



THE BOOK OF
Philippians
Gospel Transformation



October 1, 2017

Vision:

Transform the Heart . . . Transform the Home . . . Transform the World

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Service Times
9:00 am & 10:30 am

Welcome to Worship at **First Friends!**



**Lead Pastor,
Stan Hinshaw**

Prayer at the Altar

Here at First Friends God works through prayer. We offer different opportunities for prayer at our altar each Sunday. During our musical worship, if you would like to come and pray at the altar in private, we invite you to come to the left side by our cross. If you would like one of our Prayer Team to pray with you, please come to the opposite side (right) of the altar. We will also continue to offer prayer at the end of each service.

The Book of Philippians - "Gospel Transformation"

The Apostle Paul wrote a letter to the followers of Jesus in the city of Philippi while he was in imprisoned in Rome. We know this letter as the book of Philippians in the Bible. This letter has powerful significance for each of us as we live in the joy and transformation hope of the Gospel "Good News"!

Join us in learning to hear and respond to God's voice through the P.R.A.Y. Scripture method during the week, and come prepared to receive even more through each Sunday's message.

Today, October 1, we will be hearing from Ryan Farr, Pastor of Sports Ministry.

Fall Reading Plan for P.R.A.Y. Scripture:

- Week 1: Sept. 10 – Philippians 1:1-14
- Week 2: Sept. 17 - Philippians 1:15-30
- Week 3: Sept. 24 - Philippians 2:1-11
- Week 4: Oct. 1 - Philippians 2:12-30

*See the entire reading plan at
www.firstfriends.org/pray-scripture/

Pastor Stan Hinshaw, Lead Pastor

Thank You for Considering Others in Worship

Please silence your cell phones during the worship service. Also, if your child becomes restless and loud, the service can be heard in the hall, the women's restroom nursing room, or you can take your child to one of our excellent church nurseries.

P. R. A. Y. Scripture

Pastor Stan's new revised P.R.A.Y. Scripture is now available at the Welcome Centers. We are asking a suggested donation of \$10.00. Blank journals to use with your P.R.A.Y. Scripture are also available. The cost of the journals is \$5.00 each.

OCTOBER MISSION MONTH

Every Child A Gift

This October is missions month and we are very excited to celebrate all that God has done through the ministries of Canton First Friends - mission trips, outreaches, Community Fun Day, FFC missionaries and more. We truly believe that the opportunity to join God in His mission is an incredible gift.

Being a church who is debt free we have made the commitment to budget on 51 Sundays of tithing so one week may be offered entirely to missions. Last year we raised over \$77,000 dollars for three initiatives:

1. Refuge of Hope - We helped provide over 96,000 meals for local families in need.
2. Hope International Bunk Bed Project and Orphanage Center - We purchased beds for over 40 orphans as well as provided rent and food for 6 months for a new orphanage in Chinturu, India.
3. Community Fun Day - We were able to help provide funds for our 2017 Community Fun Day that reached our neighbors.

On October 29, we will once again have the honor to give to missions. The theme for this year's Missions Month is "Every Child a Gift." At First Friends Church we believe every child is precious before the Lord. In response to this, we have chosen the following mission opportunities to support with our 2017 Project 51 Mission Offering:

- Pregnancy Choices
- Canton Lighthouse
- Abba Christian Fostering Agency in San Palo, Brazil
- 2018 First Friends Community Fun Day



PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Is this Your First Sunday at FFC?

That's awesome! We are so glad that you are here. Please stop by and visit us at the Guest Central table in the Main Lobby... we'd love to thank you for being with us this morning and answer any questions you might have. God bless! -The FFC Guest Connections Team

Have a Prayer Need?

Call Greg Roth at 330.454.4100 or email at groth@neo.rr.com. Our faithful prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

Our Love and Sympathy

to the family of Martha Kehl

Holy Land 2017

November 28 - December 7

There are still a few spots left on the Holy Land trip! It's not too late! Pick up a brochure at either Welcome Center.

Child Dedication

10:30 am service

Gavin Eli Terhune / Born: August 17, 2017
Parents: Doug & Christina Terhune

Carter Emmet Hoopes / Born: September 27, 2016
Parents: Alex & Tiffany Hoopes

Mason Andrew Farr / Born: April 10, 2015
Parents: Ryan & Rachel Farr

Celebrate Recovery

Thursday, October 19; 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Join us for an "open house" and orientation to find out about our new biblically based and Jesus centered recovery ministry!

Hospitals & Rehab

Tammy Ledgerwood, Lilac Tarter

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 am

All children may go directly to their Sunday School classes.

Help children hide God's Word in their hearts by memorizing their verses this month:

Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does." Psalm 145:13b

Elementary Verse

"The Lord is the everlasting God, the creator of the ends of the earth. He will not grow tired or weary, and his understanding no one can fathom." Isaiah 40:28

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

Children in the nursery through kindergarten may go directly to their classrooms.

Children in grades 1 through 5 will be dismissed from the service to go to Children's Church in E-110.

Help children hide God's Word in their hearts by memorizing their verses this month:

Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"The Lord is trustworthy in all he promises and faithful in all he does." Psalm 145:13b

Elementary Verse

"But without faith no one can please God. We must believe that God is real and that He rewards everyone who searches for Him." Hebrews 11:6



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

It's good news!

Our 1st and 2nd grade classes are overflowing. Would you be willing to serve in this area so we could have more classes? Please call Tammy at 330-966-2800.

Serving in Children's Ministry

We still have a few openings to serve as assistants in preschool and elementary classes at 9:00 and 10:30 services. Would you be willing to serve - even once a month? Please contact Tammy at 330-966-2800.

Childcare Positions Available

We are currently seeking people interested in working in childcare positions specifically for Tuesday mornings and Wednesday evenings for the fall. This is a paid position. If you have questions or would like to set up an interview, contact Kris Lackey at 330-966-2800

Safety Doors

Our safety doors will close 10 minutes after each service has started, opening again at the end of each service. If you would need to go to your child's classroom before the service has ended please go to the Welcome Center for assistance.

LOOKING AHEAD

October

- 4 **CHILDREN'S CHOIRS 6 pm**
4 yr olds - 1st grade (Little Praisers)
Room E-122
- 2nd grade - 6th grade (Glory Gazers)
Room E-110
- CLC 7 pm**

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: www.greenhouse242.com

Contact Ben Croston at bcroston@firstfriends.org
Follow us on facebook at: facebook.com/greenhouse242/



Sunday Morning

Sundays, 9:00 - 10:15 am (E-101)

Join us for a time to grow in your faith, friendship, and giftedness through small groups, games, and encouraging lessons. We hope to see you there. We invite you to bring a snack to donate for the snack cabinet.

Wednesday Night

Wednesdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm (E-101)

Join us for a time of fun, friendships, and fellowship with God. We invite you to bring a snack to donate for the snack cabinet.

Family Potluck

Wednesday, October 4, 5:40 - 6:25 pm (E-101)

Please bring a hot dish, a desert or a beverage to share.

RUOK

October 20 - October 22, 2017

The registration and \$80 are due by October 11. This is Greenhouse 242's fall retreat. We will be heading to Camp Carl in Ravenna, Ohio to join other youth groups for a weekend of games, skits, friendship building, a giant mud pit, worship, and time with GOD. Bring a friend. Email bcroston@firstfriends.org with any questions. Registration forms can be found on our website or outside the Middle School Room.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

The Landing- Celebrate Recovery For Students

Thursdays starting October 19, 6:30 - 8:30 pm

Based on the beatitudes, The Landing is a safe, healing place where teenagers can live a freer, healthier, and more God-centered life. There will be videos, worship, and great conversations to help develop tools to face life's hurts, habits, and hang-ups. Contact Ben at bcroston@firstfriends.org for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL

Website: www.warehouse514.org

Contact Scott Calhoun at scalhoun@firstfriends.org



Sunday Mornings

Sundays, 9:00 am - 10:15 am (E-111)

Come join us for a relevant message to help you grow in your faith along with a student and leader lead Bible study time in a friendly, fun, and exciting atmosphere.

Wednesday Nights

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (E-111)

Join us for a high energy night of worship, games, and a relevant teaching, followed by a small group study time.

Youth Explosion 2017

November 10 - 12, Willoughby Hills Friends Church

There is limited space so sign up now to save your place for this years trip. Great speakers, high-energy worship, and great fellowship with our group. Get a registration form in room E-111.

Bonfire

Saturday, October 14, 7:30 - 10:00 pm

Join us at the Shallenberger's home for a bonfire. Please bring a snack or drink to share as well as a lawn chair to sit around the fire. Address: 2605 Ocelot St NE. Canton 44721

SENT- Warehouse 514 Service Project

Saturday, October 21, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Save the date as we are headed out to New Life Church. Wear old clothes, bring gloves, and pack a lunch. More details TBA.

CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

Fall 2017 Connect Group Directories

Beginning Sunday, October 1, the following classes will move to new rooms:

- Celebrate Life moves to room L-42 at 10:30 am
- Financial Peace University moves to room L-41 at 10:30 am
- For Christ moves to room L-43 at 9:00 am
- Parents of Teens moves to room L-6 at 9:00 am

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Contact Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org

Livin' On Prayer Date Night for Married Couples

October 13, 6:30 pm - 9:00 pm

Join us for a fun evening with humor, fellowship, dinner and an encouraging message.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

For encouragement and all the latest information about Women's studies and events, follow All Things Women on Facebook.



WMF (Women's Missionary Fellowship) Fall Retreat

October 13 - 15, 2017

Held at Carlisle Inn, Sugarcreek, OH with keynote speaker Christine Woolf, author of *Pick Me, Pick Me*. Brochures available at the main Welcome Center.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Group - "Stepping Up"

Come fellowship with other men who share your desire to live right, love well, and lead with purpose. This 8-week group will discuss the topics of defining manhood, living courageously, building a life of faith, and stepping up to lead. This group will meet on Tuesday nights from 7:00 - 8:30 pm starting October 3. For more information, contact Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Friends Adult Ministries 22nd Annual Fall Retreat

October 19, 11:00 am - 3:30 pm

Join us and special musician guest, Timothy Noble (gospel pianist and singer) at The Amish Door in Wilmot, Ohio. The cost is \$30 if postmarked by October 1, after that will be \$35. Flyers available at the Welcome Centers.

Senior Adults Game Night

October 15, 6:00pm

Bring your favorite board game to play and a finger food to share! We'll provide drinks and pizza. This is a FREE event. Sign-ups will be at the Welcome Center beginning October 1.

FFC Financial Update

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	YTD Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$44,135	\$38,717	\$40,728
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$2,019	\$1,193	\$1,572
Total	\$46,154	\$39,910	\$42,300
Home Improvement Received in 2017			\$58,633
*to fully fund budget - \$2,400,000			

51 SUNDAYS

2017 Budget is based on 52 Sundays. One entire Sunday offering will be given to mission projects.

Please note there are 53 Sundays in 2017

YOUNG ADULTS

Contact info@firstfriends.org

Altitude

Sundays, 8:30am (E-106)

Join us as we go through the book *Foundations* by Robby & Kandi Gallaty. *Foundations* will guide us through the Bible as we seek to Highlight, Explain, Apply and Respond to Scripture. Join us for Discussion every Sunday morning at 9:00 am!

Connect

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-6)

Join us as we study the book of Luke.

Save the Dates

10.7 // 10.21 // 11.4 // 11.18 // 12.2 // 12.16

Young Adults from the Greater Canton Area continuing their Ascent towards Christ through Worship.



STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Wisdom:

"Command those who are rich in this present world not to be arrogant nor put their hope in wealth, which is so uncertain, but to put their hope in God, who richly provides us with everything for our enjoyment. Command them to do good, to be rich in good deeds, and to be generous and willing to share. In this way they will lay up treasure for themselves as a firm foundation for the coming age, so that they may take hold of life that is truly life." 1 Timothy 6:17-19

Blessing board update: Do you have a few items around the house that are in the way and could be a wonderful blessing to others? If so, take a picture of them and post them on the Blessing Board of First Friends on facebook. The person being blessed will even come and pick the item up.

SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 or visit firstfriendssports.com

Registrations available in the church brochure racks and on our website firstfriendssports.com



Please pray for all of our Fall sports programs!





MISSIONS OFFERING OCTOBER 29

Our total general offering will be given to expand The Kingdom through:

1. Pregnancy Choices
2. Canton Lighthouse
3. Abba Christian Fostering Agency in San Palo, Brazil
4. 2018 First Friends Community Fun Day

LIVIN' ON PRAYER
DATE NIGHT
FOR MARRIED COUPLES

Join us for a fun evening with humor, fellowship, dinner and an encouraging message.

October 13
6:30 - 9:00 pm
\$30 per couple

A graphic for a date night event. It features a teal diamond shape with the text 'LIVIN' ON PRAYER' in pink and 'DATE NIGHT' in large blue letters. Below it, 'FOR MARRIED COUPLES' is written in smaller teal letters. To the right, a white oval contains the date and time: 'October 13 6:30 - 9:00 pm \$30 per couple'. The background is a light orange gradient.

TODAY

Aldi Shopping Day

OCTOBER 1

Following services
Please help us fill the Food Pantry

A graphic for an Aldi shopping day. The top half has a teal background with the word 'TODAY' in white. Below that is an orange background with the text 'Aldi Shopping Day' in a white script font and 'OCTOBER 1' in white block letters. The bottom half has a teal background with the text 'Following services' and 'Please help us fill the Food Pantry' in white. On the left side, there is a collage of various food items like fruits, vegetables, and a loaf of bread.

Celebrate Recovery
Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-Ups & Habits

NEW!
Celebrate Recovery ministry begins October 19!

A graphic for the Celebrate Recovery ministry. The top half has a dark brown background with the text 'Celebrate Recovery' in a large white serif font and 'Freedom from Your Hurts, Hang-Ups & Habits' in a smaller white font below it. The bottom half has a light green background with the text 'NEW!' and 'Celebrate Recovery ministry begins October 19!' in white. On the left side, there is a silhouette of a person with their arms raised in a field of tall grass.