

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST CHURCH OF GOD

Love. Equip. Send.

February 4, 2026



Dear College First family,

Welcome to February! Our calendar is packed with special events including the Scout's free pancake brunch this Sunday, 10 AM-1 PM.

- Women's Resource Center Baby Bottle Fundraiser (bottles at office)
- Souper Bowl of Caring through February 8
- Senior Fun Dinner, February 10
- Refocus on Purpose workshop begins February 12
- Night to Shine Findlay, February 13

Lent is coming soon, beginning with our Ash Wednesday service on February 18 at 7 PM. This will be great preparation for the events leading up to Holy Week.

Blessings,

Kirk



Lisa Jolliff 2/1
Ken Schumacher 2/1
Karis Woodward 2/2
Kaylyn Cole 2/2
Chad Hiser 2/4
Gary Gearing, 2/7
Jeff McCord 2/7
Cheryl Cramer 2/8
Susan Russel 2/8
Elizabeth Day 2/9
Sally Elsea 2/9
Larry Reis 2/9
Connie McClelland 2/10
Phyllis Miller 2/11
Pamela Shoemaker 2/11
John Jenkins 2/11
Gary Hirschfeld 2/12
Kathy Summers 2/13
Virginia Miller 2/13

Upcoming Events

2/8: Souper Bowl of Caring, All Services
2/8: Scout Appreciation Brunch, 10 AM
2/10: Senior Fun Dinner, 5:30 PM
2/12: Refocus Workshop, 6 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$37,251.31
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$1,215.00
BUDGET....\$22,749.40

You can 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.





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 special needs, 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. To volunteer for Night To Shine, please scan the QR Code below:



To donate funds for Night to Shine, please find the bright blue envelopes located in front of the Sanctuary, Sanctuary pews, or the Winebrenner Resource Table during the month of January. Please make out checks to College First Church of God and in memo line "Findlay Night to Shine."

For further information, 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!!!**



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| • Mike August | • Lee Osmun |
| • Linda Bratt | • Cindy Sims-Perry |
| • Christine Cole | • Penny Prigge |
| • Briella Fletcher | • Doug Rosendale |
| • Jill Gordon | • Karen Scheiderer |
| • Dan Kerlin | • Ron Tipton |
| • Ledger Han | • Heather Tussing |
| • Susan Martaus | |

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.



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.




Baby Bottle Fundraiser



Celebrate Sanctity of Human Life when you receive an empty baby bottle from a participating church, local business, or WRC.

Your financial donation impacts WRC's mission in practical, emotional, and spiritual ways.

STARTING
JANUARY | 18 | 2026

REFOCUSCOACHING

HELPING PEOPLE TRANSITION INTO A PURPOSE-FILLED LIFE

REFOCUS ON PURPOSE WORKSHOP

THE PURPOSE

The Refocus on Purpose Workshop is designed for people of all ages to look at life in a new and exciting way. In a world filled with apathy, loneliness, confusion, and increasing complexity, this workshop will take participants back to the foundational principles of identity, purpose, relationships, and the impact they are called to make in this world.

Each section of the workshop is thoughtfully designed to guide participants in considering all aspects of their lives, prompting them to embrace a sense of anticipation and excitement while seeking to fulfill God's purposes. Together through engaging activities and practical exercises, they will be challenged in creating action steps in order to experience greater purpose and lasting joy.

THE 4 PILLARS:

Our aim is to help participants discover their purpose through the lens of God's Word by exploring four foundational pillars and reflecting on four key questions.

- ① **Rediscover Your Uniqueness**
• Who Am I?
- ② **Reorient & Repurpose**
• Where Am I Going?
- ③ **Social Connections**
• How Will I Get There?
- ④ **Leave a Legacy**
• Why Is This Important?

Sign-up
extended
2/6/2026



I press on to reach the end of the race and receive the heavenly prize for which God, through Christ Jesus, is calling us.

Philippians 3:14

AT A GLANCE

WHATS INCLUDED:

- 4 Group Sessions with Scott Miller, Life Coach
- 1 RPW Workbook Per Person
- 1 Value Card Deck Per Household

SIGN UP NOW

Sign-up sheet is outside the Church office.

Dates: 2/12/26
2/19/26
2/26/26
3/5/26

Times: 6pm - 7:30pm

Location: Fellowship Hall

Cost: \$49.00 per person

Checks payable to:
College First Church of God
ReFocus on Purpose Workshop
in Memo

SENIOR FUN February Dinner

**Tuesday, February 10
5:30 pm / Fellowship Hall**

Love is in the air as we draw closer to February and prepare for our next Senior Fun Dinner. Our main course will be a pasta bake. Please bring a side-dish, salad or dessert to share. Main course, drink and table service will be provided.

Following the meal, Lance Finley, Executive Director of the Churches of God, General Conference, will share in an informative program on the latest news within the denomination. Plan to come and bring a friend as we gather together.
Sign up today.

Time for an updated family photo?



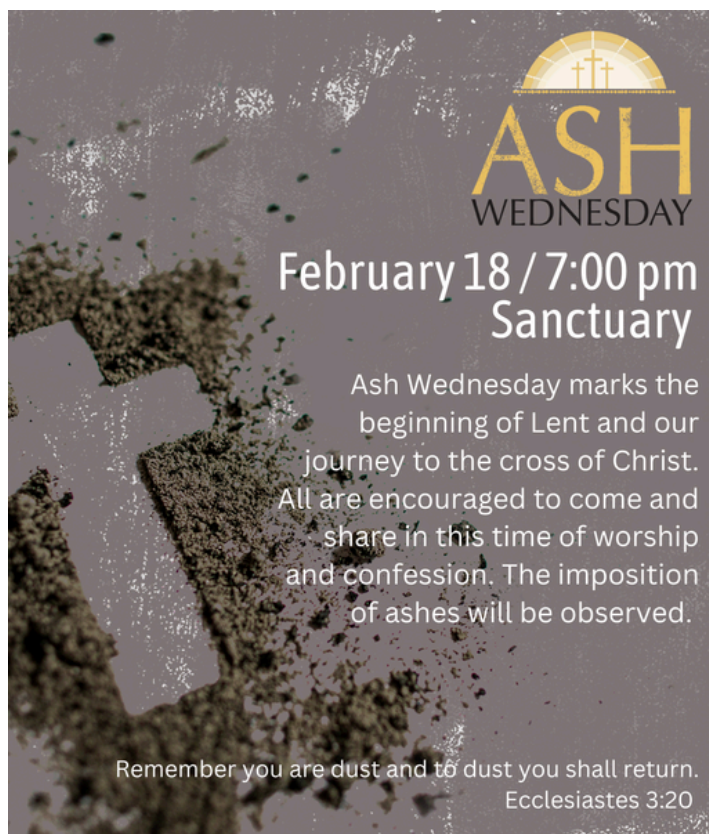
Sign up for the
**College First pictorial
directory today!**


MARCH 24-28



1. Go to <https://ucdir.com/> or scan the QR code
2. Click on the **red** box labeled "Photography Session Sign Up"
3. Enter the following information:
Church Code: OH2944 **Password: photos2**
4. Follow the prompts to choose your preferred date and time.

Free 8 x 10 photo included with session!




ASH
 WEDNESDAY
February 18 / 7:00 pm
Sanctuary

Ash Wednesday marks the beginning of Lent and our journey to the cross of Christ. All are encouraged to come and share in this time of worship and confession. The imposition of ashes will be observed.

Remember you are dust and to dust you shall return.
 Ecclesiastes 3:20

2026 Altar Flowers

The 2026 Altar Flower calendar is up on the community bulletin board in front of the Gathering Point room. Remember flowers are \$55.00 and no invoices will be sent out from the office. You may take your flowers home with you after the 11 AM service on Sunday. Payment can be in form of a check and in the memo line write, "Altar Flowers," or you can pay online at collegefirst.org/give and drop down in the box to "Flowers." Any questions, please call the church office.

Easter Flowers

Please take an envelope to place your order for Easter Flowers. Flowers are \$19.00 each and flowers can be taken after the Easter service.

Please make your check out to College First Church of God, and in the memo write, "Easter Flowers." Or you can pay online at CollegeFirst.org/Give and in the drop-down box choose "Flowers." Envelopes can be found outside the church office area or Winebrenner Resource Table.

Payment is due no later than Friday, March 6, 2026.

Join Our Nursery Team!

Are you looking for a meaningful way to serve our families? We are looking for a dedicated Nursery Worker to help during our Wednesday night Encounter sessions (6:00–7:30 PM) on the 4th and 5th Wednesdays of each month (when there is a 5th Wednesday). This would be for children birth through toddlers. There would be approximately three children in the room.

By caring for our kiddos, you enable parents to be fed by God's Word in their own small group gathering that will be meeting in the church building. If you love working with children and want to share God's love through your service, we'd love to talk to you!

Requirements: 18+, background check required, and a heart for ministry.

Interested? Contact Pastor Kimberly Reese at kreese@collegefirst.org.


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


JOIN US FOR ENCOUNTER!



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



COLLEGE FIRST CHURCH

SCOUT THANK YOU APPRECIATION BRUNCH

We're getting together to say thank you for all your hard work!

FEBRUARY 8, 2026
10AM - 1PM

College First Fellowship Hall

All who connect with College First are Invited
Come enjoy pancakes, sausage, toppings, and get to know our Scouts



WINTER FEST

February 12-15 Gatlinburg, TN
Grades 9-Young Adult

Winterfest is a weekend retreat and spiritual conference geared towards high-school students. Designed to encourage spiritual growth and discipleship among youth.



COLLEGE FIRST CHURCH

Souper Bowl of Caring

February 8th

THE YOUTH OF THE CHURCH ARE COLLECTING ITEMS FOR THE HANCOCK COUNTY CHRISTIAN CLEARING HOUSE PANTRY

HOW TO GIVE:
YOUTH WILL COLLECT MONETARY DONATIONS AT ALL SERVICES ON FEBRUARY 8

TIME TO CARE, TIME TO SHARE

DESIRED ITEMS INCLUDE:

- DIAPERS
- CLEANING PRODUCTS
- SHAMPOO
- BODY WASH
- DISH DETERGENT
- FEMININE PRODUCTS
- TOILET PAPER
- DEODORANT
- TOOTH PASTE
- TOOTHBRUSHES
- SHAVING CREAM
- BABY WIPES
- LAUNDRY DETERGENT

PLACE DONATIONS IN THE MAIN CHURCH LOBBY ANYTIME BEFORE FEB 8

THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR COMMUNITY!



IGNITE

Jr High Winter Retreat

Feb 20-22
Camp Otyokwah
Grades 6-8

- Worship
- Devotionals
- Winter Activities

Any questions or to sign up for Winter Fest or Ignite, please email Pastor Nancy at nhiser@collegefirst.org.

Donations Needed

Our university students are in need of: a computer chair, a clothes rack, electric stove, and mattresses. If you have any of these items to donate, please contact Pastor Nancy at nhiser@collegefirst.org.

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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 AM & 10 AM

FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUTUBE CHANNEL

GO TO THE WEBSITE 'ONLINE WORSHIP' PAGE FOR LINKS

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