



July 1st, 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, June 17 – Ephesians 1:1-6

Sunday, June 24 – Ephesians 1:7-14

Sunday, July 1 – Ephesians 1:15-23

* 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

Pray for High School Missions

From July 8 to July 13 a group of high school students and leaders will be traveling to Philippi, West Virginia. They will be joining with World Vision Appalachia. The focus of the trip will be to bring a helping hand to the community and spreading the message that God means for all of us to live a full and abundant life. Pray that the neighborhoods and the students will encounter God's love through selfless acts of kindness and that they will impact lives by the love of God shown through the work of their hands.

Please pray for students Faith Abrams, Hope Abrams, Josiah Crock, Josi Fill, Nate Goff, Josiah Gregory, Carolina Ivey, Miryam Krills, Evan Margo, Javen Miller, Rachel Mohr, Seth Mohr, Lile Nisly, Gracie Shawk, and Carter Wensel. Also keep these leaders in prayer: Pastor Scott Calhoun, Paula Guiler, Peter Guiler, Allison Harris, Scott Hoopes, and Robert Mohr.

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.

Today's Altar Flowers

were given by Stan & Joy Sickafoose in celebration of their granddaughter Amelia's 13th birthday and Grace's graduation from Glen Oak High School.

Hospitals and Rehab

Cheryl Jackson, Mike Mundy, Kevin Bigler, Pam Grant, Beverly Hissner

Our Church Office Closed

Wednesday, July 4

as we celebrate the signing of the Declaration of Independence. Take time to pray for our country as a part of your time of celebration of our nation's birthday. II Chronicles 7:14

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.

Congregational Meeting

Sunday, July 15 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

Water Baptism

Sunday, July 29

A one-time required class will be held on Sunday, July 15 at 9:00 in room E-108. Call Nancy Petroff at the church to register.

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.

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

As the Father has loved me, so have I loved you. Now remain in my love. John 15:9

Elementary Verse

So do not fear, for I am with you; do not be dismayed, for I am your God. I will strengthen you and help you; I will uphold you with my righteous right hand. Isaiah 41:10

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

Today we begin a new lesson series called, "Animal Tales". We begin our journey by learning about the snake and how the devil himself took the form of a snake to tempt Adam and Eve.



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Vacation Bible School

We had an awesome week "Discovering Jesus from Eternity Past to Eternity Future". Our week was a HUGE success! We were able to share the love of Jesus with almost 400 children. We were able to bless the Salvation Army with donations for their "Back to School" program and with our missions offering we were able to bless H.O.T. Homeless Outreach Team. If you prayed, donated snacks, helped with set up last Sunday, helped put things back on Friday, decorated, volunteered in any way - You were an answer to our prayers. Many children were blessed by you being the hands and feet of Jesus. Thank you! We couldn't have done it without you.

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

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

Our next regular Wednesday Night youth group will be on July 11th. It will be at Price Park Fitzpatrick Pavillion in North Canton from 6:30 pm – 8:30 pm.

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.

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.

World Vision Update

Sunday, July 15th, 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.

Mandatory Mission Trip Training

Today, July 1, 7:00 - 8:30 pm (E-111)

If you are going to West Virginia on a trip this summer, you are required to be at this meeting. Last minute details and a packing list will be provided. Ice cream afterwards.

Love Your City

Friday, July 13th, Witwer Park, North Canton

Come serve the community by helping with face painting, inflatables, crafts, etc. Sign up available in E-111.

Cedar Point

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

Cost is only \$40 plus money for food. Sign up now, space is limited.

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.

LEGACY PROJECT TRAINING

 Scott Calhoun scalhoun@firstfriends.org

Today, July 1st, after second service in Room L-41. Please plan to attend. Applications are available at the Welcome Centers and may be turned in to Pastor Scott prior to or the day of the training session.

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, Crawford Loritts, 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. We are accepting registrations now for our upcoming camps and fall Soccer League:

Co-ed Volleyball Camp for Gr 3-8 (completed) July 9 - July 12

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 League for age 4-15 (age as of Sept 1, 2018) August - October



FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$48,431	\$41,072
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,909	\$1,364
Total	\$45,098	\$50,340	\$42,436

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>

THE MAIN EVENT

LIFEWAY'S CONFERENCE FOR MEN

GET
MEN



Men's Conference August 10th -12th

Men Join us as we travel to Tennessee for a time to grow in Christ as we hear and learn from some great speakers.

Contact Pastor Shawn Yost



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SENIOR ADULT GAME NIGHT

JULY 8TH -- 6:00PM
L-42 & 43

JOIN US FOR GAME NIGHT! BRING YOUR FAVORITE BOARD OR CARD GAME. THIS IS A FREE EVENT, PIZZA AND DRINKS WILL BE PROVIDED. BRING A FINGER FOOD TO SHARE.

Please sign up at a Welcome Center



Water

BAPTISM

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