

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD

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September 24, 2025



Dear College First family,

Fall has arrived and October is a week away which means...read through the New Testament with us! Check it out at TheBibleRecap.com/start.

Alpha begins this Sunday, September 28 at 5:30 PM at Winebrenner. It's a free meal, message, and conversations about life, faith, and meaning... Christianity 101. All are welcome. Register via kreese@collegefirst.org.

College First 101 is a free introduction to CF featuring free lunch and an invitation (not obligation) to church membership. Some couldn't attend Sunday so another will be offered on Sunday, October 12 at 12:15 PM. Register via kreese@collegefirst.org.

Blessings,

Kirk

Beth Warnecke 9/16
Kevin Rivest 9/16
Eric Wymer 9/16
Phyllis Heffner 9/17
Curtis Cole 9/18
Tim Nichols 9/18
Kerry Teeple 9/18
Maxine Thornton 9/20
Maxine Lauck 9/20
Carter Sapp 9/20
Ken Bertke 9/23
Kathy Marquart 9/23
R. Doyne Frommer 9/24
Kathleen Alfred 9/26
Kathy Hirschfeld 9/29
Sharon Eckenrode 9/30
Jeff Peterman 9/30

Happy Birthdays

Upcoming Events

9/26: Finally Friday, 6-8
9/27: Young Adult Bingo, 8-10 PM
9/28: Jump Rope Craft Night, 5:30-7:30 PM
9/28: Alpha, 5:30-7:30 PM
10/4: Craft Night, 4-8 PM
10/12: Membership 101, 12:15 PM
10/14: Senior Fun Dinner, 5:30 PM
10/15: Financial Peace University, 6-7:30 PM
10/26: Hymn Sing, 6 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$16,690.94
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$650.00
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.



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, September 28 and will meet 11 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 bit.ly/3JZLRm8

For more details check out:
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.

You're invited to Craft Night

Sat., Oct. 4, 4:00-8:00 p.m. * Fellowship Hall

Still have that half-way done project you're working on? Craft Night is a chance to set aside time to work on your craft projects while you fellowship with friends and make new ones. Bring your own supplies. A card making option is also available.

Pizza and soda provided



College First 101: Membership Class

The College First 101: Membership Class will be repeated on Sunday, October 12 at 12:15 PM to accommodate those who were unable to attend the September class. If you are interested in learning more about College First and would like to explore the option of membership, please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org or the church office to sign up. A free lunch will be provided.

Ladies Koinonia

Please come to Ladies Koinonia every Thursday morning from 10-11:30 AM, now through May 2026! Ladies Koinonia is a great group of ladies that are passionate about studies of God and Jesus. The current study going on is, "The Passion for the Parables of Jesus." Any questions, please see Rosemary Myers.

The POWER of PRAYER

- Linda Bratt
- Christine Cole
- Donald Daboiko
- Paula Dewey
- Don Dreisbach
- Briella Fletcher
- Jill Gordon
- Ledger Han
- Dorothy Harvey
- Missy LaRocco
- Phyllis Miller
- Lee Osmun
- Cindy Sims-Perry
- Bill Smith
- Doug Rosendale

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.

October Senior Fun Dinner

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 14 / 5:30 PM

Mark your calendars and plan to come to our next Senior Fun Dinner with a side dish, salad or dessert to share. The main course will feature a "Walking Taco. Drink and table service also provided.

A special program will follow the meal. The program will bring a celebration of the 75th Anniversary of the dedication of the College First bethel building in 1950. Learn more about how College First and the church building came to be and hear some interesting stories illustrating the history of our church.

Sign up today.

Financial Peace University

Ready to take control of your finances? College First is offering a 9-week Financial Peace University class, beginning on Wednesday, October 15, from 6-7:30 PM. This program, created by Dave Ramsey, provides a biblically based, practical plan to help you get out of debt, save money, and build wealth for your future. Learn valuable lessons on budgeting, investing, and more in a supportive small-group environment. To ensure materials can be ordered for all participants, please sign up by October 8th by signing up online at bit.ly/4mAeT9E, or outside the church office.



What Opportunities Are Available?

Thank you for the volunteers who have helped with game days, practices, and be team chaplains!

Upward games and practices are still going on!!! And we still need **MANY** volunteers to help out as we close out September and enter into October. We need **YOU** to help bridge the gap for our kiddos and families in several different ways:

- **Team Chaplains:** We are seeking several individuals to be team chaplains- this means 2-3 people coming to our practices to read a simple devotion (which we will provide). These devotions are just a couple minutes long, but they are an integral part in spreading the Word of God to our kiddos. There are still opportunities to be a team chaplain!
- **Set up/tear down crew:** We are looking for 4 individuals to help us set up at 5:30 on Thursday evenings, and/or setting up/tearing down on Saturday mornings around 7:20 am or 12:45pm for about 45 minutes. We still have LOTS of spaces to fill for this!
- **Hosts:** We love to have 2 people at the field gate on Saturday mornings from 8:30-10:30 or 10:30-12:30 to welcome families, players, cheerleaders and direct them on where to go. This is a wonderful way to show God's love to the family, friends, and participants of this year's Upward Flag Football season. We still need many people to be hosts!

Sign-up sheets are in the atriums at both College First and Winebrenner! Also you can sign-up online at this link: bit.ly/3J5W4yN. And you do not need to come to every game.....whatever fits *your* schedule.

And this year's newest way to get involved: **Team Sponsors!** In the atriums you will find lists of teams- feel free to grab a paper, hang it on your fridge or mirror at home and aim to pray over the team that you select. This is a wonderful opportunity to help us continue to dedicate this season to showing God's love to the Upward community, equipping the participants and their families with God's message of salvation, and sending God's family into the community to further His Kingdom.

For more information, please e-mail Faith Gingerich, Upward Director, at upward@collegefirst.org.

HYMN SING & DESSERT SOCIAL

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26 / 6:00 PM

Save the date and plan to come.



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 disabilities, ages 14 and older.

According to 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. Volunteer sign-up sheets are available in front of the church office and at the welcome table at Winebrenner. You can also sign up by scanning this QR Code as well:



For more information about the Findlay Night to Shine please go to: findlaynighttoshine.org. Night To Shine will be held at the University of Findlay Alumni Memorial Union.

With your help, let's make dreams come true and shine God's love! **THANK YOU!!!**

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.

YOUNG ADULT BINGO NIGHT

SEPTEMBER 27 | 8 - 10 P.M.

@COLLEGE FIRST FELLOWSHIP HALL

WIN PRIZES! SNACKS + DRINKS INCLUDED



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.

JUMP ROPE CRAFT NIGHT



HELP MAKE A TOY FOR A CHILD IN NEED

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 28

5:30-7:30PM

COLLEGE FIRST FELLOWSHIP HAL

OPEN TO ANYONE 5TH GRADE THROUGH

YOUNG ADULT

JOIN US FOR ENCOUNTER!



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

Finally Friday: Trivia Night!

Meet in the Fellowship Hall from 6-8 PM. For grades K-5th. Any questions, please ask Nicky.



Bible Quizzing New Season

Join the team for a fun deep dive into scripture!

Info:

- Sundays, 4-5:30pm
- Grades 5-12

Topic:

1 & 2 Corinthians

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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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