

May 6, 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

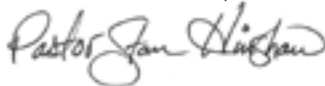
Here at First Friends, God works through prayer. We offer different opportunities for prayer at our altar each Sunday. During our musical worship, if you would like to come and pray at the altar in private, we invite you to come to the left side by our cross. If you would like one of our Prayer Team 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!**

## Special Speaker Dr. Michael Brown:

**Today we welcome Dr. Michael Brown as our special guest speaker. Michael is coming to us with years of experience in Campus Crusade for Christ at Bowling Green University and leadership development around the nation in helping believers share the Gospel's Good News of Jesus Christ. We are looking forward to hearing what God has to say to us through Michael today!**

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

Prayer Requests from Ken & Kathy Keyes – Wycliffe Bible Translators

- The prospect of Ken continuing to work remotely for Eurasia isn't feasible at this time from the overseas administration's view. This is disappointing to Keyes, but not a surprise to God! They're not exactly sure what is ahead, but they are still committed to seeing God's Word reach those who haven't heard. Pray that God's leading is apparent as they work with Wycliffe departments to see what possibilities are God's best plan for them. While they were waiting on the administrative decision concerning whether Ken could continue to work remotely for Eurasia, he had been going over language data, doing analysis, and maintaining contacts and relationships with local speakers. He also uploaded a rough draft of a local language dictionary with audio recordings to the internet. When one Eurasian man tried it, he responded, "Wow! This sounds as if I was standing right next to the people!"

- Kathy who will be taking on the role of "Eurasia Ministry Budget Specialist." It will be part-time and do-able from Dallas. She's also enjoying the opportunity to help with small logistics tasks at the International Linguistics Center (ILC) from time-to-time.

## 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

Linda Gamble, Tom Kaser, Christopher Weisse, Cheryl Jackson, Gene Miller

### The Primary Election is this Tuesday, May 8th

Do your research and pray about issues

### Congregational Meeting

Sunday, May 20 at 6:30 PM. The elders are unanimously recommending a three-year extension to Pastor Stan's pastoral call. Our Evangelical Friends Church denomination requires members to vote on the pastors call. May 20 we will gather for prayer and confirmation. Any questions before hand can be directed to Thom Nikolaidas, Lead Elder.

### 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.

# 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

will begin a series called, "Post It Notes From God". Today kids will learn every person is a masterpiece of God who really matters to Him!



# CHILDREN

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

## Children's Spring Concert

Tonight at 6pm, Room E111

**Little Praisers** (3 yr olds - 1st grade) will touch your heart and make you smile as they sing for Jesus.

**Glory Gazers** (2nd grade - 5th grade) will bless you with their voices and share through the musical **Plane 'Ol Mission Trip** where the mission field truly is.

### 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

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.

## Mandatory Missions Training

Sunday, May 6 7:00 – 8:30 pm E-111

If you are going on a trip this summer, you are required to be at this meeting

## 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

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

## CONNECT GROUPS

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

### 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.

## 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).

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

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

### Love Class

Sundays in room E-104 at 9:00 am

We will be using Right Now Media to watch *Everyday Jesus* by Pete Briscoe. We will meet through the month of June (not Memorial Day weekend though) and then take a break the months of July and August.

We will then start up again in September with a new study.

## 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](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.



## FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$55,264	\$41,874
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$797	\$1,352
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,098</b>	<b>\$56,061</b>	<b>\$43,226</b>
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$22,700
*To fully fund budget - \$ 2,300,000			

2018 Budget is based on 51 Sundays.

One Sunday General offering will be given to mission projects.



## 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

### 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:

*We make our own plans, but the Lord decides where we will go. Proverbs 16:9*

The Blessing Board of First Friends: Do you have some items you discovered during your spring cleaning that you think would be a blessing to someone else and are only in your way. Take a picture of the item, post in on the Blessing Board then enjoy the experience of blessing someone else.





# 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  
Sunday, May 20  
at 6:30 PM



Join us May 19 for our  
Love Your City Outreach.

We are excited to partner with Canton Lighthouse Ministries as well as The Total Living Center. We are serving at these locations from 9:00 AM - 1:00 PM. We will meet at the church at 8:15 AM and commute from here. Please visit our website or sign up at our Love Your City table outside the sanctuary.



If you are unable to serve on May 19, we are encouraging you to serve in your own community the week of May 13. Invite your neighbors over for a game night, a BBQ, bake cookies for your school teachers, or help a neighbor in need, etc. Then email your God stories about your experiences to [pastor@firstfriends.org](mailto:pastor@firstfriends.org)

For more ideas and information please visit our table outside the sanctuary. Future Love Your City dates:  
June 8 & July 13