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**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.

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

### Three Invitations from Pregnancy Choices (PC)

"Be our guest at Canal Park on July 14 at 7:05 pm when the Akron Rubber Ducks take on TIM TEBOW and his Rumble Ponies! It's sure to be a fun family night out—with FIREWORKS following the game! No cost to attend; donations are appreciated! Pick up tickets at the Pregnancy Choices campus nearest you.

Up to four tickets per individual are available at no charge—additional tickets are available at the low price of \$8 each.

And then circle NOVEMBER 15 on your calendar when Tim's Mom—PAM TEBOW—"steps up to bat" as special guest speaker for our fall banquet at historic Greystone Hall in Akron! Call Suzie with questions at 330-324-2424."

PC is very grateful to their team of awesome volunteers, and could not accomplish all they do without them. If you feel a tug on your heart to join them, their next Volunteer Training is June 11-14. Volunteers may choose from more than 40 areas of service, from client advocate to running a baby boutique. PC will be glad to help you find the fit that's right for you. For more information, please contact new Client Services Director, Rebecca Studer, at 330-455-7500 extension 204.

## PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

### Memorial Day

Take time to remember and give thanks for those who have given so much in order that we might enjoy the freedoms that we have today. "Greater love has no one than this, that one lay down his life for his friends." John 15:13

### Have a Prayer Need?

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

### Today's Altar Flowers

were given by Marilyn Garrott and family in loving memory of Rich Garrott, husband, father and grandfather

### Congregational Meeting Change

The Congregational Meeting is being rescheduled to a later date. We will announce the rescheduled date soon.

### Church Office Closed

Our church offices will be closed tomorrow for Memorial Day.

### Hospitals & Rehab

Debbie Oravetz, Christopher Weisse

### 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 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

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### Elementary Children's Church

"Post It Notes From God" Our main focus for today's lesson is that we have to daily slow the pace of our lives down and make time to spend with God.



## 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 it in the offering plate or return it to the Welcome Center. Another easy way to sign up would be to go to the following web site:

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/10c0a4aaa629a5fe3-volunteer>

Just scroll down to Vacation Bible School.

### 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

### Wednesday Night Student Mission Meetings

Wednesday, May 30th, 6:00 pm – 7:30 pm, (E-101)

This meetings is for students and leaders going on the Long Island Mission Trip in June. Come 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 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, 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.

### Summer Nights

Wednesday, June 6th, 7:00 - 8:30 pm

Come join us as we kick off our summer programming. There will be worship, games and fellowship.

### Love Your City

Friday, June 8th, Witwer Park North

Come serve the community by helping with face painting, inflatables, crafts, etc. Enjoy the movie "Ferdinand" at dusk. Sign up available in E-111.





## 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.

### Library

Do you love books? We are looking for a library volunteer to serve one Sunday service per month helping patrons, checking in and shelving books, and helping with annual inventory. If interested, contact Trisha Abbruzzi at [tabbruzzi@firstfriends.org](mailto:tabbruzzi@firstfriends.org) and 330-966-2800

## 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.

## 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)



Our spring 2018 sports season is in full swing and our summer season is beginning. We are asking that you keep everyone from the following leagues in prayer, including players, parents, coaches and leaders... Youth Soccer, Baseball, Summer Youth/Adult Volleyball, Arts Academy, Men's Softball, and Summer Sports Camps.

## FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$43,666	\$41,901
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,120	\$1,362
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,098</b>	<b>\$44,786</b>	<b>\$43,263</b>
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$27,302
*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 gently 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>

## 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.



# VACATION BIBLE SCHOOL

JUNE 25-29TH

DISCOVERING JESUS FROM ETERNITY PAST TO ETERNITY FUTURE.

CHILDREN AGES 4 THROUGH GOING INTO 5TH GRADE

VOLUNTEER TODAY FOR A WONDERFUL WEEK



**Please join our church in prayer as our Youth Missions Team are reaching neighbors and nations for Christ.**

- Middle School Ministry Missions Trip to Long Island, New York: June 10-16
- High School Ministry Missions Trip to Barahona, Dominican Republic: June 15-22
- High School Ministry Missions Trip to Philippi, West Virginia: July 8-13

## 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.

## ALIVE FESTIVAL 2018



JULY 20TH - JULY 22ND

AT ATWOOD LAKE PARK

[ALIVE.ORG](http://ALIVE.ORG) FOR INFORMATION