

HEBREWS

Experiencing Faith as Trust

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October 14th, 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 to worship at First Friends!

Hebrews: Experiencing Faith as Trust in Jesus

The biblical concept of faith is closer to our concept of trust. Faith is God's gift to us as He reveals Himself. We build our faith in God as an experience of relational trust by HEARING Him speak, SEEING Him act, THINKING deeply on His truth, FEELING and experiencing His presence, and ACTING on God's instructions in obedience.

Join us on Sunday mornings as we accept God's invitation to deepen our faith-filled expectation in life with Jesus through our study of Hebrews. Follow our PRAY Scripture reading plan for Hebrews at www.firstfriends.org/sermons

Hebrews 11:1 Now faith is the assurance of things hoped for, the conviction of things not seen. (RSV)

Walking in the Dust of Rabbi Jesus

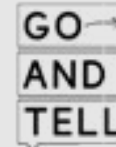
Pick up a copy of this book to go along with Pastor Stan's sermon series. Author Lois Tverberg shares how the Jewish words of Jesus can change your life. Available at both Welcome Centers. Cost is \$12.

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.

2018 MISSIONS MONTH



This October is missions month and we are very excited to celebrate all that God has done through the ministries of Canton First Friends - mission trips, outreaches, Community Fun Day, FFC missionaries and more. We truly believe that the opportunity to join God in His mission is an incredible gift.

Last year we raised over \$65,000 dollars that went to four initiatives:

1. Pregnancy Choices with their mission to empower individuals to choose life.
2. Canton Lighthouse with their need to strengthen their after-school ministry and the purchase of a new bus for student transportation.
3. Over four months of financial support to cover costs of Abba Christian Fostering Agency in San Palo, Brazil.
4. Community Fun Day - We were able to help provide funds for our 2018 Community Fun Day that reached close to 2,600 neighbors.

On October 28, we will once again have the opportunity to give to missions. The theme for this year's Missions Month is "Go and Tell." At First Friends Church we believe that evangelism is essential for all who proclaim Jesus as their Savior. Because of this belief, we have chosen the following missional & evangelistic opportunities to support with our 2018 Project 51 Mission Offering:

1. The Legacy Project of Stark
2. Grace and Peace Fellowship in Barahona, Dominican Republic
3. 2019 Community Fun Day Outreach



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 in prayer.

Holy Land Trip Informational Meeting

Today, 12:00 noon, Room L-1
Pastor Stan will be hosting an informational meeting for anyone interested in joining the Holy Land tour this spring, March 2019.

Pastor Appreciation Month

Those who live to bless others will have blessings heaped upon them, and the one who pours out his life to pour out blessings will be saturated with favor. Prov. 11:25

Our pastors work tirelessly for the glory of God and the advancement of the Kingdom. Please take this opportunity to sow words of encouragement, cards, gifts and blessings to our exceptional pastoral staff!

Hospitals and Rehab

Paula Cressy, Ellen Dunham

Operation Christmas Child Opportunities

First Friends is partnering again with Samaritan's Purse (www.samaritanspurse.org) to provide gift-filled shoeboxes to children living in impoverished situations.



This year we have 2 opportunities for you:

- Pick up a shoebox at an Operation Christmas Child table located in the Main Hallway or Worship Center Hallway starting October 21st. Go shopping, fill the box and return to the church by November 11th.
- Or, join us here for a fun-filled event for you or your whole family to fill up shoe boxes on November 11th at 3:00-4:30 pm in room L-41,42,43. To donate supplies and sign up go to our website or either Welcome Center and let us know you are coming, and how many boxes you wish to fill. Drop off your donated items here at the church by November 4th. All the goodies will be here on November 11th for you to fill up the boxes.

SUNDAY SCHOOL

9:00 am

All Children:

All children may go to their Sunday School Classes

Help children hide God's Word in their hearts by memorizing their verses this month:

Preschool/ Kindergarten Verse:

For the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. Luke 1:49

Elementary Verse:

"Let the one who boasts boast about this; that they have the understanding to know me, that I am the Lord, who exercises kindness, justice and righteousness on earth, for in these I delight," declares the Lord. Jeremiah 9:24

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

Children in the nursery through kindergarten may go directly to their classrooms.

For the Mighty One has done great things for me—holy is his name. Luke 1:49

Elementary Department:

Children in grades 1 through 5 will be dismissed from the service to go to Children's Church in E-110.

Elementary Children's Church

Today we conclude our series on choices by taking a look at the nation of Israel. Children will discover how the Israelites faced some tough situations and how they handled the choices they made. Next week we begin a new series based on the life of David.



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Children's Choirs & CLC

Our mid week programming CLC and choir has begun. It's not too late to join the fun. Choir begins at 6:00 pm (4 year olds - 1st grade meet with Miss Glenda in E-122. 2nd grade - 6th grade meet with Miss Tammy in E-110) and CLC starts at 7:00pm.

Children's Ministry - Christian Education Team 2018-2019

Thank you to those that have said yes to sharing Jesus with our children, you are answers to our prayers. We have a 3 year old class we would love to make into 2 classes. If you would be interested in helping us, please contact Tammy Forsythe at 330-966-2800.

Child Care Opportunities

Would you like to be a part of our Child Care Team? This is a paid position. We need workers for Monday and Wednesday evenings and Tuesday and Wednesday mornings. If you are interested, please contact Kris Lackey at klackey@firstfriends.org or call the church office 330-966-2800.

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

Wednesday Nights

6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (E-101)

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

Have a ❤️ to Help MS Youth Grow Closer to GOD?

Contact Ben at bcroston@firstfriends.org to learn more about leadership roles in the Greenhouse242.

Snacks - We love snacks!

Contributions for the snack cupboard are always welcomed and appreciated!!

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 here.

Wednesday Bonfire

October 20th, 5:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Drop-off and Pick up at First Friends in E-101

Join us for a time of fellowship, food, and fun as we spend some time at the Ransom's (one of our Middle School family's home).



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.

High School Hike

Today, October 14, Noon – 6:00 pm (E-111)

We will be going to Mohican for our hike. Make sure to bring money for lunch or pack one, and also have a 2018/2019 Permission Slip/Medical Form filled out.

Youth Explosion 2018

November 9-11, Willoughby Hills Friends Church
Great speakers, high-energy worship and amazing fellowship all in one weekend. Information packets in E-111, or www.warehouse514.org

Wednesday Nights

Wednesdays, 7:00 – 8:30 pm (E-111)

Come experience a high energy night of worship, games, and a relevant teaching, followed by a small group study time.

SENT – Warehouse 514 Service Project

Saturday, October 20, 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

We will be serving at Hammer & Nails. Meet in FFC Lobby at 8:30 if you need a ride. Wear clothes you don't mind getting dirty and pack a lunch. Permission Slip/Medical Form required.

Save the Date

October 21st – Student Leadership Meeting
October 28th – Corn Maze



MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage Date Night

Saturday, October 27, 6:00-9:00pm

Compassion International and Extreme Faith Productions presents the Marriage Date Night. Come join us for a fun night out with comedians Amberly Neese and Leland Klassen, along with Christian recording artist Jonny Diaz! \$35 per couple, includes show and dessert. Tickets available at the Marriage Date Night Table in the Worship Center Hallway.

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Faith In Action

Saturday, November 10th from 10:00am-12:30pm in E-106.

Women's Mission Outreach & Brunch. Join us in making swag bags of snacks and personal care items as we enjoy brunch together and a mission's moment with Canton Calvary Missions and Hannah's House. Swag bags will go to these two organizations. Bring a brunch item to share. Coffee, juice and water will be provided. For women and girls ages 5 and up. Can you donate items for the swag bags? Go to SignUp Genius for a list of needed items.

CONNECT GROUPS

Intercessory Prayer

T-Th 9:00-11:00 am (Tue, Wed, Thur in E-112)

Sunday Morning Groups

We have many Sunday morning groups that are ongoing. Join anytime! See Fall Directory for descriptions, times and locations.

SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 or visit www.firstfriendssports.com



Pickleball Fun Tournament

Friday, October 26, in our Gym, 8:00am-2:30pm. All ages and levels are invited to participate. Player check-in begins at 8:00 am. For more information pick up a registration form at the Welcome Centers. Questions? Call Leurene Hildenbrand at 330.607.4335 or email bighfarms@earthlink.net

YOUNG ADULTS



Altitude

Sundays, 9:00 am (E-106)

Join us for a study on the End Times every Sunday. We will look at Revelations, Ezekiel, Daniel and Matthew.

Connect

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-6)

Join us every Wednesday as we study "Missional Essentials: A Guide For Experiencing God's Mission In Your Life"

FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$52,492	\$40,656
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,886	\$1,367
Total	\$45,098	\$54,378	\$42,023
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$54,738
*To fully fund budget - \$ 2,300,000			



2018 Budget is based on 51 Sundays. One Sunday General offering will be given to mission projects.

CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Kathleen Dungan kdungan@firstfriends.org

Celebrate Recovery Thursdays, 6:30 - 8:30 pm. One year Anniversary Celebration is coming October 18th. Pot-Luck at 5:30. Please bring a dish to share. We are hoping anyone who has visited Celebrate Recovery this past year will come and join us for this special occasion. We will have special speakers and an overview of this past year's accomplishments and a look toward the future. Please come and join us!

STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Wisdom:

- Come join in giving blessings to others by posting some gently used items on the Blessing Board on Facebook.
- Take the guess-work and stress out of your weekly giving by giving on line. Go to the First Friends website and click on the E-giving button; <https://secure.firstfriends.org/give/egiving>

E-NEWSLETTER

Would you like to receive email updates about church news and events? Make a note on your communication card or send an email to rbarnett@firstfriends.org to get added to our email list.

Water
BAPTISM
Sunday, November 18th

A one-time class is required. Call the church to register.

faith
IN ACTION

Saturday
November 10.
10am - Noon

*BRING A BRUNCH
ITEM TO SHARE.
COFFEE, JUICE &
WATER WILL BE
PROVIDED.*

WOMEN'S MISSION OUTREACH & BRUNCH

Join Us for
FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH
Week at LifeWay

October 29 Through November 3, 2018

Stop by the Welcome Center for 20% off Coupons for LifeWay Christian Stores

MARRIAGE
DATE NIGHT



Saturday
October
27th

JOIN US FOR A NIGHT OF
LAUGHTER AND MUSIC

Buy your tickets in advance! General Admission is \$35 now or \$50 at the door.