

# TRANSFORM



HEART



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September 11, 2016

## Vision:

“ONE life restored and reaching ONE more”

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**FirstFriends.org**

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.

## “Transform the Heart...Transform the Home...Transform the World”

We are excited to launch a new mission and vision, here at First Friends, that emphasizes the unique partnership we have as the church with families in “Building mature followers of Jesus through the Church and home! God designed faith to be imparted first through the family and then to the world. As sin and brokenness continue to impact our homes, our community, and the world, we believe this is the time for a new vision of what God can do in all of us.

Join us through October 9<sup>th</sup> to hear how we believe God is calling us all to be transformed by the Spirit of God, and how this will impact generations to come!

*Let this be written for a future generation, that a people not yet created may praise the Lord: Psalm 102:18*

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

### Praises and Prayer Requests from Delton and Fernie Hochstedler (Brazil)

- That all 5 of the Hochstedler children are healthy and growing
- For the completion of their school year (which was a little late due to baby Lucas' arrival)
- That God has raised up a strong Christian lady to assume the leadership at their residential home – as well as the funds to pay her
- For lasting fruit from the work done in evangelism and child protection by friends of theirs during the Olympics
- For two weeks (late August/early September), their team was involved with 4 different training opportunities with about 600 people. These were primarily social work/foster care related, but the hope is that the light of Christ was evident to the trainees and will ultimately bear Kingdom fruit.
- For a maintenance man for their Casa Elohim property which is showing signs of wear and tear. 6-12 months of such help would turn the tide.
- For funding partners for the foster care program for next year because the government funds are going to end.
- For more foster families willing to take children, such as the recent hospitalized 3 month old whose health is critical due to negligence.

## PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

### Have a Prayer Need?

Call Gerry Bradshaw at 330.499.5575. Our faithful prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

### Altar Flowers

We have many open dates for you 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.

### Hospitals and Rehab

Kiera Crues, Barry Betz, Marissa Miller, Dick Corbit, Irene Lanning

### Library

Would you be interested in writing a book review for the library newsletter? Reviews need to be 500 - 600 words in length and must discuss a book from the library. If interested, contact Trisha at [tabbuzzi@firstfriends.org](mailto:tabbuzzi@firstfriends.org) or 330.966.2800.

## 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

"You are worthy, our Lord and God, to receive glory and honor and power, for you created all things."  
Revelation 4:11a

### Elementary Verse

"Before the mountains were born or you brought forth the whole world, from everlasting to everlasting you are God." Psalm 90:2

## 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

"O Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done marvelous things, things planned long ago." Isaiah 25:1

## CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at  
tforsythe@firstfriends.org

### New Pager System for our Nursery

You will no longer 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. If you are interested or have any questions please contact Tammy Forsythe at 330.966.2800.

### 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.

### Childcare Position available

We are currently seeking people interested in working in our childcare room on Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. This is a paid position. If you have questions or would like to set up an interview, contact Kris Lackey at 330.966.2800.

## Looking Ahead

### September

14 Children's Choirs and  
CLC Begin



## MIDDLE SCHOOL

Website: [www.greenhouse242.com](http://www.greenhouse242.com)



Contact Ben Croston at [bcroston@firstfriends.org](mailto:bcroston@firstfriends.org)

### Sunday Morning

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

Join us for worship, lessons, and activities.

### Bible Study

TODAY, 4:00 - 6:00 pm (E-101)

Join us for a time to dive into God's word.  
Food will be provided during Bible Study.

### Bonfire at the Krills'

Saturday, September 17, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

The address is on the September Calendar and also on the website. Bring a beverage or snack to share.

### Nerf War Night

Sunday, September 18, 5:00 - 8:00 pm (meet in E-101)

We'll meet in E-101 then move to E-102 for snacks and board games.

### 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](mailto:highschool@firstfriends.org) or [middleschool@firstfriends.org](mailto:middleschool@firstfriends.org).

### Collide Worship Event (For both Middle School & High School)

Sunday, September 25, 6:00 - 8:30 pm (E-111)

Join us for worship and a message. Open gym is from 6:00 - 7:00 pm. The service is from 7:00 - 8:30 pm in room E-111. There will be snacks and refreshments afterwards.

## HIGH SCHOOL

Website: [www.warehouse514.org](http://www.warehouse514.org)



Contact Scott Calhoun at [scalhoun@firstfriends.org](mailto:scalhoun@firstfriends.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.

### Wednesday Night

Wednesdays, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (E-111)

Come experience a high-energy night of worship, games, and a relevant teaching. Also participate in a small group Bible study (Connect Groups).

### Warehouse 514 Service Projects

Saturday, September 17, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm (Total Living Center, 2221 - 9<sup>th</sup> St. SW, Canton)

We will be setting up the café, serving soup, offering hospitality, and extending a hand of welcome to people in the community. Meet at the church at 9:30 am to ride together, or meet us at TLC at 10:00 am. Sign up in E-111. Make sure you have a permission slip/medical form for this.

# CONNECT GROUPS

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

## Sunday Morning Connect Groups

Two new Sunday morning groups begin today!!

### Encountering Jesus

Sundays, 9:30 am (L-2)

The Bible is full of stories about transformational moments in the lives of those who encountered Jesus. In this class we will focus on pursuing intimate, transformational relationships with Jesus.

### The Honeymooners

Sundays, 11:00 am (L-43)

This group is for young couples who have been married less than 5 years who desire to grow stronger in their faith journey, learn about biblical intimacy, and develop skills for overcoming adversity in marriage.

# MEN

Contact Shawn at [syost@firstfriends.org](mailto: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 an encouraging message to men.

# ALL THINGS WOMEN

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

## Wednesday Morning Bible Study

Begins, Wednesday, September 14, 9 - 11:30 am (L-42, 43)

Join women of all ages September 14 - October 19 as we complete Beth Moore's "Entrusted: A Study of 2 Timothy". Paul's letter to his son in the faith is a poignant message of encouragement and empowerment. Along with video insights from Beth Moore, our intergenerational study group will examine the truths expressed in 2 Timothy, learning with and from one another. We will be challenged to become more deliberate in equipping and encouraging others as we navigate our journey of faith. The information and insights gleaned from our study guide assignments will guide our weekly discussions. Study guide available in class for \$13.

# YOUNG ADULTS

Contact Beth at [bkerlin@firstfriends.org](mailto:bkerlin@firstfriends.org)

## Connect **New Location!**

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-43)

Starting this Wednesday, September 7<sup>th</sup>, Connect will go back to its normal meeting time, 8:30 pm, and will be in a new location in L-43!

## Know a College Student?

Let's send them a care package!

Email [bkerlin@firstfriends.org](mailto:bkerlin@firstfriends.org) or call 330.966.2800.

# FFC Financial Update

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	YTD Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$46,176	\$46,721	\$41,779
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$2,353	\$1,620	\$1,940
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$48,529</b>	<b>\$48,341</b>	<b>\$43,719</b>
Home Improvement Received in 2016			\$86,399
*to fully fund budget – \$2,475,000			
2016 Budget is based on 51 Sundays. One entire Sunday offering will be given to mission projects.			

# STEWARDSHIP MINISTRY

Contact Dave Williams at [dwilliams@firstfriends.org](mailto:dwilliams@firstfriends.org)

## Generosity

This week's Random Act of Generosity: **Compliment a parent for something their child has accomplished.**

## Financial Peace University

Join us on Sunday, September 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am in L-42 for a free preview of the Financial Peace University. The next class will begin on Sunday, September 25<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 am.

If you have taken this class in the past, you are welcome to join us for a refresher course at no charge. If you are not sure if this is for you, come to the first week for free with no commitment.

# 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)

# MEN'S BASKETBALL

In the next couple weeks, we will begin our 2016 Fall Men's and College basketball leagues. The Men's Open League is for men 18 years and older. Players sign up individually and are drafted onto teams by our coaches. The final open gym for this league is this Thursday, September 8. In our College League, players can sign up individually or as a team. The final day for sign-up is Friday, September 9, with games starting on Thursday, September 15. We look forward to a great fall season of basketball and hope that you ... and maybe a friend or two ... will join us!

Not only are these leagues great fun and competition for all of our participants, but the goal of our sports ministry is to utilize sports to impact lives for eternity. Check out Bryan Jacobs' story about how the basketball leagues at First Friends Church changed his life on our Facebook page.





All Things Women  
presents

# Fall Frenzy

Friday, September 30  
7:00 - 9:00 pm  
in the Pavilion

For more information see a flyer  
at the Welcome Center.

## Divorce Recovery Workshop

**When:** Mondays, September 12  
- November 7

**Time:** 6:45 pm

**Room:** L-42

**Cost:** \$40

*Child care available*



Deuber-Hampden  
Watch Factory

## Senior Kick-off Dinner

Sunday, September 11  
6:30 pm

Richard Haldi will talk about the "Lost History of Canton". Come  
and enjoy a meal, fellowship, and the history of Canton.

Cost: \$8, sign up at the Welcome Center.



Meyers Lake  
Amusement Park

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E-101

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