

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD

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September 2, 2026



Dear College First family,

Welcome to September! This Sunday we'll conclude our sermon series on Ephesians and then get ready for fall, which will include

- scooping ice cream at the Hancock County Fair
- a new sermon series, *Ideal Family*
- Prayer and Solitude Retreat on Friday, September 11
- Alpha beginning September 20 at 5:30 PM
- Men's retreat
- much more!

Thanks to everyone scooping at the Fair. We have some open slots on Monday (1-3, 3-5, teardown at 5). Contact the office to volunteer.

Youth Sunday was exciting, hearing stories of our next generation students and the work God is doing in and through them. Of course, it would not be possible without the prayers, generosity, and faith of previous generations. I love serving a multi-generational congregation, watching the synergy between the young and...not so young! The Kingdom of God is diverse in more ways than one! I'm truly grateful for each of you.

Blessings,

Kirk



Roger Keeran 9/2
Cathy Harris 9/4
Jeanie Reis 9/5
Geoffrey Day 9/5
Zach Fletcher 9/7
Bob Asel 9/8
Leo Mead 9/8
Craig Tesnow 9/10
Benjamin Smith 9/10
Bethany Archer 9/10

Upcoming Events

9/1-7: Hancock County Fair, 9:00 AM
9/2: Encounter, 6-7:30 PM
9/8: Senior Fun Dinner, 5:30 PM
9/11: Prayer and Solitude Retreat, 9 AM
9/13: Young Adult Lunch, 11:30 AM
9/18-19: GLC The Forge Men's Retreat, 6 PM
9/20: Alpha, 5:30 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$16,173.49
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$1416.70
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.



Ice Cream At The Fair!

College First Church of God is at the Hancock County Fairgrounds this week! Ministry partners get a cup of ice cream at the end of their shift as a "Thank you!"

We still need ministry partners for the following dates and times: Monday 9/7 1-3 PM and Monday 9/7 3-5 PM (and tear down of booth afterward). To sign-up: Please scan the QR Code or go to bit.ly/3TxIc3E.

Any questions, please contact Katie at office@collegefirst.org.

P.S. Fair tickets to get into the fair for those that have signed-up, check your email for your ticket(s). The first batch of emails went out August 13. If you do not see an email in your inbox, please check your spam messages or contact Katie directly.

If you need a printed copy of your ticket, please let Katie know!

THANK YOU FOR YOUR HELP!

*Birthday Card Shower*

Let's send birthday card wishes to these lovely ladies as they each celebrate their 90th birthday!

Judy Brandt turns 90 on September 14
1801 Pebblestone Dr.
Findlay, OH 45840

Loretta Farthing turns 90 September 16
Fox Run Manor
11745 Township Road 145 C-79
Findlay, OH 45840-1093

Phyllis Heffner turns 90 on September 17
301 Walnut St.
Arcadia, OH 44804

The
POWER
of PRAYER

- Nancy Baughman
- Jan Below
- Linda Bratt
- Shirley Dewey
- Mary Jo Geise
- Jill Gordon
- Ledger Han
- Grayce Meinardi
- Caitlyn Myers
- Lee Osmun
- Cindy Sims-Perry
- Penny Prigge
- Dan Roberts
- Doug Rosendale
- Karen Scheiderer
- Brian Springer
- Barb Wanstedt

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.

In Sympathy

Our prayers and thoughts are with the family of Fred Rothlisberger after his passing on August 30.

**BELIEVE**
Women's Conference

SET FREE

November 7th, 2026
Celina, Ohio
Mt. Tabor Church of God

**THE FORGE**
CyC Men's Retreat

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2026

Join us for the 4th annual The Forge! A weekend of brotherhood, growth, and adventure. Where men gather to refresh their spirits and embark on a transformative time of digging into God's Word.



JUSTIN EDMONDS
SPEAKER



For more information and to register go to www.glcg.org



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CHURCH SAFETY

Presented by: Findlay Police Officer Brian White
Findlay Fire - Fire Inspector Eric Wilkins &
Captain Nick Price



CLASS DETAILS:

September 12, 2026
9:00 AM - 12:00 PM
The Wilkin Center
700 E. Melrose, Findlay

Contact Pastor Kimberly to join
at kreese@collegefirst.org.

SIGN UP HERE



FIRE SAFETY

Learn methods to protect lives
and property through prevention
and preparedness.



ACTIVE KILLING TRAINING

Learn survival skills and how to best
keep yourself safe in situations where
someone is trying to cause physical
harm to you or others.



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Fire Inspector Eric Wilkins: 419-424-7814
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SENIOR FUN SEPTEMBER DINNER

GREAT FUN FOR ALL!

TUESDAY, SEPTEMBER 8
5:30 PM

CHURCH FELLOWSHIP HALL

It's back to school time in the area and it will soon be time to
gather for our first Senior Fun Dinner of the season.

All are invited to come and join in the fun.

Guests are asked to bring a hot dish, salad or dessert to
share. The main course will feature Lee's Famous Chicken.

Drink and table service will be provided.

The evening will conclude with a special presentation from
Findlay City Schools Superintendent, Dr. Andy Hatton, who is
set to share about current developments in Findlay schools.

Plan to bring a friend to come along. Sign up today.



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

Sunday evenings

September 20 through

November 22

Stewart Center,

Room 254

6:00-7:30 p.m.

To sign up for or more
details check out:

collegefirst.org/alpha

Prayer and Solitude Retreat

Friday, September 11

9:00 a.m.—6:00 p.m.

At Riverbend Park, Findlay

The day will begin as a group, exploring
scripture about prayer. The remainder
of the day will be spent in solitude. The
group will end their day with a shared
meal and reflection.

To learn more or sign up, please contact
Kimberly Reese at
kreese@collegefirst.org or sign up
outside of the church office.

Back By Popular Demand!

Refocus On Purpose Workshop is coming back! If
you missed this earlier in the year, then you'll get a
chance to attend the autumn session. Starting
Thursday, September 24, from 6:30-8 PM. Cost for
class is \$49 per person. Scholarships are available.
This four week class will help you discover your
potential in connecting with God's purposes in your
life. To sign-up: scan QR Code, bit.ly/4xgSFPR, or
sign-up sheets are in front of the church office or
Winebrenner Resource Table.

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.

COLLEGEFIRST CHURCH

Young Adult Lunch

September 13th, 2026 | 11:30AM - 1:00PM

Food • Community • Fellowship

College First Fellowship Hall

Lasagna, Garlic Bread, Salad, Ice Cream

@collegefirstchurchofgod | www.collegefirst.org

Young Adult Service Project Day

 September 20

 1pm – 3pm

 Neighborhood Cleanup

 Blessings Bags

 Prayer

 Meet in the lobby of College First


Be a Blessing to Findlay

UPWARD
SPORTS



HELPERS WANTED

We need ministry partners to help with Upward. There are many opportunities available for practice days and game days! We need team chaplains, greeters (hosts) on game days, set up and tear down equipment (both practice and game days).

If you are interested in helping, there are sign up sheets in front of the office or the Winebrenner Resource Table, <https://bit.ly/4qfDROY>, or scan the QR Code below. Questions? Email Faith at upward@collegefirst.org.

THANK YOU!



CF KIDS: ENCOUNTER

We are excited for Encounter to begin for another year! Encounter starts Wednesday September 2, from 6-7:30 PM for grades K-5 in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions, please contact Nicky at ninman@collegefirst.org.

JOIN US FOR ENCOUNTER!



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



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.

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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 AM & 10 AM

FACEBOOK PAGE & YOUTUBE CHANNEL

GO TO THE WEBSITE 'ONLINE WORSHIP' PAGE FOR LINKS

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