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May 20th, 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!

Today I will be wrapping up a sermon series on how God creates each one of us with a unique S.H.A.P.E. and then invites us to be part of His mission to restore humanity to Himself! Each one of us is given Spiritual Gifts, Heart Passions, Abilities, Personality, and Experiences that God intends to become a masterpiece of His own design. When we submit our entire lives to Christ, the Church becomes a beautiful table setting ready to serve a banquet of God's grace to the world. Today I will be sharing how our conversations can be seasoned with the Gospel Good News.

Also today we are excited to present our ministry partners, "Hammer & Nails", with a generosity check to bless their ministry to our city!

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



Today is the International Day for the Unreached

Sponsored by the Alliance for the Unreached, churches, ministry organizations, Christian media and individual believers are called upon to be the voice of advocacy for 2 billion+ people who have yet to hear the gospel. The purpose for the International Day for the Unreached is to educate, inspire, and motivate believers in North America to take a stand on behalf of those who have yet to hear the Good News and to do what God has equipped us to do to assure everyone has a chance to meet Jesus.

We invite the First Friends family to view a special 90-minute broadcast tonight at 8pm on Facebook or on [dayfortheunreached.org](http://dayfortheunreached.org). The purpose of the broadcast is to help us become engaged in the most important work we have today — introducing these unreached people to the transforming love of Jesus Christ in order that EVERY person of every tribe and every nation is given the opportunity to learn about God's love and forgiveness! Special guests on the broadcast include Phil Stacey, Christian recording artist and former American Idol finalist; Ruth Kramer, producer and Host of Mission Network News; and Wayne Pederson, Executive Director, International Day for the Unreached. Focus on the Family is hosting and producing this live event at their Colorado Springs headquarters.

"With more than 2 billion people who haven't had a chance to meet Jesus, it's time ... to take a radical stand and say 'This has to end in our generation.'" —Rick Warren, pastor and author



## 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.

### Our Love and Sympathy

the families of: Craig & Nancy Petroff in the death of Nancy's mother, Lois Nicoll and Mike & Ellen Dunham in the death of Ellen's sister, Debbie Foraker.

### 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.

### Hospitals & Rehab

Christopher Weisse, Gene Miller

### 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" Today we will focus on the fact we have to continually clean out the sinful "trash" in our lives.



## CHILDREN

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

### 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.

### Wednesday Night Youth Group

Our next regular Wednesday Night youth group will be on June 6th

### Student and Parent Mission Meeting

Today, Sunday May 20th, 5:00pm – 6:30 pm (E-101)

This meeting is for the students and parents of students going on the Long Island Mission Trip.

### Wednesday Night Student Mission Meetings

Wednesdays, May 23rd and May 30th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, (E-101)

These meetings are for students and leaders going on the Long Island Mission Trip in June. They are a time to train, prepare, and unite us before we go to serve together on our mission trip.

## 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.

### 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.

### Leaders Gathering

Wednesday, May 23

More details to come.

## CONNECT GROUPS

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

### 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). If you have not had time to RSVP no worry. We'd love to have you there.

## 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	\$33,387	\$41,808
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,075	\$1,375
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,098</b>	<b>\$34,462</b>	<b>\$43,183</b>
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$26,124
*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.

## 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.





## SHAPE CLASSES

Today, 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 for Food, Fun and Fellowship.

Today, 1:00 pm - 4:00 pm.

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

Pastor Shawn Yost  
syost@firstfriends.org

## Graduates

Sunday, June 3

We will be honoring our graduating seniors during the main services. Please invite your parents, family and friends on this Sunday for a special time of recognition and prayer.

