

# HEBREWS

Experiencing Faith as Trust

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October 21, 2018

## Vision:

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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](http://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

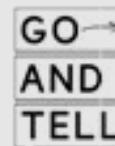
Pick up a copy of this book to go along with Pastor Stan's sermon series. Author Lois Tverberg shares how the Jewish words of Jesus can change your life. Available at both Welcome Centers. Cost is \$12.

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



We are excited to introduce to you our local Project 51 recipient "The Legacy Project of Stark."

The Legacy Project mission is to disciple the young lives of students and develop them through small group mentoring relationships. These mentoring opportunities take place during the school day and provide students with a fun, casual environment that promotes a lot of talking and laughing. Through this format, mentors are able to encourage smart decisions, responsible academic performance, positive behavior and steps for students to deepen their faith in Christ.

Pastor Eugene Lingenhoeel the Founder and Executive Director of Legacy Project-Stark would like to thank the FFC family for their generosity as well faithful service as many of the FFC family currently are volunteering and mentoring students at Oakwood Middle School.

The Legacy Project is currently providing services in Massillon Middle School, Oakwood Middle School, Lehman Middle School Early College Academy, Lake Middle School, Perry Local Schools (Edison Middle School, Pfeiffer Intermediate), North Canton Local Schools, and Fairless Local Schools. The goal is to be in every middle school in Stark County by the year 2022!

This includes expanding in Plain Local Schools to include Glenwood Intermediate in Fall 2019. We are praying that our Project 51 offering will provide enough funds and volunteers to open a Legacy Project at Glenwood Intermediate. The overall cost to launch this new location is \$20,000



## 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 in prayer.

### 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

Ellen Dunham

### Child Dedications

**10:30 Service**

**Charlie Lynn Barnett**

Birthday: April 6, 2018

Parents: Ryan & Rachel Barnett

**Isaac Lee Weisel**

Birthday: August 10, 2016

Parents: Nathan & Molly Weisel

### Operation Christmas Child Opportunities



First Friends is partnering again with Samaritan's Purse ([www.samaritanspurse.org](http://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

This Sunday we begin a new series of lessons called "Giant". Together we will explore the life of David as he encountered Goliath. Over the next few weeks we will look at this story from many different angles as we explore how each of us has an inner "giant-killer". Today our focus is how giant problems are meant to be defeated with God's help.



# CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at [tforsythe@firstfriends.org](mailto: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](mailto: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](http://www.greenhouse242.com)

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

Follow us on facebook at: [facebook.com/greenhouse242/](https://facebook.com/greenhouse242/) Check our website for more on our Calendar. [www.greenhouse242.com](http://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](mailto: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.

## Experiencing GOD Bible Study

Sundays, 4:30 pm- 6:30 pm (E-101)

Come join us as we start our weekly Middle School Bible Study. Bring your Bible and a snack to share. Chicken and water will be provided.



# 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](mailto:bcroston@firstfriends.org) for more information.

# HIGH SCHOOL

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

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

## 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](http://www.warehouse514.org)

## Save the Date

October 31st - Hootenanny Night

## 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.

## Corn Maze Challenge

Sunday, October 28, 12:30 – 5:00 pm

Let's have some fun in a corn maze. Can you find the mystery leader hidden in the corn? It could be worth a prize. Meet in E-111 and bring money for lunch or pack one. A Permission Slip/Medical Form is required.



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

## WOMEN'S MINISTRY

### Faith In Action

Saturday, November 10th from 10:00am-12:00pm in E-111.

Women's Mission Outreach & Brunch for women and girls ages 5 and up. Join us in making swag bags of snacks and personal care items as we enjoy brunch 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. 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 a Fall Connect Group Directory for descriptions, times and locations.

## SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 or visit [www.firstfriendssports.com](http://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](mailto: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	\$29,307	\$40,380
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$765	\$1,352
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,098</b>	<b>\$30,072</b>	<b>\$41,732</b>
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$54,738
*To fully fund budget - \$ 2,300,000			



## Quarterly Report 9/30/18

General Ministries & Missions

2018 Budget	\$2,300,000
YTD Budget	\$1,725,000
YTD Revenues	\$1,639,517
YTD Expenses	\$1,631,160
Net Revenues to Expenses	(\$8,357)
Net Revenues to Budget	(\$85,483)

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

## CELEBRATE RECOVERY

Kathleen Dungan [kdungan@firstfriends.org](mailto: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, Nursery/infant and Kindergarten.

## 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](mailto: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.

A FIRST FRIENDS WOMEN'S MISSION OUTREACH & BRUNCH

GO →  
AND  
TELL

October 28

- The Legacy Project of Stark
- Grace and Peace Fellowship in Barahona Dominican Republic
- 2019 Community Fun Day Outreach



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.