

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

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November 19, 2025



Dear College First family,

You're not ready to live until you're ready to die. Are you? You can find sermon notes and recommended books on heaven and hell at www.PastorKirk.com.

Our Advent sermon series will explore the biblical passage of **Handel's Messiah**, arguably the greatest music ever written. There are free tickets available for the Bluffton (12/5) and Winebrenner (12/6) performances of the masterpiece at www.bluffton.edu/tickets.

Our Thanksgiving offering for Christian Clearing House continues until the end of the month.

Please take our church health survey [here](#) (or QR code below). It's anonymous and will help us gain a pulse of our congregation.

Blessings,

Kirk



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

11/27: Young Adult Festival of Holiday Foods, 1 PM
11/27: Office Closed, Thanksgiving Day
11/28: Office Closed, Thanksgiving Observance
11/28: Finally Friday, 6-8 PM
12/5: Handel's Messiah, 7:30 PM
12/6: Handel's Messiah, 7:30 PM
12/9: Senior Fun Dinner, 5:30 PM
12/7: Young Adult Lunch, 11:30 AM
12/7: Next Gen Worship Christmas Night, 6:00 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$18,807.80
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$3,634.44
BUDGET.... \$19,738.00



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.



Staff Christmas Gift

To All Who Worship at College First Church of God,

In the past, many of you have given Christmas gifts for the College First pastors and staff who minister to us and support us throughout the year. You are again invited to contribute toward monetary gifts that will be distributed to all pastors and staff. If you would like to participate, please insert your contribution in an envelope located next to the mailroom across from the Sanctuary or at the Welcome Table at Winebrenner and place it in the offering plate. Or you may return the envelope to the church, before December 19 by Noon, so that gifts can be presented during the Christmas season. Online giving is also available at <https://collegefirst.churchcenter.com/giving>.

We understand you have family priorities, personal needs and other opportunities for giving during the Christmas season. With those considerations, please use this as an invitation, not an expectation, to give. Prayers for our pastors and staff are always appreciated.

Thank you and may God bless you throughout the coming year.

Nathan Tice, Council President

The POWER of PRAYER

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

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 CF family,

Thank you to everyone who sent prayers for me during my surgery. The doctor told me that he was able to get all the cancer-praise God who watches over all of us. You all fill my heart with so much love!

Sincerely,
Jan Below

SHEPHERDING MINISTRY

Friends are needed for Shepherding Ministry!

This ministry will serve as a bridge between College First and those who cannot attend church in person. Depending on the need, it will be either weekly to twice a month visiting College First homebound.

Please contact Pastor Kimberly if you are interested in becoming a volunteer to help our homebound family. Pastor Kimberly's email is kreese@collegefirst.org. Thank you!



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU



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. Poinsettias may be picked up after 9 PM service Christmas Eve. Any questions, please call the office.



SENIOR FUN DECEMBER DINNER TUESDAY, DECEMBER 9 5:30 PM

Our Senior Fun Ministry sponsors a dinner each month and the December dinner is coming soon. Plan to come with a hot dish, salad or dessert to share to complement the ham main course. Then, prepare to share in an evening of joyful and fun entertainment.

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.



Blue Christmas

A service of Remembrance and Hope

Sunday, December 21 / 6:00 pm
College First Sanctuary

The holiday season can be a difficult season for those who are going through some tough times or for those who have experienced the loss of a loved one.

For this reason, College First is offering a special service of remembrance and hope. The service to open to everyone. Childcare for infants and toddlers is available.

Questions?

Contact Pastor David or Pastor Kimberly at
office@collegefirst.org.

The holiday season is hard
 for those whose hearts
 are hurting.
 You are not alone.

Festival of Holiday Foods

Thursday, November 27
1-2pm

Gather in the College First fellowship hall for a time of Thanksgiving. Enjoy a traditional thanksgiving dish and bring a dish from one of your favorite cultural holidays.

To sign up, please email Pastor Nancy at nhiser@collegefirst.org

CF Kids Min

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




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NEXT GEN
CHRISTMAS
WORSHIP NIGHT

SING TO THE LORD
HOT CHOCOLATE BAR

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2025 | **TIME : 6:00 PM** | **VENUE: FELLOWSHIP HALL**

EXPERIENCE THE WONDER OF CHRISTMAS IN A NIGHT OF WORSHIP

COLLEGE FIRST CHURCH
THE GIFT OF LOVE AND LIGHT

WWW.COLLEGEFIRST.ORG

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.



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COLLEGEFIRST CHURCH

Young Adult Lunch

December 7th, 2025
11.30am - 12.30pm

Join for Worship at 10 AM Winebrenner or at 11 AM Sanctuary

After service, stick around for a Cane's Chicken Tenders Lunch!

Everyone is welcome!

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Church Elders 2025

Deb Anders, Next Generation

Alvin Trusty, Connection and Discipleship

Nate Tice, Outreach and Missions

Randy Ewing, Property Management

Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship

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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