



April 22, 2018

Vision:

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

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FirstFriends.org

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!

"S.H.A.P.E."

Spiritual Gifts, Heart Passions, Abilities, Personality, Experiences

Ephesians 2:10 "For we are God's masterpiece. He has created us anew in Christ Jesus, so we can do the good things he planned for us long ago."

Do you know what spiritual gifts the Holy Spirit has given you? Do you know how your gifts fit together with other members of the body of Christ? Have you found your "sweet spot" in serving in our church and in our community?

This sermon series is designed to help us all find our place in God's grand purposes in our world. In order for the people of God to function as the "body of Christ" we all have to discover our God-given "S.H.A.P.E."

1 Cor. 12:4-5, 27 "There are different kinds of gifts, but the same Spirit distributes them. There are different kinds of service, but the same Lord. Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it."

To discover your unique "S.H.A.P.E." go to: www.freeshapetest.com Be sure to have the results sent to Pastor Stan's email address at: pastor@firstfriends.org

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

Abe and Diane Bible – Ukraine -- Abe explains the background on why training in Financial Freedom in Ukraine is essential:

"The Ukrainian churches are just beginning to wake up to it now. It has been slow advertising... through word of mouth of the participants. The situation is...a huge spiritual backwash from communist times. There used to be 900 churches, then in 6 years it expanded to 2800. So churches were full of new believers with no one to teach them. Many pastors did not even have a Bible. The result – a very low level, almost carnal Christianity. The vast majority of pastors are not paid. Even a church with 600 members cannot raise enough money to pay their pastor. (Churches are not heated in winter time). There is a widespread range of income, but recently people assured me again that a vast majority of members receive \$80 per month. This \$80 is the same amount as the monthly utilities. Presently there are Financial Freedom groups in a good number of churches. But for a local church to experience Financial Freedom as a church I believe it takes about 40% of the members to participate and that will not come until next season. So the local church response presently is minimal."

Hence, the FF project needs to continue next fall. It has reached approximately the 1/2-way mark. Abe & Diane (as foreigners) have laid the foundation. The next step is for the Denomination to take hold and make it happen nationally. Lay participants are for it; clergy as a whole is stand-offish and watching. Please pray!!

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Have a Prayer Need?

Call Gerry Bradshaw at 330.499.5575 and our prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

Hospitals & Rehab

Cheryl Jackson, Christopher Weisse, Gene Miller, Carol Coombs

Congratulations

To Derick & Erika Graham at the birth of Griffin Charles.

Today's Altar Flowers

Were given by Shirley Brown in loving memory of her husband, Rob, and her mother, Nellie Reed.

Reminder

The Primary Election is Tuesday, May 8th. Do your research about issues and candidates and VOTE!

The ALIVE Music Festival

July 20th-22nd At Atwood Lake Park. Check out their website at ALIVE.org for information about who is coming and early registration

Child Dedications

9:00 Service

Eli Jacob Smith Birthday: May 19, 2016
Parents: Mike & Lisa Smith

Braxton Anderson Peresie Birthday: Sept 8, 2017
Parents: Brian & Emily Peresie

Gwendolyn Mae Marzley Birthday: Sept 8, 2017
Parents: Brandon & Emily Marzley

10:30 Service

Evan Luke Bosley Birthday: July 30, 2016
Parents John & Jessica Bosley

Anaya Elethia Louth Birthday: Feb 27, 2017
Parents: Bill & Julie Louth

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

"Now this is eternal life; that they know you, the only true God and Jesus Christ, whom you have sent." John 17:3

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 Matthew 4:19



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.

5th Sunday Reminder

Next Sunday, April 29th, 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. If parents participate in Connect Groups children may join the class in E-110.

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 25th Last night of Choir and CLC

May 6th Children's Choir Spring Show

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.

Wednesdays

Wednesdays 6:30pm - 8:30pm (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.

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 today.

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

Wednesday Programming will not be meeting on May 23rd or 30th.

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

Today 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.

Mandatory Missions Training

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (E-111) If you are going on a trip this summer, you are required to be at this meeting

End of School Year Bash

Wednesday, May 16. Join us and celebrate the end of the school year with food, fun, friends.

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.

SHAPE Class

Sunday, May 20 in room E-108 at 9am

Discover your unique Spiritual gifts, Heart Passions, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences; unlock your potential and explore God's plan for your life.

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

Priscilla Shirer Simulcast hosted by First Friends

Saturday, April 28, 8:00 am - 4:00 pm

Monday, April 23, is the last day to register for this event. \$20 per person includes coffee/donuts and box lunch. Registration forms are available at the Welcome Centers and at firstfriends.org/ministries/women or register online at Eventbrite.com.



SENIORS LUNCHEON

Saturday, May 19th 11:30 pm (L-42&43)

Join us to hear the music of pianist Timothy Noble. Sign up and pay at either Welcome Center by Tuesday, May 15. This will be our final luncheon until next fall. Cost is \$8 per person.

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	\$34,379	\$40,927
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$870	\$1,370
Total	\$45,098	\$35,249	\$42,297
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$20,539
*To fully fund budget - \$ 2,300,000			



2018 Budget is based on 51 Sundays.

One Sunday General offering will be given to mission projects.

Quarterly Report 3/31/18

General Ministries & Missions

2018 Budget	\$2,300,000
YTD Budget	\$575,000
YTD Revenues	\$517,844
YTD Expenses	\$535,475
Net Revenues to Expenses	(\$17,631)
Net Revenues to Budget	(\$57,156)

Thank you for your faithful giving. 1st Quarter Financial Reports are available at the Welcome Centers.

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.



Belong Membership Class

SATURDAY, APRIL 28, 9:00 AM-NOON

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!

Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST

\$20

APRIL 28, 2018
9:00 am - 4:30 pm
Doors open at 8:30 am



LEGACY EST. OF STARK 2015 PROJECT

THE LEGACY PROJECT Q & A MEETING

SUNDAY, APRIL 29 AT NOON IN ROOM L-42

THE LEGACY PROJECT BRINGS TOGETHER CARING ADULTS WITH MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS IN MENTORING RELATIONSHIPS DURING THEIR LUNCH PERIODS. WE ARE FOCUSING OUR RECRUITING ON MENTORS FOR OAKWOOD MIDDLESCHOOL STUDENTS. MEET SOME OF THE STAFF TODAY AT THEIR INFORMATIONAL TABLE IN THE HALLWAY

Sunday, May 6

9:00 am & 10:30 am

Services @



BECOMING A MODERN
DAY MISSIONARY



Dr. Michael Breen