

Weekly Update FYI

COLLEGE FIRST
CHURCH OF GOD

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September 9, 2026



Dear College First family,

Our **fall kickoff** is this Sunday! I can't wait to begin our new sermon series and launch our new ministry season.

Thanks to everyone who scooped ice cream at the fair! **We raised over \$4000 for Next Gen ministries...**and made a lot of fairgoers happy!

I want to invite you to **read through the New Testament** with us beginning October 1. If you're already using The Bible Recap, keep going! If not, this is a great opportunity to study God's Word with our College First family. You can find details at <https://www.thebible Recap.com/start>.

The **Great Lakes Conference** has several upcoming events, including...

- The Forge Men's Retreat – Camp Otyokwah – September 18-19
- High School Fall Retreat – Camp Otyokwah – October 9-11
- Flourish Women's Conference – Fort Wayne – October 16-17
- Believe Women's Conference – Mt. Tabor Church of God – November 7

This Friday is our **Prayer and Solitude Retreat**. Details are below.

Blessings,

Kirk



Craig Tesnow 9/10
Benjamin Smith 9/10
Bethany Archer 9/10
Shawn Miller 9/11
Jerry Snyder 9/13
Rebecca Crawford 9/13
Judy Brandt 9/14
Doug Tipton 9/15

Upcoming Events

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
9/19: OCC Workshop, 7:30 AM
9/20: Alpha, 5:30 PM
9/20: Young Adult Service Project, 1 PM
9/25: Finally Friday, 6 PM

TITHES/OFFERINGS....\$30,023.24
ADDITIONAL OFFERINGS....\$792.09
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.



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

Please join us to celebrate
the **90th birthday** of

Phyllis Heffner

Birthday Open House

Saturday, September 19th
2-4 pm

College First Church of God
1100 N Main St.
Findlay, Ohio 45840

*Elevator available for easy access

Birthday wishes may be mailed to:
301 Walnut St. • Arcadia, Ohio 45840

Text questions to Penny Prigge 660-341-9779

The POWER of PRAYER

- Nancy Baughman
- Jan Below
- Linda Bratt
- Carol Cleary
- 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.

Operation Christmas Child Workshop

All too soon there will be Operation Christmas Child boxes set up at College First, yet ever wondered how your small group can help or to learn more about OCC? Connie Reeder will be hosting an OCC Workshop for church leaders Saturday, September 19 from 7:30 AM to 12 PM in the Fellowship Hall. Any questions or to attend, please reach out to Connie at 1omi@att.net.

THE FORGE

GLC Men's Retreat

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.



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

SEPTEMBER 18-19, 2026



JUSTIN EDMONDS
SPEAKER



GLC Men's Retreat

We have scholarships available for the The Forge Men's Retreat coming up. If interested, please contact Pastor Kimberly at kreese@collegefirst.org. Thank you!

THE BIBLE RECAP

NEW
Testament

Starts on October 1!

thebiblerecap.com/start



IF YOU FIND JESUS - TAKE HIM WITH YOU.

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



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.

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

Ladies Koinonia

Are you "Longing for Heaven"? Koinonia Bible Study invites ladies to join this fall for an 11-week study called "Longing for Heaven." The Apostle Paul writes: "I long to go and be with Christ, which would be far better for me."- Philippians 1:23b. Koinonia meets on Thursday mornings, 10-11:30 AM, in Room 201. You only need to bring your Bible and yourself. The "Longing for Heaven" study will begin on Thursday, September 17th. If you have any questions, contact Rosemary Myers at Lmyers3@woh.rr.com.



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

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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!

VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

CFKIDS NEEDS YOU!

Do you want to **teach** Bible lessons on Sundays and build relationships with great kids? Want to have some fun? Come be Our Wednesday night **Game Master**!

Maybe you want something more chill? You could also be a **second adult** in the room to help with restrooms and other small things. You could also be a Cfkids **host**, and help all our new guests check in and feel comfortable! 🍷

Want to Join us? **TEXT**
567-429-8278

Follow us at **CFKids** on
FaceBook!

UR LOVED!

Volunteering not for you? Please share this post so we can reach has many has we can!



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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

1100 N. Main St. Findlay, OH 45840

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E-MAIL: office@collegefirst.org

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OFFICE HOURS: Monday-Thursday 9AM-4 PM, Friday 9 AM-2 PM



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College First Interns: Autumn 2026

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