

THE GOSPEL AS "SEED" FOR HARVEST



April 15, 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

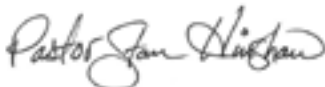
Here at First Friends, God works through prayer. We offer different opportunities for prayer at our altar each Sunday. During our musical worship, if you would like to come and pray at the altar in private, we invite you to come to the left side by our cross. If you would like one of our Prayer Team 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!

We are so glad you have joined us today to worship our risen Savior!

If you are new to our church please stop by our Guest Central table in the main lobby so we can meet you in person. You can also fill out the communication card in the bulletin with prayer requests and any other ways we can help you. We are praying you experience the presence of Christ today as we worship Him!

Today we will be hearing from Shawn Yost, Pastor of Marriage and Family and Men's Ministry.



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

Mark and Sandy Acell: People International (PI)

Mark and Sandy have returned to Ohio after their time in Colorado (see 1-14-18 bulletin). Sandy candidly shared the following on 3/23/18:

"It is a real disappointment when we work with someone for over two years, and in the end they feel led to go overseas with another mission agency. Mark and I have each had that experience in the last few weeks. As discouraging as that can be, we are grateful for the steady stream of those interested in reaching Muslims for Jesus! In fact, three new teachers are stepping forward to teach for Him in Greater Central Asia, and a friend from Denver is pursuing God's call in training missionaries in Gospel Story Telling. In the end, the encouragement far outweighs the discouragement. Our greatest motivation is to serve people as they seek God's will for their lives. Obviously, in God's sovereignty, He wanted them to discuss issues and learn from us. It is a privilege to be a part of their pilgrimage in becoming missionaries, even if they go with another mission organization. We are all working for the same King!"

Let's pray with them for PI's new Latino ministry which continues to grow. One family is working in Turkey. A single girl is looking into Turkey as well, and another family is looking at moving to reach the Muslims in the country of Georgia. Pray for fruit from this new initiative.

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Have a Prayer Need?

Call or email Greg Roth at 330.454.4100 or groth@neo.rr.com

Hospitals & Rehab

Carol Coombs, Christopher Weisse

Congratulations

To Ryan & Rachel Barnett at the birth of their daughter, Charlie Lynn.

Today's Altar Flowers

Were given by Rick Wilson in loving memory of his wife, Beth.

Our Love and Sympathy

To Ron & Sally Beitler and Rodger and Nancy Beitler and families in the death of Ron's and Rodger's brother, Paul J. Beitler,

Newcomers Lunch

Today, 12:00 pm (L- 42, 43)

Are you new to First Friends in the past six months? Join us for lunch! Meet our staff and elders and learn more about our church. Families are welcome!

First Friends Recycle Bins

Help us take care of God's good world and spread the word about our new bins. We accept paper, cardboard, plastic, and aluminum.

Adoption & Foster Family Lunch

Today, 12:00 pm (E-101)

Come and enjoy a time of fellowship with other families and get information on what the ministry team is offering for adoptive and foster families.

"Fields of Gold"

by Andy Stanley:

Pick up a free copy of this book on generous living at the Welcome Centers.

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

"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4

Elementary Verse

"I have been crucified with Christ and I no longer live, but Christ lives in me. The life I now live in the body, I live by faith in the Son of God, who loved me and gave himself for me." Galatians 2:20

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.

Preschool – Kindergarten Verse

"Show me your ways, Lord, teach me your paths." Psalm 25:4

Elementary Children's Church will have a lesson based on the passage of scripture from 1 John 5: 13-21



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Save the Date

Vacation Bible School - June 25-29

Time Lab - Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future. More information coming soon.

Camp Gideon

Information for the Summer Camp Schedule will be available soon.

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

April 18th	Choir (6:00pm) and CLC (7:00pm)
April 25th	Last night of Choir and CLC
May 6th	Children's Choir Spring Show 6:00pm

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: www.greenhouse242.com



Contact Ben Croston at bcroston@firstfriends.org

Follow us on facebook at: facebook.com/greenhouse242/

Check our website for more on our Calendar. www.greenhouse242.com

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.

Middle School Bible Study

Today, April 15th, 4:30 pm - 6:30 pm (E-101)

Chicken will be provided. Come join us as we explore the Bible and what God says in knowing Him more.

Spring Retreat

Friday, April 27th to Saturday, April 28th at Camp Y-Noah. Depart from First Friends at 5:00 pm and return Saturday at 5:00 pm. Registration with \$20 due Sunday, April 22nd.

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Join us for a time of Praise and Worship.

EVERBLAZE

Saturday, April 21st, 6:00pm -9:30pm (The Johnson Center Malone University) You are invited to join others as they blaze a passion for Jesus through song and worship.

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 still have space available for our Philippi, West Virginia trip (July 8 – 13). We would love to have you join us. Applications and information are in room E-111 and at www.warehouse514.org.

Spring High School Hiking Trip

Save the date. Sunday, April 22 our high school students will be heading out from noon to 6:00 PM. Bring money for lunch and make sure to dress for the weather. Permission/medical release required. Go to www.warehouse514.org to download one now.

Parent/Student Missions Trip Meeting

Today (E-111)

Immediately following the 2nd service we will have an informational meeting and talk about forms needed and travel information. We will have a notary.

CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

Intercessory Prayer

M-Th 9:00-11:00 am (Mondays in L-43. Tue, Wed, Thur in E-112)

Open to anyone who desires prayer. Come for a couple minutes or as long as you want.

Belong Membership Class: Saturday, April 28, 9:00 am-Noon.

If you are interested in becoming a member of First Friends Church, this class is a requirement. In this half-day class, we will explore what it means to be a part of First Friends and the body of Christ.

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men's Cookout and Hangout

Sunday, May 20th from 5:00-8:00 pm

Men's Ministry is hosting a cookout for guys of all ages at Jim Aman's property (10854 Edison St. NE, Alliance OH 44601). Food will be provided for free. There will also be time for guys to hangout around a campfire, play games or do some fishing (bring your own fishing pole). Please RSVP if you plan to attend by emailing Pastor Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Contact Theresa Maxin at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

Women's Mission Trip

April 14th - 21st

Pray for the 12 women who are in the Dominican Republic serving as God's ambassadors by meeting very real needs with love and compassion and sharing the Good News of salvation



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

We are excited to gear up for our spring 2018 sports season. We are asking that you would keep everyone from the following leagues in prayer, including players, parents, coaches and leaders... Youth Soccer, Youth Baseball/Softball, Men's Softball, High School Basketball, Adult Basketball, Adult Volleyball and Arts Academy.



FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$45,622	\$41,395
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$2,229	\$1,406
Total	\$45,098	\$47,851	\$42,801
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$19,520
*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, 9:00 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.

MISSION TRIPS

Barahona, Dominican Republic

September 22-29 (medical and prayer teams)

November 3-10 (construction, discipleship, evangelism, and possibly medical teams)

Team sizes for these two trips are limited and applications will be accepted only until Today. You can pick one up at either Welcome Center. For questions, contact Lois Ferrel, Team Leader (330-280-2502) or Roger Foote at FFC (330-966-2800).

Holy Land 2019

Are you interested in travelling to the Holy Land March 22-31, 2019? Pricing starting at \$3496, with discounts for early registration. Brochures at both Welcome Centers. For more information contact Paul Johnson at the church.

STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Wisdom:

We make our own plans, but the Lord decides where we will go. Proverbs 16:9

How can your spring cleaning be a blessing to others? Donate those items to the First Friends Blessing Board and bless someone as you are a good steward of God's resources.

Newcomers Luncheon

TODAY

12:00 Noon

Meet and greet with Staff and Elders

Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST

\$20

APRIL 28, 2018
9:00 am - 4:30 pm

Doors open at 8:30 am

Holy Land 2019

March 22-31

For More Information: Brochures are at the Welcome Centers or Contact Paul Johnson at the Church

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Sunday, May 6

9:00 am & 10:30 am

Services @

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CHURCH

BECOMING A MODERN
DAY MISSIONARY



Dr. Michael Berger