



THE BOOK OF
Philippians
Gospel Transformation



October 29, 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.

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

Week 5: October 8 - Philippians 3:1-14
Week 6: October 15 - Philippians 3:12-4:3
Week 7: October 22 - Philippians 4:4-23
Week 8: October 29 - Acts 24:1-27

*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.

WELCOME TO MISSIONS SUNDAY: *Every Child A Gift*

We are 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.

We believe every child is precious before the Lord. In response to this, we have chosen to support the following mission opportunities with our 2017 Project 51 Mission Offering:



Pregnancy Choices



Pregnancy Choices supports women and their families seeking immediate help with unplanned pregnancies. Staff and professionally trained volunteers offer our clients biblical options addressing many of their needs. God's calling on Pregnancy Choices is to save the lives of babies and protect mothers and families from abortion.

Abba Christian Fostering Agency in São Paulo, Brazil



Abba believes that "every child is a gift" by ministering to street children and other at-risk children in São Paulo. Delton Hochstedler (director of Abba) is a licensed social worker in the US and Brazil and coordinates ABBA's technical team, providing counseling to the children in ABBA's care, support to the direct-care staff, and coordination of family ministries. He is also assisting in the development of a foster care program, few of which exist in Brazil.

Canton Lighthouse Ministries



Lighthouse Ministries strives to walk alongside the youth in their Southeast Canton community by offering safe, high-quality, and holistic opportunities to assist them in understanding their God-given giftedness and potential for impacting the world around them.

Community Fun Day

Community Fun Day is an outreach of Canton First Friends designed to reach young families with children. This outreach provides families and children with free food, games, entertainment and more. This past year we were able to connect with over 3,300 people. And 2,244 of them were guests! This outreach has been such a wonderful way to show appreciation to our local communities and valuing them as a precious gift. We look forward to blessing them again in 2018 with this wonderful fun filled 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 or email Greg Roth at 330.454.4100 OR groth@neo.rr.com. Our faithful prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

Your VOTE COUNTS

Be sure to Pick up a Voters Guide, provided by The League of Women's Voters, at one of the Welcome Centers today. Be an informed voter on November 7.

Newcomer's Lunch

November 5, 11:45 am (after second service)
Are you new to First Friends in the past six months? Join us for lunch! Meet our staff and elders, and learn more about the church. Families welcome

Celebrate Recovery

Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm
Join us for this new biblically based and Jesus centered recovery ministry.

Daylight Savings Time Ends

Next weekend, Saturday at Midnight
Be sure to set your CLOCKS BACK ONE HOUR before retiring Saturday night.

Hospitals & Rehab

Ben Wertz, Barry Betz, Dorsey Kemp, Karen Warner

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 am

Preschool Department: Children in the nursery through Kindergarten may go directly to their classrooms.

Elementary Department: Today is the 5th Sunday of the month. One of our values is to include children in our worship of God. Today families will have the opportunity to worship together in the service. If parents participate in a Connect Group at the 9:00 am service their children may join the class in E-110

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

Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding." Proverbs 3:5

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

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CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

5th Sunday Reminder

Today is the fifth Sunday. Elementary children will be worshipping with their families. There will be no Sunday School or Children's Church for elementary children.

Do you love holding babies? Playing with little ones?

We can help you! If you'd like to help us with our little ones in the nurseries on Sunday mornings, Jessica Bosley, our Nursery Coordinator would love to hear from you. You may email her for more information at jbosley@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.

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

November

- I 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, friendships, and giftedness through small groups, games, and encouraging lessons. We hope to see you there.

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.



MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

The Landing- Celebrate Recovery For Students

Thursdays 6:30 - 8:30 pm (E-101)

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 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.

Adult Leadership Meeting

Sunday, November 5, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (E-111)

Join us as we discuss and plan upcoming events.

Youth Explosion 2017

November 10 - 12, Willoughby Hills Friends Church
There is limited space so sign up now to save your place for this year's trip. Great speakers, high-energy worship, and great fellowship with our group. Get a registration form in room E-111.

SENT - Warehouse 514 Service Project

Saturday, November 18, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm

Save the date as we go to Lighthouse Ministry to serve their needs. Meet at the church at 8:45 am. Wear work clothes. Permission slip/Medical form required.



CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

Fall 2017 Connect Group Directories

Beginning Sunday, October 1, the following classes moved 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

Adoption & Foster Care Information Luncheon

Sunday, November 5, 12:00 pm - 1:00 pm (L-1)

First Friends Adoption and Foster Support Ministry celebrates Orphan Awareness this month with others around the world who have a heart for vulnerable children. Perhaps you are feeling the Holy Spirit nudging you to foster or adopt. We want to provide an opportunity for you to explore this calling as we share some general information about fostering and adoption. Please RSVP by emailing Pastor Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org. Your whole family is welcome to attend!

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.

The Quest: An Excursion Toward Intimacy With God

Beginning Wednesday, November 1, 9:00 am (L-42)

Women, you are invited to join us for Beth Moore's newest study. This Quest is about you and God, about hearing God through His Word and speaking back, about generating relationship with Him. We hope to see you there! Childcare is available. Study guide can be purchased in class for \$15.



SENIOR MINISTRY

Senior Adult Luncheon

November 11, 11:30 am (L-42/43)

Join us to hear Richard Haldi share about the founding of Canton, the first 50 years (1805-1855). Cost for lunch is \$8. Sign up at either Welcome Center by Tuesday, November 7.

FFC Financial Update

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	YTD Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$44,135	\$38,680	\$40,827
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$2,019	\$1,390	\$1,535
Total	\$46,154	\$40,070	\$42,362
Home Improvement Received in 2017			\$64,332
*to fully fund budget – \$2,400,000			
			
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 or follow us on Facebook at [FirstFriendsYoungAdults](https://www.facebook.com/FirstFriendsYoungAdults).

Altitude

Sundays, 8:30 am (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.

ASCENT: The Worship Experience

Saturday, November 4, 7:00 pm (E-111)

Join us for an upbeat worship gathering. Our next speaker will be Mark Condo from Mansfield Friends.



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!



STEWARDSHIP

Contact Dave Williams at dwilliams@firstfriends.org

Biblical Wisdom:

And this same God who takes care of me will supply all your needs from his glorious riches, which have been given to us in Christ Jesus. Phil 4:19 NLT

Blessing Board: We are blessed to be a blessing. Check out our Blessing Board at First Friends Church in Facebook. Experience the true joy of giving to others

PROJECT
51
MISSIONS OFFERING

Every Child A Gift

First Friends Church
Missions Month

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- Pregnancy Choices
- Canton Lighthouse
- ABBA Christian Fostering Agency in São Paulo, Brazil
- 2018 First Friends Community Fun Day



Celebrate Recovery*

A CHRIST-CENTERED
RECOVERY PROGRAM
All Welcome

THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM
FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH



OPERATION CHRISTMAS CHILD

First Friends is partnering with Samaritan's Purse to provide gift-filled shoeboxes to children living in impoverished situations.

Pick up your box today at the table in the lobby! Boxes are due by November 19, 2017.



Water Baptism Sunday, November 19

If you are interested in being baptized, call the church for more information at 330.966.2800

Baptism

