# Weekly Update



October 29, 2025

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Dear College First family,

Thanks to everyone who made last weekend so memorable, including our **28 new members** and those who participated in the **Hymn Sing**. My heart is full! Our staff's bellies have been full, too, thanks to the **yummy Pastor/Staff Appreciation gifts and goodies**. Thank you!

Our **annual meeting** is next Sunday, November 9 at 5 PM. This one-hour gathering will feature vision, reports, and some church business. All are welcome (though voting is for members).

This weekend we "fall back." Enjoy that extra hour of sleep! We'll celebrate communion and conclude our Philippians series at 9, 10, and 11 AM.

Blessings,

Kirk



Ryan Ogg 10/16 Nate Tice 10/16 Wendy Jolliff-Schlitz 10/17 **Bart Fenimore 10/18** Nicky Inman 10/18 Rick Runion 10/20 Emily Harris 10/20 Kimberly Reese 10/20 Richard Day 10/22 Ruth Challen 10/23 JoAnn Wilson 10/23 Nancy Baughman 10/24 Anna Welker 10/24 Earl Mills 10/25 Lori Nichols 10/28 Dwayne Shafer 10/31 Amy Baird 10/31 Faith Gingerich 10/31

**Upcoming Events** 

10/31: Finally Friday, 6-8 PM 11/9: Congregational Meeting, 5 PM 11/11: Senior Fun Dinner, 5:30 PM 11/16: OCC Child Night, 5:30-8PM

11/16: Newcomer After Party, 9 AM, 10 AM, 11 AM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$17,661.91 ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$1,428.59 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.







#### Mental Health & The Church **Conference 2025**

November 1, 2025 8:30 am-12:30pm



University of Findlay Alumni Memorial Union Multipurpose Room 164 Frazer St, Findlay, OH 45840

Conference

Registration 7:45 8:30 a.m.



#### You Are Invited!

Calling all Leaders, Volunteers, Members, and Compassionate Helpers! In 2019, Winebrenner hosted the first Mental Health & the Church Conference. After a break, we're back! Join us as we talk about mental health issues today and what YOU, "the Church" can do!



#### **Topics Include:**

MH 101: An Overview The Intersection of Faith & Mental Health. Men's Mental Health.

Ments Mental Health. Grief & Loss. Nutrition & Wellness. A Panel Discussion of Mental Health Issues in our communities.

**Registration QR Code:** Scan the code or go to **Event Registration** to register.







- /e recommend registration (see link above), but it is not required. there any cost for this event?
- The event is FREE thanks to a grant from The Findlay-Hancock County ommunity Foundation.
- breakfast or lunch provided? orry, no. Other Questions? Contact mentalhealthandchurch@gmail.com



### NOVEMBER SENIOR FUN DINNER

#### **Tuesday, November 11** 5:30 pm / Fellowship Hall

Plan to bring a dish or dessert to share to go along with a turkey dinner. Main course, drink and table service provided. An informative program will follow the meal about the opportunity to support church leadership into the future as well as a Veteran's Day celebration. Sign up today.



- Ian Below
- Linda Bratt
  - Christine Cole
  - Paula Dewey
- Briella Fletcher
- Jill Gordon
- Ledger Han
- Missy LaRocco
  - Ruth Lynch
  - Phyllis Miller
  - Lee Osmun
  - Cindy Sims-Perry
  - Kay Reineher
- 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 <u>kreese@collegefirst.org</u>.

#### **Congratulations!**

Congratulations to Pastor Giorgio and Kaitlyn Ferrario as they welcomed their daughter Eliana on October 22.



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
- 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 are thankful to have so many groups and individuals using the building throughout the week! All groups currently meeting all begin their gatherings prior to 8:00 p.m. Groups are welcome to meet after the building is locked as the exit is still accessible. We understand that change can take some getting used to, and we thank you in advance for your understanding and cooperation. 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





#### **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.



### 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.





#### Friday Night Light and Salt Group

The Friday Night Light and Salt group is getting ready to begin a new study through Hebrews and YOU are invited to join! The group gathers each Friday night at 5:30 p.m. at the home of Katie Erickson. They share a meal together then enjoy discussion over the night's Bible study selection. If you are looking for community, encouragement and spiritual accountability, check out this Friday night group. For more information or to get connected, please contact Katie at eemathnut@gmail.com.





# Welcome New Members!



Karen Mains



Simeon Joseph Akepogu



Katelyn Taber



Zack Britton



Joe and Katie Heuerman



Adam and Teagan Radkey



Libbie and Donald Daboiko



Ann Fifolt-Bame and Larry



Kurt and Deidre Ramthun



## Welcome New Members!



Katie Erickson



**Don Dennison** 



Daisy Evangelyn Mamidi



David Brown



Dave and Jill Sielschott



Belinda and Charlie Ernst



Alan and Julie Kintner



Bhanu Ravuri



Sarah Cecire

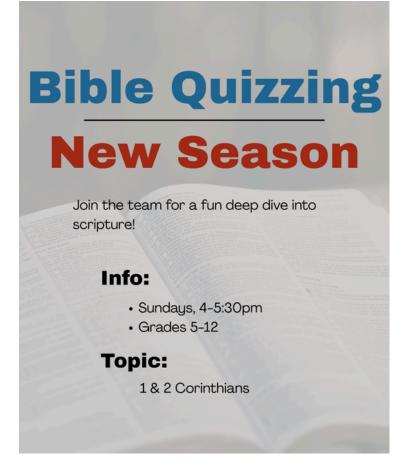


Jesse Eckert



Rebecca Shrom







#### **Finally Friday: CF Kids**

For ages K-5<sup>th</sup>, come and celebrate Halloween at College First! Wagon rides, games, costume competition (G rated costumes please), and plenty of candy. Any questions please contact Nicky at ninman@collegefirst.org or the church office.



#### **THANK YOU!**

To everyone who donated candy and treats for this year's Boo Bash and Upward Party,
"THANK YOU SO MUCH!!!" U R LOVED!!!
-Nicky Inman, Director of Kid's Ministries

#### International Student Ministry Donations Needed

Our international students are in need of 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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#### **Staff Directory**

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#### **Church Elders 2025**

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Nate Tice, Outreach and Missions

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Jon Rupp, Stewardship and Finance

Dave Green, Worship