

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD

Love. Equip. Send.

November 12, 2025



Dear College First family,

Thanks to everyone who participated in Sunday's **Pop-up Praise** and/or our **Annual Meeting**. It was great to be with so many of you. It was also wonderful to present the **Reist Next Gen Leadership Development Quasi-endowment** with Pastor Nancy at last night's **Senior Fun Night**.

This Sunday we'll pray for the **Operation Christmas Child** shoeboxes and conclude our two-part series **One Minute After You Die**. You're not ready to live until you're ready to die.

One recent study discovered **82% of people would come to church if a friend invited them**. Now is the time to begin praying for and inviting people to College First, whether it's Sunday morning, a midweek experience, or Christmas Eve (3, 5, 7, 9 PM). There's no greater gift you can gift this holiday season than Jesus.

Blessings,

Kirk

P.S. Would you please take a few minutes and take our [Church Health Survey](#)? You can use [this link](#) or the QR code below. Thanks.



Fred Junge 11/14
Kathy Brooker-Chappa 11/15
Bill Smith 11/16
Carolyn Lenhart 11/18
Hannah Ragland 11/18
Melanie Ewing 11/19
Lynn Harris 11/20
David Crane 11/22
Hailey Town 11/23
Becky Spikes 11/24
Steven Rothlisberger 11/24
Terry Aukerman 11/25
Chrystal Terry 11/25
Norma Trexler 11/26
Judith Philipp 11/27
Ann Manley 11/27
Phyllis Fellows 11/28
Lorena Baird 11/28
Shawn Beucler 11/28
Paula Junge 11/29
Christine Cole 11/29
Jenna Martin 11/29
Emmanuel Kaddo 11/30

Upcoming Events

11/16: OCC Child Night, 5:30-8PM
11/16: Newcomer After Party, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM
11/16: Young Adult Friendsgiving, 11: 30 AM
11/27: Office Closed, Thanksgiving Day
11/28: Office Closed, Thanksgiving Observance
11/28: Finally Friday, 6-8 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$35,133.55
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$4,179.11
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.





Dear College First family,
Your safety and security are of the utmost importance to us. As a staff and a leadership team, we have been considering how we can best ensure that our church building remains a safe and welcoming sanctuary for everyone who enters—from our children in Sunday morning classes to our dedicated weekday staff.

With that loving intention in mind, we are updating our building access hours and procedures, **effective Sunday, November 16**. These changes are a proactive step to enhance the security of our staff and all who participate in ministries during the week.

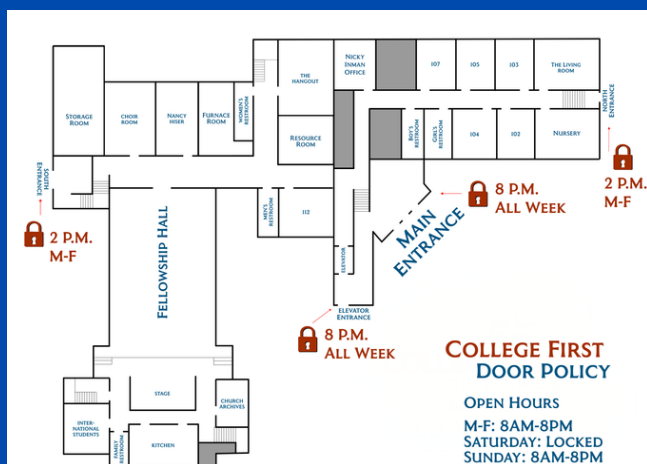
Here is an overview of the updated building hours:

- Monday through Friday: The building will be accessible from 8:00 AM until 8:00 PM. The North and South doors will be secured at 2:00 PM. After 2:00 PM, please use the main entrance glass doors at 1100 North Main St.
- Saturday: The church building will be closed (with the exception of scheduled events).
- Sunday: The building will be open from 8:00 AM to 8:00 PM.

We believe these measures will help us all feel more secure as we go about our worship, ministry, and fellowship.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the office at office@collegefirst.org or 419-423-7365.

With care and gratitude,
The College First Leadership



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| • Jan Below | • Ruth Lynch |
| • Linda Bratt | • Phyllis Miller |
| • Christine Cole | • Bob Nietz |
| • Paula Dewey | • Lee Osmun |
| • Briella Fletcher | • Cindy Sims-Perry |
| • Jill Gordon | • Kay Reinehr |
| • Kathy Kennard | • Doug Rosendale |
| • Dan Kerlin | • JoAnn Wilson |
| • Ledger Han | |

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.

Thank You

Dear Family at College First Church,
THANK YOU SO MUCH for the sacrificial ways you have provided care and support for Bob and myself during his stay in the hospital and after. Where would we be without Jesus and each other? We are so grateful for visits from Pastors Kirk and David and dear friends, and for the meals, transportation, various helps, calls and texts, and especially the prayers. All of these have sustained and encouraged us through this time and going forward. We are so blessed to be a part of this Body of Christ!

Love, Bob & Bonnie Nietz



Operation Christmas Child

We will be collecting Operation Christmas Child boxes during the months of October and November. The **last day** for collection of Operation Christmas Child boxes will be on Sunday, November 16.

Please drop off boxes to room 203 (Classroom) at College First. Operation Christmas Child boxes are on display in front of the church office. Any questions, please call the church office.



Handel's *Messiah* will shape much of our Advent season at College First. This is especially true as College First is set to perform Handel's *Messiah* along with our friends from Bluffton University and the University of Findlay, as well as from the Bluffton and Findlay communities.

Save the date for the 132nd and 133rd performance of Handel's *Messiah*. The first performance is on Friday, December 5 at 7:30 p.m. in Yoder Recital Hall and the second performance will be Saturday, December 6 at 7:30 p.m. at Winebrenner Auditorium on the University of Findlay's campus. Tickets are free and you can reserve yours using this link:

<https://www.bluffton.edu/about/happenings/tickets.aspx>



Christmas Poinsettia

Poinsettia envelopes are now available to order for Christmas, and you can find the envelopes in front of the church office or at the Welcome Table at Winebrenner. Poinsettias are \$19.00 each. Please make checks out to "College First Church of God" and in the memo line write "Poinsettia." You may also pay online by scanning the QR Code below and mark online as "Flowers."

Dedications for poinsettias will be listed on Sunday, December 21. Please return envelopes by Friday, December 5. Any questions, please call the office.



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.

NEWCOMER AFTER PARTY

Sunday, Nov. 16

Immediately following each
worship service

NEW TO COLLEGE FIRST?

YOU'RE INVITED TO ONE OF THE
NEWCOMER AFTER PARTIES TO LEARN
MORE ABOUT THE CHURCH AND ALLOW US
TO GET TO KNOW YOU! FREE BRUNCH OR
LUNCH WILL BE PROVIDED.

To sign up or learn more, contact

Kimberly Reese at kreese@collegefirst.org.

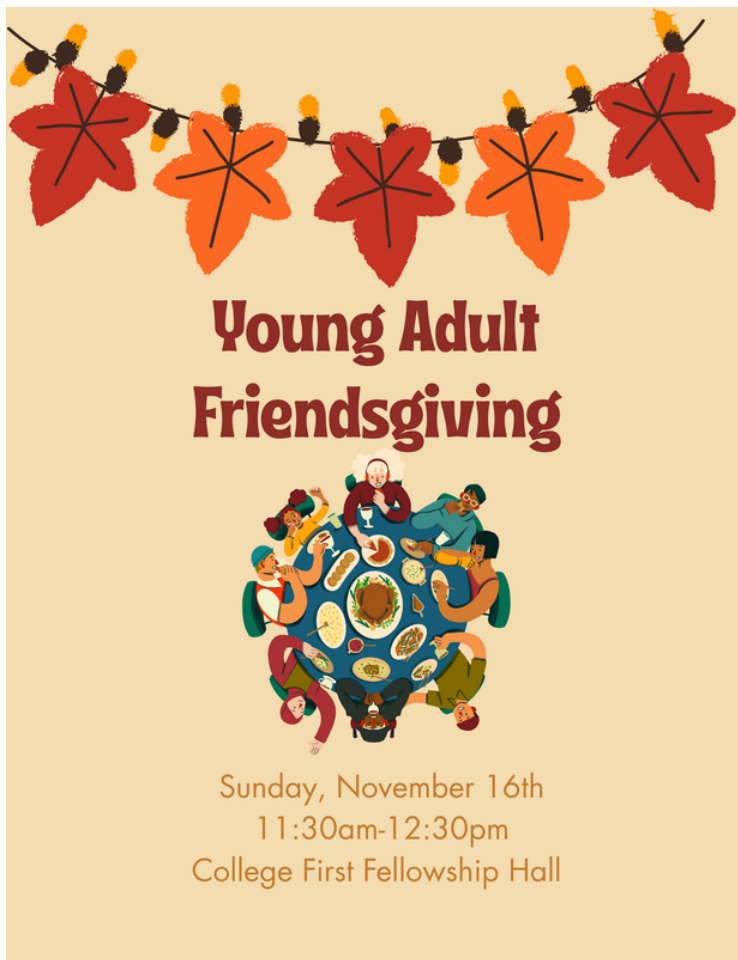
Please indicate which service you will be
attending. Egg casseroles will be served
after 9:00, pizza will be served after 10:00
and 11:00.

Thanksgiving Offering

During this season of giving, the Thanksgiving offering envelope is a way to financially contribute to our community as a way of saying, "thank you for everything you do." This year, proceeds from the Thanksgiving offering will go to Christian Clearing House.

You can also give online using the QR Code below and mark it as "Thanksgiving Offering." From the Pastors, Church Council, and Staff at College First, "THANK YOU," for giving and have a beautiful Thanksgiving filled with God's abundant love.





**Young Adult
Friendsgiving**



Sunday, November 16th
11:30am-12:30pm
College First Fellowship Hall



JOIN US FOR ENCOUNTER!



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

CF Kids Min

For grades K-5th, come join us for Thanksgiving snacks and fun Christmas Crafts! Any questions, please contact Nicky.



YOU ARE INVITED
**THANKS
GIVING**
Finally Friday

NOV | 28 | 6-8PM



**Merry
Christmas**

**Operation
Christmas
Child Night**



November 16th
5:30pm-8pm
Grades 5-12 Invited

Give the greatest gift & change the life of a child



FLYING SOLO

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

International Student Ministry Donations Needed

Our international students are in need of Christmas decorations, space heaters, 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.

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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