

THE GOSPEL AS "SEED" FOR HARVEST



January 28, 2018

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**

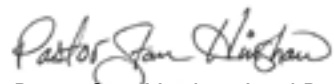
Prayer at the Altar

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.

Welcome! We are so glad you're here today!

Our messages in 2018 will focus on the "mission" of God to rescue and restore his creation, and all of humanity! The biblical writers, and Jesus himself, called this "good news" of the kingdom of God. Our English translations use the word "Gospel". God has a mission and He commissions His people, the "Church," to join Him in the mission (Matthew 28:19-20).

Jesus gave us His authority to live and share this Good News that Jesus is Lord. As our hearts are being transformed, our homes begin to be transformed, and then our world is transformed. This transformation works in the same way God created seed to be planted, die, watered and nurtured to live, and bear fruit. The Gospel is "seed" for life!



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.

REACHING NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

Young Life – Stark County

Young Life Staffer, Kahle Wilcox, is praising God for YL's growth in the ministries in Jackson, North Canton Middle School, and Canton. Students are in relationships with leaders, hearing the Gospel weekly, and many students began relationships with Christ during the past year! She is also praising God that 22 students have signed up so far for YL summer camp.

Prayer requests:

That YL leaders will continue to have favor in the Jackson, North Canton, and Canton school districts and be able to continue building relationships with those students.

For more volunteers in order to grow the current ministries and expand to the Perry, Green, and Lake school districts.

For the desire among college students and local adults to give their lives away to middle and high school students who need to hear the Gospel message and also need mentors to guide them in their walk with Christ.

For female volunteers for Canton City Schools who would be willing to mentor students and be part of the YL leadership team in the middle and high schools.

For 25 more students to sign up for YL summer camp before June as well as 10 middle schoolers from North Canton to attend the middle school summer camp.

For camp funding for the city, and people who would want to partner specifically for sending students to the YL basketball camp.

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.

Child Dedication

Our next child dedication service is February 18. A one time class is required. Call Nancy Petroff at the church to register.

Our Love & Sympathy to

Dr. David & Winnie King and family in the death of David's mother, Dorothy King.

Hospitals & Rehab

Laurel Notturmo, Stephen Lewis, Barry Betz

Job Opportunity

Graphic & Print Designer needed – Recruiting for a part-time position here at First Friends. This position would prepare graphics and publications for web, social media and print. This position must have a good understanding of Adobe InDesign, and a proficiency in Adobe Photoshop and/or Adobe Illustrator. Qualified and interested parties can get an application at the main Welcome Center.

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

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid; do not be discouraged, for the Lord your God will be with you wherever you go." Joshua 1:9

Elementary Verse

Jesus answered, "It is written: 'Worship the Lord your God and serve him only.'" Luke 4:8

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.

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Elementary Children's Church will have a lesson based on the passage of scripture from 1 John 3:11-18



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Children's Choirs

Do your children like to sing? Our Children's Choirs would be the perfect place for them. Join us as Wednesdays at 6:00 pm. Little Praisers: 4 yr old - 1st grade meet with Miss Glenda in room E-122. Glory Gazers: 2nd grade - 6th grade meet with Miss Tammy in room E-110. Questions? Call Tammy at 330.966.2800.

Parents

If you have a child/children in one of our nurseries, please leave your phone number with us when you drop them off. We will then add you to our Mobile Text Alert System. If we would need you for any reason we could then send you a text message.

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

January

31 **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 Mornings

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. We invite you to bring a snack to donate for the snack cabinet.

Wednesday Nights

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.

Snow Camp

February 9-11 (\$80)

Come join us for our winter retreat in Somerset, Pennsylvania. It is a great weekend to grow in your relationship with GOD and other middle schoolers. There will be a powerful speaker, time to hang out with friends, paint balling, snow-tubing, nine-square in the air, horse-back riding, group games, archery, a climbing wall, and more. Registration turn-in requested by January 31.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

The Landing

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 - 10:15 am (E-111)

Come join us for a relevant message to help you grow in your faith and a 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.

High School Mission Trips

We will be taking mission trips to the Dominican Republic (June 15 - 21) and also Philippi, West Virginia (July 8 - 13) this summer. Information is available in room E-111 and on our website, www.warehouse514.org.

Save the Dates:

Movie Night: February 18
Winter Retreat: March 2-4
Love Your City: March 25-27

CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

It's not too late to join a group!

Registration is not required; all are welcome at any time. Pick up a directory at the church or go to firstfriends.org/connect-groups for times and descriptions.

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Marriage Retreat Weekend

February 23-25, 2018

Save the date for this wonderful three day weekend! Enjoy fellowship with other married couples, one-on-one time with your spouse, testimonies from real-life couples and biblical teachings about building a healthy marriage relationship through the seasons of life. Brochures with more information available today! **The deadline to register is February 14.**

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.

We have many new studies just for women!

Pick up a Connect Group Directory or go to firstfriends.org/connect-groups for times and descriptions. Registration not required. All are welcome.

Save the dates:

Mark your calendar for these upcoming women's events!

Saturday, March 17, 3rd Annual Swap, Not Shop

Saturday, April 28, Priscilla Shirer Simulcast

SENIOR MINISTRY

Lancaster, PA Trip

May 4-5, 2018

The Senior Adult Ministry invites you to join them on a trip to Lancaster, PA to see the "Jesus" production at the Sight & Sound Theater. Pick up a flyer at either Welcome Center for more information. This trip is open to adults of any age. Registration deadline is February 28, 2018.

STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Wisdom:

You may say to yourself, "My power and the strength of my hands have produced this wealth for me." But remember the Lord your God, for it is he who gives you the ability to produce wealth. Deuteronomy 8:17-18

Question: Does stewardship only apply to my money?

No, we are called to be the best stewards of our time, talents and testimony as well as our treasures. Visit the First Friends Blessing Board on Facebook if you have some items you would like to bless someone else with.



FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$44,264	\$42,630
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,302	\$1,227
Total	\$45,098	\$45,566	\$43,857
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$3,999
*To fully fund budget - \$ 2,300,000			51

2018 Budget is based on 51 Sundays.

One Sunday General offering will be given to mission projects.

YOUNG ADULTS

Contact info@firstfriends.org or follow us on Facebook at First Friends Young Adults.

Altitude

Sundays, 8:30 am (E-106)

Join us as we go through the book *Foundations* by Robby & Kandi Gallaty.

Connect

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-6)

Join us as we study the book of Luke.

ASCENT: The Worship Experience

Saturday, February 10 & 24, 7 pm

Come Worship & Pray with us!



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



Hey FFC Family! We would appreciate your prayers as we start our Winter 2018 sports season. Here's some of the needs that we have...

1. Pray for our participants (we have about 1000 this winter!) that God would speak to them and open their hearts to hear what our devotional coordinators have prepared each week.

2. Pray for our devotional coordinators who will be teaching from God's Word each week: Beth Kerlin, Courtney Thoenen, Hannah Thoenen, Jeff Dieringer, Tammy Forsythe and Scott Strebel

3. Pray for all the families involved... that God would bring about divine appointments and opportunities as they do their P3 Home devotional booklets.

2017 Year End Summary

General Ministries & Missions

2017 Budget	\$2,400,000
2017 Revenues	\$2,282,949
2017 Expenses	\$2,211,473
2017 Surplus	\$71,476
Project 51 Offering	\$60,482
Thank you for your faithful giving. 2017 Financial Reports are available at the Welcome Center	

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



*TO Love
AND TO
Cherish*

First Friends Church Marriage Retreat 2018 February 23 - 25

Pick up a brochure at either
Welcome Center or in the
gym hallway.

**The early bird registration
deadline is February 4.
Final registration ends
February 14.**



Belong Membership Class

**Saturday, February 3
9:00 am - 12:00 pm**

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!