



May 13th, 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.

## Happy Mothers Day!

"S.H.A.P.E." Sermon Series  
Spiritual Gifts, Heart Passions, Abilities, Personality, Experiences

I am glad you are here to worship with us today! 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?

Sign Up Genius (This will help evaluate your spiritual gifts)  
<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aaaa629a5fe3-volunteer>

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

Dominican Republic Women's Medical Mission Trip

The gifting of the Holy Spirit was evident in the 12 women who journeyed to Barahona, April 14-21. Lois Ferrel led them on medical clinics: two at Grace and Peace Ministries and two at local churches. Daily the team saw 40-50 women of all ages who received a sequence of services: 1) check-in and vital statistics taken, 2) health education, 3) a visit with the medical doctor or chiropractor (the first on a G&P team in 18 years!), 4) instruction in strengthening or stretching exercise with the PT, 6) prescriptions filled by 2 team nurses. The final stop was the evangelism/prayer room where 30 women received Christ and 7 rededicated their lives to Jesus. The women received Bibles; G&P will help connect them to local churches for discipling. Two interpreters trusted Christ and two team members were baptized in the G&P pool! It was a memorable trip as half the team were first-time missionaries; hearts were connected to one another and the Dominican women.

Pray for:

1. strength, health, and wisdom for G&P missionaries, Bill and Karen Rumple.
2. those who received Christ to develop a passion for Him and a connection to a local church.
3. those who turned away from Christ to hear/see Him in their dreams and respond to His loving pursuit.
4. the widows to whom G&P ministers.
5. wisdom concerning another women's medical team trip in 2019.

## PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

### Have a Prayer Need?

Call or email Greg Roth at 330.454.4100 or [groth@neo.rr.com](mailto:groth@neo.rr.com) and our prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

### Hospitals & Rehab

Christopher Weisse

### Our Love and Sympathy

to David & Suzanne LaBuda and family in the death of David's mother, Eleanor LaBuda.

### Congregational Meeting Change

The Congregational Meeting previously set for May 20 is being rescheduled to a later date. We will announce the rescheduled date soon.

### Happy Mother's Day!

Only God Himself fully appreciates the influence of a Christian mother in the molding of character in her children. - Bill Graham

### Community Fun Day

We are excited to announce that our 2018 Community Fun Day will take place on Saturday, August 25th. We look forward to hosting this event again this year and welcoming our community into our backyard! Mark your calendars and begin to consider ways you can partner with our FFC family to capitalize on this mission field that God has blessed us with.

### The ALIVE Music Festival

July 20th - July 22nd at Atwood Lake Park. Featured artists include: MercyMe, Crowder, Needtobreathe, Tim Hawkins, Switchfoot, and more! Check out their website at [ALIVE.org](http://ALIVE.org) for information about who is coming and registration for tickets.

## 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

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. Ephesians 1:4

### 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

For he chose us in him before the creation of the world to be holy and blameless in his sight. Ephesians 1:4

### Elementary Children's Church

"Post It Notes From God" series continues as kids learn that God has an amazing plan for each one of us and we must follow it!



## CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at [tforsythe@firstfriends.org](mailto:tforsythe@firstfriends.org)

### Children's Spring Concert Was a HUGE SUCCESS!

Thank you to all the children who worked so hard memorizing songs, solos, lines and to their parents who helped them. It was a fantastic night. To all of those who came - thank you for coming out for a fun night. We were so glad you came.

### Save the Date- Vacation Bible School - June 25-29

Time Lab - Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future. Children ages 4 through Going into 6th Grade are invited to attend a fun filled week of learning about Jesus. Volunteer today for a wonderful week by filling out the Volunteer Form in your bulletin and place in the offering plate or return it to the Welcome Center.

### Camp Gideon

Information for the Summer Camp Schedule has been sent home. Please ask your children about the brochures they have received.

### 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 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.

## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: [www.greenhouse242.com](http://www.greenhouse242.com)



Contact Ben Croston at [bcroston@firstfriends.org](mailto:bcroston@firstfriends.org)

Follow us on facebook at: [facebook.com/greenhouse242/](https://facebook.com/greenhouse242/)

Check our website for more on our Calendar. [www.greenhouse242.com](http://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.

### End of The Year Bash

Wednesday, May 16th 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Official Wednesday Night Youth group will not meet again after the End of the Year Bash until Wednesday June 6th.

## 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](mailto:bcroston@firstfriends.org) for more information.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Website: [www.warehouse514.org](http://www.warehouse514.org)



Contact Scott Calhoun at [scalhoun@firstfriends.org](mailto: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.

### Leaders Gathering

Wednesday, May 23  
More details to come.

### Mandatory Missions Training

Sunday, May 20, June 3, June 10 7:00 – 8:30 pm E-111

If you are going on a trip this summer, you are required to be at these meetings.

### Sent & Love Your City

Saturday, May 19th 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

This is the last SENT before your mission trips. Location TBD.

### End of School Year Bash

Wednesday, May 16th 7:00 pm - 8:30 pm

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

## CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa Maxin at [tmxin@firstfriends.org](mailto:tmxin@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.

### SHAPE Class

Sunday, May 20 in room E-108 at 9:00 am

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

### Christian Apologetics

Begins Wednesday, May 16, 6:30 pm in room E-102

In this 6-session DVD study by Lee Stroble (The Case for Christ) you will learn evidence-based answers to the tough questions about Jesus.

## MEN'S MINISTRY

### Men's Cookout and Hangout (Time Change: Lunch at 1:00 pm)

Sunday, May 20th from 1:00-4:00 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](mailto:syost@firstfriends.org).

## 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.

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Kathleen Dungan [kdungan@firstfriends.org](mailto:kdungan@firstfriends.org)

Celebrate Recovery Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm Join us for this biblically based and Jesus centered recovery ministry. By working and applying the Biblical principles and 12 Steps we grow spiritually. Programs for youth are also available. The Landing Grades 6-12, Celebration Place Grades 1-5, Nursery/infant and Kindergarten.

## FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$49,139	\$42,276
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$2,057	\$1,392
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,098</b>	<b>\$51,196</b>	<b>\$43,668</b>
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$25,167
*To fully fund budget - \$ 2,300,000			

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2018 Budget is based on 51 Sundays.

One Sunday General offering will be given to mission projects.

## MISSION TRIPS

### Dominican Republic

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

The Team size is limited for this trip. Applications are still being accepted. 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:

*Let no debt remain outstanding, except the continuing debt to love one another. For he who loves his fellowman has fulfilled the law. Romand 13:8 NIV*

Come join in giving blessings to others by posting some used items on the Blessing board on Facebook.

Also, summer is around the corner, take the guess-work and stress out of your weekly giving and give on line. Go to the First Friends website and click on the E giving button; <https://secure.firstfriends.org/give/egiving>

## SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 or visit [firstfriendssports.com](http://firstfriendssports.com)  
Registrations available in the church brochure racks and on our website [firstfriendssports.com](http://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.

## 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.

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# SHAPE CLASSES

SUNDAY, MAY 20TH

9:00 AM

ROOM E-108

DISCOVER YOUR UNIQUE SPIRITUAL GIFTS,  
HEART PASSIONS, ABILITIES, PERSONALITY,  
AND EXPERIENCES.

UNLOCK YOUR POTENTIAL  
AND EXPLORE GOD'S PLAN FOR YOUR LIFE

## Congregational Meeting Change TBA

### Men's Fellowship Outing

Come join in a time of Food, Fun and Fellowship.

May 20th, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

We will be gathering at Jim Aman's property.  
10854 Edison St. NE, Alliance OH 44601

For More Information:

Contact: Pastor Shawn Yost at [syost@firstfriends.org](mailto:syost@firstfriends.org)



Join us May 19 for our  
Love Your City Outreach.

For more ideas and information please  
visit our table outside the sanctuary.

Future Love Your City dates:

June 8 & July 13