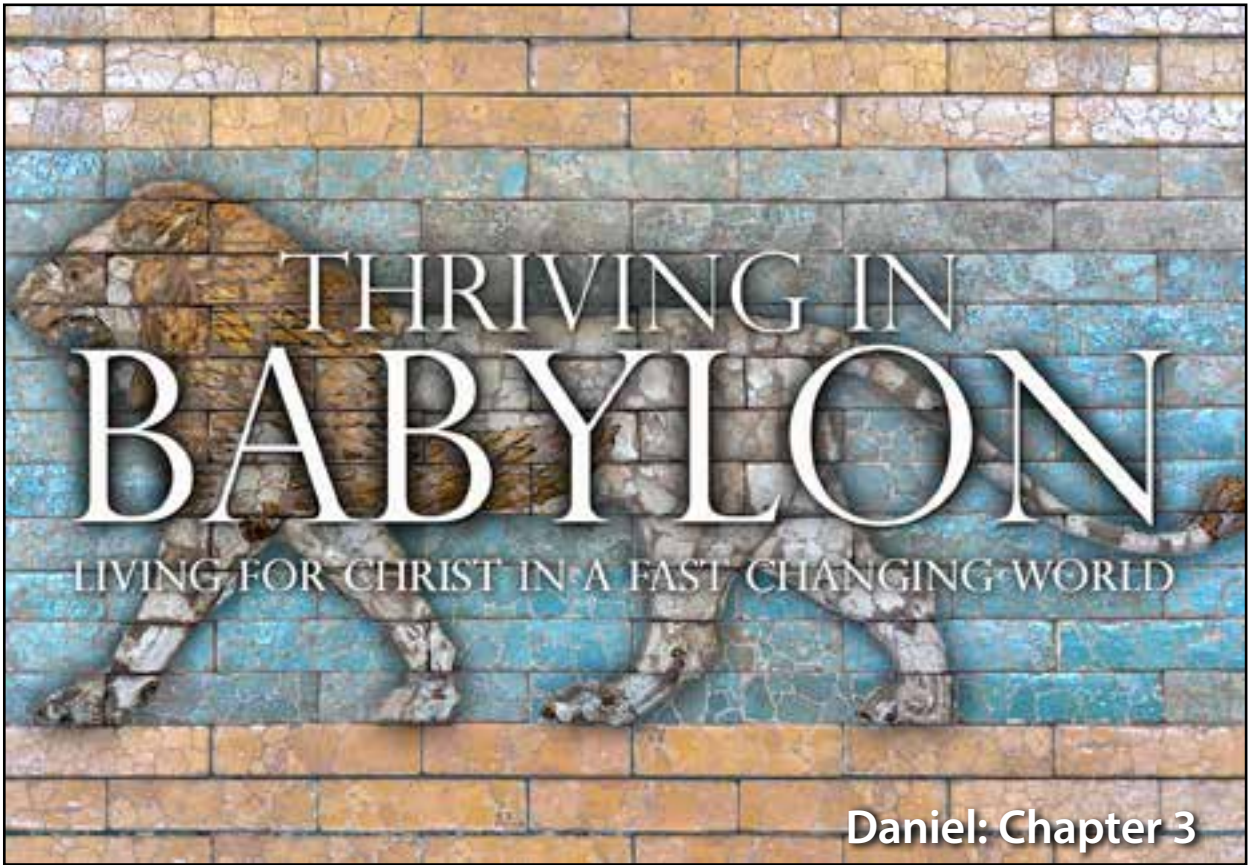




Daniel: Chapter 3

August 21, 2016



Vision:

“ONE life restored and reaching ONE more”

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Service Times
8:15 am • 9:30 am • 11:00 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.

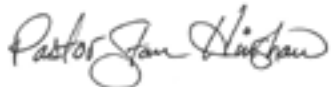
Thriving in Babylon: Daniel 1-6 Living for Christ in a Fast Changing World

During the month of August my messages will be from the Book of Daniel, chapters 1-6, on the authority, power, and sovereignty of God in the midst of difficult circumstances.

Daniel and many other Israelites were forced into captivity and taken to live in Babylon. They were thrust into a culture that worshipped many gods, but not the God of Israel. Daniel and his friends were chosen to serve the pagan king Nebuchadnezzar and had to navigate decisions about their faith and convictions in a godless culture.

We too face a culture that is becoming more and more secular, and changing so fast that it sometimes feels like we are 'foreigners' living in a pagan land. Do we fight? Do we flee? Are we at war? Is God really in control? Can He work out His divine plan no matter who our leaders are? How do we live out our personal convictions in a world that doesn't understand us? How do we work with other believers who disagree with us?

Join us for this important and timely sermon series, and bring someone with you!



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.

Come, Grow, GO - REACHING NEIGHBORS & NATIONS

A "Good Weekend" for Abraham Bible (Ukraine)

"It is Friday morning 1:45 am.... In 15 minutes the car will arrive and we will be off. It will be a long trip today - 16 hours.... The road is good, one of the best we have--except the last stretch. I doze as... I can.... The last 150 miles takes 5 hours.... We arrive at 6:00 pm, just in time to welcome the brothers. Ninety-some men arrive for prayer and training. At 8:30 pm I begin lecturing on Harvest Evangelism, specific evangelism for MEN. Lectures are short and each closes with a special time of intensive prayer. After 5 hours of training we conclude prayers at 1:30 am.... At 2:00 am I make it to bed. Soon 5:30 am rolls around.... I need to be there at 6:00 am. Some of the brothers are already outside with their Bibles having devotions and prayer times. At 6:30 am we begin with a general prayer time and move from there to lectures and practicing new methods of contacting MEN on the street. It is based on Jesus' instruction to find MEN of peace and work with them. After shaking up some of our old concepts on evangelism and creating faith in the way Jesus did things, it is 3:00 pm - time to go home. Tracts, banners, and posters need to be repacked. Finances are properly dealt with.... And future dates set for further training in the fall. At 4:15 pm we leave on our way home."

Note: Abe is 70+ years old.

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Have a Prayer Need?

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

Altar Flowers

If you would like to have flowers on the Altar to celebrate a special occasion or in memory or honor of someone special to you, call Janet to arrange a date.

Children's Wing "Make Over"

Make sure to visit the completed Children's Wing today. Thank you for helping us get our "makeover" done! You're going to be WOWed! Jeremiah 29:11

Hospitals and Rehab

Barry Betz, Tom Laursen, Marissa Miller, Irene Lanning

Congratulations

to Nathan & Molly Weisel at the birth of Isaac Lee.

Library

We are in the middle of our annual library inventory, so please excuse our mess. Boxes and stacks of books everywhere! While we appreciate and welcome donations to our library, we ask that you please hold off on donations until September when we will have the inventory completed.

Prayer For Community Fun Day

Friday, August 26, 6:30 - 7:00 pm (E-101)
Join us as we prepare spiritually for this community wide event!

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:30 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

"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit." Romans 15:13

Elementary Verse

But these are written that you may believe that Jesus is the Messiah, the Son of God, and that by believing you may have life in his name. John 20:31

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

11:00 am

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 Verse

"But you will receive power when the Holy Spirit comes on you; and you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." Acts 1:8

CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

New Pager System for our Nursery

No longer will you need to remember to return your pager! The Mobile Text Alert System is here. Sign up at the nurseries. All we need is your child's name and your cell phone number. We should be up and running soon!

Opportunities to Serve

We still have many opportunities to minister to our children available. Please sign up at our tables in the Children's Wing. We would be blessed to have you be a part of our team.

Safety Doors

Our safety doors will 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.

Looking Ahead

August

- 21 Children's Ministry Wing "Total Make Over" Reveal
- 27 Community Fun Day - Church Picnic, 11:00 am - 3:00 pm
- 28 5th Grade Students will be promoted to Middle School

September

- 4 Promotion Sunday
- 14 Children's Choirs and CLC Begin



MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: www.greenhouse242.com

Contact Ben Croston at bcroston@firstfriends.org

Sunday Morning

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45 am (E-101)

Join us for worship, lessons, and activities.

Wednesday Night Start Up

Wednesdays, August 31, 6:30 – 8:30pm (E-101)

Join us for a time of fun, friendships, and fellowship with God.

Promotion Sunday and Akron Rubber Ducks!

Sunday, August 28, 12:30 pm (meet in E-101)

New 6th graders will join the Greenhouse during second service and then all Middle Schoolers, friends, and family are invited to join us for an Akron Rubber Ducks game in the afternoon. Email msassistant@firstfriends.org with how many tickets you would like. The price is \$6 a ticket.

Chairs (*Both Middle School & High School*)

The Chairs plus program is a great opportunity for you to lessen your cost for youth events such as retreats, mission trips, camps, etc. Sign up now for September through December dates by emailing highschool@firstfriends.org or middleschool@firstfriends.org.

HIGH SCHOOL

Website: www.warehouse514.org

Contact Scott Calhoun at scalhoun@firstfriends.org or visit warehouse514.org



Sunday Morning

Sundays, 9:30 - 10:45 am

Come join us for worship and a relevant message to help you grow in your faith and experience a friendly, fun, and exciting atmosphere.

Adult Leadership Meeting

TODAY, 12:00 - 2:00 pm (E-111)

Lunch will be provided.

Freshman Frenzy

Saturday, August 27, 3:00 – 10:00pm (E-111)

All incoming freshman are invited to join us for a fun day out. We are leaving from the church and going rafting, putt-putt golf, and go-carts. We will end up at Pastor Scott's house for a bonfire. Cost is \$10. Pick up will be at Scott's house (11183 Cottingham Circle NW Uniontown, OH 44685). Please email us at highschool@firstfriends.org if you are planning to attend.

Wednesday Night Launch

Wednesday, August 31 7:00 – 8:30 pm (E-111)

Join us as we kick off a new academic school year at Warehouse514 with fun, fellowship and games.

Promotion Sunday Pancake Breakfast

Sunday, August 28, 9:30 am (E-111)

Welcome incoming Freshman! You are invited to come enjoy a pancake breakfast along with the Warehouse514 students.

CONNECT GROUPS

Contact Theresa at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

Connect Group Directory

Connect Group directories are available TODAY as well as the ability to sign up for a group on-line.

MEN

Contact Shawn at syost@firstfriends.org

Men of Action Breakfast

Saturday, September 17, 8:00 - 10:00 am, (E-101)

Mark your calendars now to join us for breakfast, worship and a topic TBD

MARRIAGE & FAMILY

Contact Shawn Yost at syost@firstfriends.org



COMMUNITY FUN DAY

At First Friends Church
Food • Games • Inflatables
August 27, 2016
11:00 am - 3:00 pm

We Need 30 more volunteers!

... to be the hands and feet of Jesus to our neighbors and community for this major outreach event. Where will you serve? Forms are available at the Welcome Center.

ALL THINGS WOMEN

Contact Theresa at tmaxin@firstfriends.org

Save the Date for "Fall Frenzy"

Don't miss the Women's Fall Frenzy on Friday, September 30th in our church pavilion. Bring a friend and join us for a bonfire, food and fun. More details to come!

YOUNG ADULTS

Contact Beth at bkerlin@firstfriends.org

Connect

Wednesdays, in August (Coffee Commons)

Pastor Stan will be leading us through *S.H.A.P.E.* by Erick Reeves. This study will help you discover God's unique purpose for your life based on the way God has shaped you. We will start at a special time of 7:30 pm in the coffee commons.

Kalahari

Saturday & Sunday, August 27 & 28

We will be going to Kalahari and staying in one of their Entertainment Villas to celebrate the end of the Color War. Cost is \$70. There are very few spots left, so email bkerlin@firstfriends.org ASAP to reserve your spot!

Know a college student?

Lets send them a care package! Email bkerlin@firstfriends.org or call 330.966.2800.

STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Contact Dave Williams at dwilliams@firstfriends.org

Financial Peace University begins Sunday, September 25th at 11:00 am. Visit the First Friends Stewardship website at firstfriends.org/ministries/stewardship/resources- to download your budget or other helpful financial tools.

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

FLAG FOOTBALL!

The league begins with evaluations on Saturday, September 10th, for boys and girls in kindergarten (or age 5) through 6th Grade. Age divisions will be K-1st Grade, 2nd - 3rd Grade and 4th - 6th Grade.*

Practices will be on Thursday evenings with all games played on Saturday afternoons. * Registration is open online at our website, firstfriendssports.com. We hope to see you all out on the football field this fall!

*age divisions and game times may be subject to change based on participation.



FFC Financial Update as of 8/7

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	YTD Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$46,176	\$28,296	\$41,946
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$2,353	\$1,051	\$1,950
Total	\$48,529	\$29,347	\$43,896
Home Improvement Received in 2016			\$78,936
*to fully fund budget – \$2,475,000			



2016 Budget is based on 51 Sundays. One entire Sunday offering will be given to mission projects.



We are so excited to launch our new emphasis for transforming hearts, homes and the world, but we need YOUR help to know what your spiritual needs are. Between today and August 31st, we would like everyone over 18 years of age to take this 10 minute FaithLife on-line survey so we as a church can help you! Just follow the directions below:

1. Go to faithlife.me
2. Click on Take Survey
3. Question 4 on the survey will ask for our church code. Type in 581.
4. Question 5 will ask our church denomination. Click on other and type in Evangelical Friends.

Save the Date!

Senior Kickoff Dinner
Sunday, September 11,
at 6:30 pm

(More details coming soon)

A yellow rectangular card with a red pushpin on the left side. The text on the card reads: 'First Friends Church' in a small black font, 'Family Camp' in a large black serif font, 'SEPTEMBER 2 - 4, 2016' in a black sans-serif font, 'Registration deadline:' in a small black font, and 'August 24th' in a bold black sans-serif font. Below the card, it says 'Brochures are available at the Welcome Center and in the brochure racks.'

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