

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST
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July 23, 2025



Dear College First family,

Thank you for the prayers and support during last week's Churches of God General Conference (CGGC) Triennial Conference and Bicentennial Celebration. Our movement is 200 years old! Part of the week included the premiere of a documentary on our history. You can watch it at <https://youtu.be/gUdSueS4Ueo>.

Please pray for this critical week as we minister to the next generation during Vacation Bible School. Please also pray for our Bible Quizzing team as they travel today to Pennsylvania for their final tournament of the season.

This Sunday we begin a series on the book of Jonah. Let's go!

Blessings,

Kirk

K'Etta Curry 7/18
Linda Tipton 7/18
Debbie Edel 7/20
Giorgio Ferrario 7/21
Hannah Miller 7/21
Sharon Cooper 7/23
Mandi Gault 7/25
Belinda Gewu 7/27
Thomas Leader 7/28
William Hostler 7/29
Greg Harris 7/30
Kadin Ogg 7/31

Happy
Birthday



Upcoming Events

7/21-25: VBS, 6-8 PM

7/30: Last Encounter, 6-7:30 PM

8/1: Erickson Small Group, 5:30-8 PM

8/11: Crochet Class, 4:30-6:30 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS.... \$18,820.07

ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$300

BUDGET.... \$19,738.00

You can now 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.



New Small Group Beginning!

Looking to grow in your faith and connect with others? A new small group will begin meeting on Friday, August 1 from 5:30-8:00 PM and will continue meeting each Friday evening. This group will gather at the home of Katie Erickson for a shared meal, then spend time in a Bible study. The group leaders will provide the meal for the first gathering, then the group will enjoy a "pot luck" style meal each week. The first book the group will be studying is *Ten Reasons to Believe the Bible* by C.A. Wolcott. To learn more or to sign up, contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org or group leader Katie Erickson at eemathnut@gmail.com or 419-206-1114.

Greeters Wanted!

Greeters are needed for the 11:00 AM service on the 1st Sunday of each month. A Welcome Desk attendant is also needed on the 5th Sundays of each month for the 9:00 AM service. We'd love to have your smiling face join our welcome team! Please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org if you are able to serve.

Winebrenner Livestream Training

We are excited to have the Winebrenner worship service live streamed each Sunday! We hope to have a team of people for this wonderful ministry who each Sunday will set up the equipment, monitor the online stream, and put away equipment. The goal is to have 5 individuals on this team so each person is serving once a month. If you would like to learn more about this ministry team, please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org.



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| • Linda Bratt | • Dorothy Harvey |
| • Christine Cole | • Connie McClelland |
| • Paula Dewey | • Phyllis Miller |
| • Briella Fletcher | • Lee Osmun |
| • Beth Gault | • Duane Philipp |
| • Karen Mains | • Doug Rosendale |
| • Jill Gordon | • Krista Smith |
| • Ledger Han | • John Wolford |

PRAYER CHAIN - 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.

Welcome!

We want to welcome the newest member of our staff, Allison Milhoan! She is our new part-time custodian, and she started July 19. Allison lives here in Findlay. She is very excited to be part of the College First team!





Crochet Class

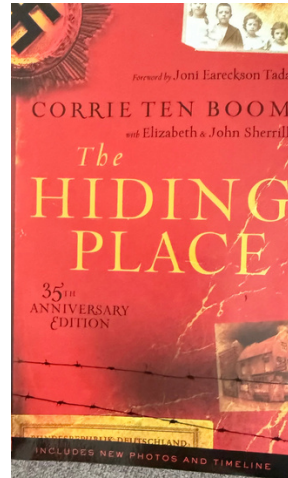
Crochet class was very popular, so Jen Miller our church Treasurer, is bringing crochet class back on the second Monday through the months of August-December, from 4:30-6:30 PM. Please ask as many questions you may have about crochet! All the materials you will need to bring is yarn. RSVP to Jen if you want to join the class at jmiller@collegefirst.org or call the church office at 419-422-7365.



Ice Cream at the Fair!

Do you enjoy ice cream? How about fairs? College First once again is having a booth at the Merchant's Building at the Hancock County Fair from August 26-September 1! We need **many** volunteers; from set up and tear down of the ice cream booth, to serving Dietch's ice cream during fair days.

All proceeds from the fair will benefit Next Gen Ministries. Sign-up sheets are available in front of the church office for set up and take down of the booth and ice cream serving. Any questions and for more information, please contact Simeon at simeon@collegefirst.org or the church office at 419-422-7365.



Caring and Sharing

Come join Caring and Sharing in August and September for these great reads!

On Tuesday, August 19 at 7 PM, the book to be discussed is *The Hiding Place*. According to Amazon.com, "Corrie ten Boom was the first licensed female watchmaker in the Netherlands who became a heroine of the Resistance, a survivor of Hitler's concentration camps, and one of the most remarkable ministers of hope in the twentieth century. This is her incredible true story--and ultimately the story of how faith, hope, and forgiveness triumphed over unthinkable evil."

And on Tuesday, September 16 at 7PM, the book to be discussed is *What Happens Next*. Also according to Amazon.com, "*What Happens Next* is an optimistic, accessible, and nonsensational guide to what the Bible says about heaven's time line that will empower you to face the future with faith. Max takes you on a well-researched overview of what God's Word says, exploring the following four big ideas that provide a solid foundation for understanding God's eternal plan:

- We were made to reign with Christ.
- God has made and will keep his promises.
- Heaven has a time line.
- A golden era-the millennium-awaits God's children.

Plus, Max takes you on a journey of the time line of history, examining essential milestones such as the rapture, the seven years of tribulation, and the glory of heaven."

So connect with Caring and Sharing.....exploring God and humanity through stories and discussion.

College First Kids Updates

C F KIDS will be taking a short break in the month of August for some extra family time!

Winebrenner kids will start in the big service with their parents in August and be dismissed after worship for their class times (nursery and preschool will be available from the beginning of worship).

We will be ending Encounter on the July 30th with a party and baptismal service - everyone welcome!

We will have our Back to School Bash on August 22 and Encounter will resume for the school year on September 3! Any questions, please contact Nicky at ninman@collegefirst.org. U R LOVED!!



Cookie Bar Sale

NEEDED!!! Cookie bars for the VBS Finale on Friday, July 25th!

If you have a great recipe for cookie bars (i.e. brookies, lemon, chocolate) please contact Lynn about donations at lparsell@att.net or 419-306-0654. Thanks for helping make this a great VBS! U R LOVED!!




PLEASE JOIN US IN
Nursery
Helping us keep 2
adults in every room to
keep our babies safe.

2ND PERSON
1st, 3rd and 4th Sundays
EMAIL NICKY AT
NINMAN@COLLEGEFIRST.ORG



**Back to
school
Bash!**
Friday Aug 22 6pm-8pm



**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 has many has we can!



UPWARD
College First Church of God

FLAG FOOTBALL & CHEER LEAGUE

CHEER! SCORE! LET'S GO! TEAM WORK! OFFENSE!

MORE INFO? **REGISTER?** **VOLUNTEER?**

OPEN FOR ANY CHILD GOING INTO KINDERGARTEN THROUGH 6TH GRADE IN THE FALL OF 2025!
PLAY WITH PURPOSE. DEVELOP SKILLS. STRENGTHEN CHARACTER. HAVE FUN!

Looking for ways to be involved for Upward? Upward still needs volunteers both on and off the field.

Volunteers like:

- Prayer Partners- you can pray for the kids for a great season and to know God (you can do this at home or come to a game to do this)
- Setting up before a match starts
- Tearing down after the game is done

Whatever you would like to do, please get in touch with Faith Gingerich at upward@collegefirst.org. Thank you!



Student Ministry Pool Party

AUGUST 03
5:30 PM-8:30 PM

Grades 5-12
 Swimming, Yard games,
 Dinner, Baby Goats

International Student Ministry Donations Needed

Our international students are in need of blenders, bicycles, tables of any kind. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Pastor Nancy.

COLLEGE FIRST MIDDLE AND HIGH SCHOOL PRESENTS

SCRAP METAL DONATIONS

ACCEPTING DONATIONS UNTIL JULY 31ST
LARGE ITEMS PICK UP AVAILABLE ON 31ST JULY
SMALL DONATIONS CAN BE PLACED IN THE BIN IN THE CHURCH LOBBY

Suggested donations

*ALUMINUM CANS	*BICYCLES
*CORDS TO ELECTRONIC DEVICES	*PLUMBING PIPES
*OLD CHRISTMAS LIGHTS	*EXERCISE EQUIPMENT
*NON WORKING MOWERS	*APPLIANCES
*VEHICLES	CABLES

CONTACT
PASTOR NANCY HISER
nhiser@collegefirst.org
 ABOUT LARGE DONATION ITEMS

ALL PROCEEDS WILL BENEFIT YOUTH MISSIONS



JOIN US FOR ENCOUNTER!

EVERY WEDNESDAY 6PM-7:30
 PRESCHOOL THROUGH 5TH GRADE

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 9:00AM

FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUTUBE CHANNEL

GO TO THE WEBSITE 'ONLINE WORSHIP' PAGE FOR LINKS

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Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship