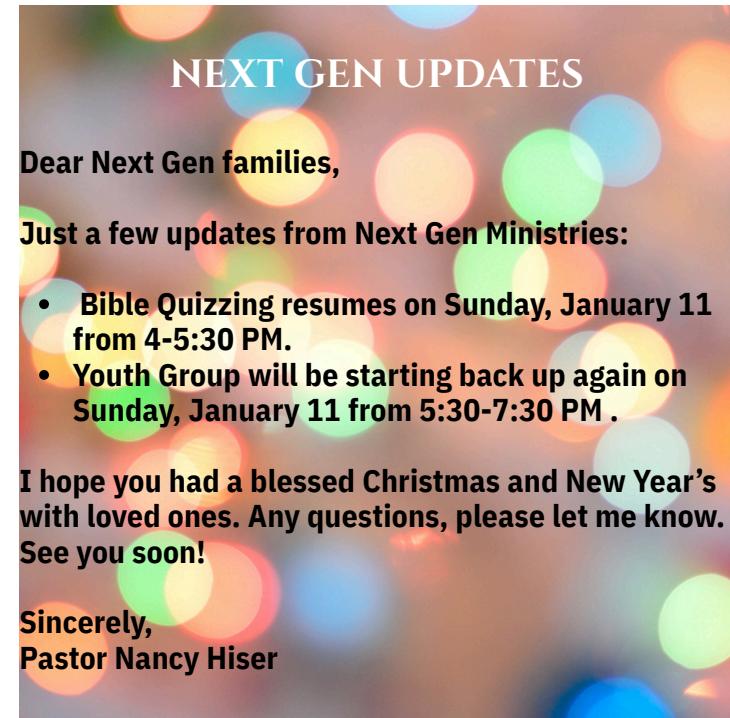
If you are interested in serving as a table leader for Alpha or assisting with the meal ministry portion of Alpha, please contact Pastor Kimberly at [kreese@collegefirst.org](mailto:kreese@collegefirst.org).



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: 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](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

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Randy Ewing, Property Management

Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship