

THE BOOK OF
Philippians
Gospel Transformation



October 8, 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.

OCTOBER MISSION MONTH: *Every Child A Gift*

Every Child a Gift motivates Pregnancy Choices' mission and the following message to First Friends:

"We Treasure our Founding Churches. Pregnancy Choices (previously Crisis Pregnancy Support Center of Stark County), is a faith-based ministry birthed more than 32 years ago from a few strong churches, one of which was First Friends. You provided the first space and Pregnancy Choices served clients on your property.

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.

Staff and volunteers strive to reach individuals through relationships – presenting the image of Christ to each individual we have the joy to serve.

Our medical services follow professional standards of care with licensed registered nurses, nurse practitioners, and doctors. It is our policy to educate on all choices from a biblical worldview; however, we never have and never will provide or refer for abortion services.

God's calling on Pregnancy Choices is to save the lives of babies and protect mothers and families from abortion. It is our desire to partner with churches, together strengthening the message of God's love and grace.

Thank you, First Friends, for all you do!"

Jimmie Lever, Pregnancy Choices Church Relation Director



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 Gerry Bradshaw at 330.499.5575. Our faithful prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

Water Baptism

Our next water baptism is Sunday, November 19. A one time class is required and will be held on Sunday, November 5 at 9:00 am in room E-108. Please call Nancy at the church to register.

Hospitals & Rehab

Brandon Marzley, Linda Gamble, Lilac Tarter, Jan Leeper

Belong Membership Class

Saturday, October 28, 9:00 am - 12:00 pm

This class is a requirement in becoming a member of First Friends Church. Come and join Pastor Stan for this class and explore what it means to be a member of First Friends and the body of Christ. Call the church to register or sign up at a Welcome Center.

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.

Pastor Appreciation Month

October is Pastor Appreciation month! It is the hope of our Elders that we excel in extending sincere gratitude and encouragement for our wonderful pastor and pastoral staff. Please write a note of encouragement on the bulletin insert, or feel free to bless them with cards or gifts. The specific words or gifts Jesus lays on your hearts may be exactly what they need at exactly the right time. Thank you!

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

"Trust in the Lord with all your heart and lean not on your own understanding; in all your ways submit to him, and he will make your paths straight." Proverbs 3:5-6

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

"When I send clouds over the earth, the rainbow will appear in the clouds, and I will remember my covenant with you and with all living creatures. Never again will the floodwaters destroy all life." Genesis 9:14-15



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

- 8 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.

Service Project

Saturday, October 14, 10 am – 3 pm (E-101)

We will be heading to the Total Living Center for an opportunity to serve food, stock supplies, and help clean. We hope you can make it.

Nerf War

Today, Sunday, October 8, 5:00 - 7:30 pm (E-101)

Come for a night of some friendly Nerf Combat. Please only bring up to two Nerf weapons. Pizza will be provided. Bring a friend and a snack 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 (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 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. Meet in FFC lobby at 8:45 am.



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
- For Christ moves to room L-43 at 9:00 am
- Financial Peace University moves to room L-41 at 10:30 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.

Trap Shoot & Cookout

Sunday, October 22, 3:00 - 7:00 pm, (10854 Edison St. NE, Alliance 44601)

Men's Ministry is hosting a trap shoot and cookout at Jim Aman's property. Bring your own gun and shells. Clay pigeons are \$5 for 25. Guys under 18 must be accompanied by a parent or guardian. RSVP at a Welcome Center or email jimaman1@yahoo.com. Food will be provided for free.

FFC Financial Update

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	YTD Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$44,135	\$50,122	\$40,962
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$2,019	\$1,169	\$1,562
Total	\$46,154	\$51,291	\$42,524
Home Improvement Received in 2017			\$59,518
*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

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.



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 \$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-up at a Welcome Center.

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!



Every Child A Gift

We believe every child is precious before the Lord. In response to this, we have chosen the following mission opportunities to support on October 29 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



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

Celebrate Recovery®

A CHRIST-CENTERED
RECOVERY PROGRAM

All Welcome

Beginning October 19
THURSDAYS 6:30-8:30 PM
FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH



Belong Membership Class

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 28 / 9:00 - 11:30 AM

Join Pastor Stan for a deeper understanding of the past, present and future of our church. *Belong* is recommended for all First Friends attenders, and is the next step in becoming a member. Membership is how you help us make big decisions for our future!