

THE GOSPEL AS "SEED" FOR HARVEST



April 8, 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**

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!

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.

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.

REACHING NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

A HEART FOR LIFE: Preparing for Heartbeat International (Anaheim CA, April 10-12)

Pregnancy Choices Medical Services Director, Candi Durbin, recently received some exciting news regarding Heartbeat International. Not only will she be attending the annual conference of Pro-Life affiliates for her very first time—she'll also be one of the presenters!

Candi will teach attendees how to expand medical services beyond clinic and ultrasound. Part of that will include information about PC's very successful VITAL program and how they can launch similar programs to impact infant mortality rates in their own communities. She'll also give tips on how to attain free resources through state and national memberships to the National Association of Free Clinics. According to NAFC, only three member clinics are pregnancy centers! Candi says, "We need to improve that number!" She continues, "I hope I can help them explore how they can successfully network with the agencies and organizations in their areas to better serve their clients."

God has truly blessed Pregnancy Choices with an exceptional staff, with Candi representing them on the national level, and with the opportunity to have a ripple effect on pregnancy centers—and beating hearts—across the country.

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

Ann Evrit, Carol Coombs, Cheryl Jackson

Our Love and Sympathy

To the family of Mary Reese.

Newcomers Lunch

Sunday, April 15, 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!

Adoption & Foster Family Lunch

Sunday, April 15, 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 at First Friends. RSVP to Nancy Petroff at npetroff@firstfriends.org or call to let us know you are coming.

Women's Mission Trip Supplies

Help our team of women with supplies still needed for the Dominican mission trip departing April 14th. Go to firstfriends.org/ministries/ women to sign up to donate.

Mission Trips to Barahona, Dominican Republic

Today 12:00 pm (L-1)

Join us for an informational meeting regarding our two trip dates. Please see the Mission Trips section inside for more info.

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.

"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

"I will sing of the Lord's great love forever; with my mouth I will make your faithfulness known through all generations."
Psalm 89:1

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.

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Psalm 89:1

Elementary Children's Church will have a lesson based on the passage of scripture from 1 John 5:6-12



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.

Thank you! Thank you!

On behalf of all the kids at the Easter Egg Hunt, thank you to those that donated candy. It was so SWEET of you! Thank you to the Mom's Group for filling all the eggs so there could be an Easter Egg Hunt - you're the best.

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 11th Choir (6:00 pm) and CLC (7:00 pm)

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.

Saturday Serve

Saturday, April 14th, 10:00am - 3:00 pm
Drop off and Pick up at FFC Main Lobby
Come join us as we go serve at Total Living Center.

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 fun, friendships and fellowship with God. We invite you to bring a snack to donate for the snack cabinet.

Mission Trip Fundraisers

We will have our Student Work Days in April and May. Let your leaders know now what days you can serve. Donations for your services go towards your mission trip.

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

Sunday, April 15 (E-111)

Immediately following the 2nd service we will have an informational meeting and talk about forms needed and travel information. We will try to have a notary for the Dominican group's paperwork.



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. 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

Contact Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org

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.

Conquer Series

Thursdays Starting April 12th, 7:00-9:00 pm room E-115

Men, join us for this 10 week video series to help develop a battle plan for sexual purity. Cost is \$20. Email Phil Johnson at phil.johnson12@gmail.com to reserve a spot. No childcare available. To learn more about this series go to conquerseries.com

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.

Hebrews: The Nearness of King Jesus

New video study by Lisa Harper beginning Wednesday, April 4, 9:00 am in room L-42. Journey through this bridge between the Old and New Testaments to get to the heart of the matter - Jesus is our accessible king. He is not far away, but up close and personal. Study guides available in class for \$13. Childcare provided.

SENIOR MINISTRY

Senior Adult Luncheon

April 14th, 11:30 am in L-42-43

Join us as Richard Haldi shares about the history of Cornelius Aultman, Canton's first millionaire. Sign up and pay \$8 at either Welcome Center by Tuesday, April 10.



FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$36,574	\$41,070
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,670	\$1,343
Total	\$45,098	\$38,244	\$42,413
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$17,449

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.

ASCENT: The Worship Experience

Saturday, April 14, 7:00 pm

Come Worship & Pray with us!



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 April 15. Informational packets and applications will be distributed at the informational meeting April 8 at 12:00 pm (L-1) or 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:

Give as freely as you have received. Matthew 10:8

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.



Family Event... ALL are welcome



Tonight
5:30 pm

Fun & Food Game Show Night



Bring a side
or dessert to
share. Pizza
& drinks
provided.

Priscilla SHIRER
SIMULCAST

\$20

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

Doors open at 8:30 am



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

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Newcomers Luncheon

Sunday, April 15th
12:00 Noon

Meet and greet with Staff and Elders

