



July 15th, 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.

"Identity Theft"

Each one of us is created by God with a unique identity that is a reflection of His image (Gen. 1:27). The problem is Jesus said there is a thief that comes to steal, kill and destroy who we are (John 10:10).

This summer in a sermon series I am calling "Identity Theft", I want to show you how to discover and protect the identity God the Father has given you through His Son Jesus. We will be looking at Paul's letter to the Ephesians to find out what it means for us to find our identity "in Christ".

Each week there will be a passage from Ephesians for you to read and use my P.R.A.Y. Scripture method to help you become what God says is true about you.

"P. – Pray" inviting God to speak to you through His Word

"R. – Read" Scripture slowly 2-3 times, in different translations if possible

"A. – Ask" questions about the passage including who, what, why, when & how

- Be quiet for a few minutes and allow God to speak to you through your thoughts and feelings.

"Y. – Yield" Write a prayer of response to God and surrender to His Word for you

Ephesians P.R.A.Y. Scripture Reading Plan: (the week prior to the dates listed)

Sunday, July 15 - Ephesians 2:11-22

Sunday, July 22 - Ephesians 3:1-13

Sunday, July 29 - Ephesians 3:14-21

* The full reading plan is found on our FFC Mobile App and at www.firstfriends.org/sermons

The book *Victory Over Darkness: Realize the power of your identity in Christ*, by Neil T. Anderson is available for \$10 at the Welcome Centers.

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 AND NATIONS

Josh and Abigail Jellel – SEND International

Last quarter, SEND conducted a campaign to educate people about the need to reach Buddhists – a perfect opportunity for Josh to contribute his skills! He collaborated with his North America-based counterparts to brainstorm direction for the campaign, created the web page, and facilitated contributions from SEND missionaries working with Buddhists around Asia. (<https://www.send.org/path-to-peace>)

One of Josh's goals was to re-launch a lapsed email newsletter from their regional office to their regional members. He managed the redesign with the help of a designer friend from Moody and sent out the first issue in June.

Earlier this year Abigail planned a 6-day women's retreat: Soul Care Asia. Women from each of the region's countries were represented, and many said it was the best retreat they'd attended. Everyone left spiritually, mentally, and physically rejuvenated.

Abigail also was in charge of coordinating a joint conference for the China and Taiwan fields. For her first time planning a retreat for about 75 adults and children, everything went incredibly smoothly! It was a great time to get to know their coworkers in China and learn how they can serve them better.

But Abigail's favorite part of past few months has been engaging her primary role as opportunities coordinator. She's been learning what short-, mid-, and long-term "opps" exist for people to serve throughout their region and how to promote them, and talking with the recruiters who share these opps on college campuses and in churches.

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

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.

EFC-ER Yearly Meeting

"**Lifting Up the Nets**" July 21-24 (held at First Friends Church) Join us with other Friends churches for worship, conversations, and celebration! Special events include a "Share Your Faith" seminar and worship service with Reverend Art Hallett and a worship concert with pianist Dr. Adlan Cruz. Pick up a brochure or go to www.efcer.org/ym18 for more info.

Water Baptism

Sunday, July 29

A one-time required class will be held today at 9:00 in room E-108.

Yearly Meeting Ushers Needed

We have an urgent need for ushers (men and women) for Yearly Meeting Services. If you are available Saturday, July 21 and/or Sunday, July 22 we could use your help. We would need you here by 6:00 p.m. Services begin at 6:30 p.m. Contact Kate Harris @ 330-966-2800 or kharris@firstfriends.org

Congregational Meeting

TODAY 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 pastor's call. July 15th we will gather for prayer and confirmation. Any questions beforehand can be directed to Thom Nikolaidis, Lead Elder at: elder@firstfriends.org

Parking Lot "Face Lift"

July 2 - July 17 the Market Avenue entrance to our parking lot will be closed due to the resurfacing of the area of our parking lot skirting the Youth & CE wing of our facility.

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

The Lord is near to all who call on him, to all who call on him in truth. Psalm 145:18

Elementary Verse

Now the one who has fashioned us for this very purpose is God, who has given us the Spirit as a deposit, guaranteeing what is to come. 2 Corinthians 5:5

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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Elementary Children's Church

Our "Animal Tales" series continues today as we look at the talking donkey that belonged to Balaam and how that reminds us that we must obey God no matter what.



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

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.



Family Camp

Aug 31-Sept 2

Join us for a fun weekend at Camp Gideon! Family Camp is designed for families with kids of all ages. Pick up a brochure at a Welcome Center or brochure rack with all the details.

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.

Wednesday Night Youth Group

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm

Come for a night to spice up your summer week with small groups, games, other people, and encouragement through GOD's Word. We hope to see you there.

Cedar Point

Monday, July 16th, 8:00 am-Midnight

Cost is \$40 person plus money for food. The cost includes All you can Drink Wristband. Permission/Medical Form is also required.

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 for more information.

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.

World Vision Update

Today 9:00 am (E-111)

Join us as we hear about the ways God was at work in the lives of the students and the community in West Virginia.

Cedar Point

Monday, July 16th, 8:00 am-Midnight

Cost is only \$40 plus money for food. Sign up today.

Summer Nights

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (E-111)

Join us for our summer programming. There will be worship, games and fellowship. We will also have off site activities such as bonfires, so check the website for the schedule.

Save the Date:

August 3 – Guys Night Out

August 17 – Girls Night Out

August 18 – SENT

August 25 – Community Fun Day

CONNECT GROUPS

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.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

 Kathleen Dungan 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.

MEN'S MINISTRY

 Contact Pastor Shawn Yost: syost@firstfriends.org or (330) 966-2800 ext. 240.

Men's Conference - "The Main Event"

August 10 - 12

Location: Hendersonville, TN (Near Nashville)

Speakers: James MacDonald, Robby Gallaty, Ted Dibiasi

Topics: How men grow in Christ, fatherhood, calling, marriage, friendships, traps men face, and much more.

Cost: \$230 (Meals not included)

Registration Forms: Pickup at the Welcome Center

For more information: Contact Pastor Shawn Yost

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

Our summer 2018 Sports and Arts Ministry season is upon us. We are asking that you keep everyone from the following leagues in prayer, including players, parents, coaches and leaders... Youth/Adult Volleyball, Men's Basketball and Men's Softball.

CAMPS

Co-ed Basketball Camp for Gr K-5 (completed) July 16 - July 19

Boys Basketball Camp for Gr 6-8 (going into) July 25 - July 27

Boys Basketball Camp for Gr 9-12 (going into) July 30 - August 2

Co-ed Soccer Finishing Camp Age 6-15 July 16-20



FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$45,232	\$41,016
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,534	\$1,371
Total	\$45,098	\$46,766	\$42,387
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$37,058
*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.

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:

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

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

Summer is here. 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>

Quarterly Report 6/30/18

General Ministries & Missions	
2018 Budget	\$2,300,000
YTD Budget	\$1,150,000
YTD Revenues	\$1,069,280
YTD Expenses	\$1,107,285
Net Revenues to Expenses	(\$-38,005)
Net Revenues to Budget	(\$-80,720)

Thank you for your faithful giving. 2nd Quarter Financial Reports are available at the Welcome Centers.



Congregational Meeting Tonight at 6:30pm

The Elders are unanimously recommending a three-year extension to Pastor Stan's call. Our denomination currently asks members to prayerfully vote on the pastor's call. Please join us tonight for this important meeting. All are welcome but only FFC members can vote. Childcare is provided.

First Friends Church
COMMUNITY

Fun Day

Saturday, August 25, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
FREE Food, Games, Inflatables & Fun!

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