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**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!

### Go and Tell

Today we are celebrating our mission partnership with Grace and Peace ministry in the Dominican Republic, and Legacy Project middle school mentoring program of Stark County. Bill Rumpel from Grace and Peace will be sharing the message.

Today our entire General offering will go to the outreach ministries of Grace and Peace, Legacy Project, and our First Friends 2019 Community Fun Day. Specifically this offering will help us share the Good News of Jesus with people in Stark County and the Dominican Republic. We call this faith offering "Project 51" because we have based our 2018 budget on 51 Sunday offerings instead of 52.

Please join us in the celebration of giving!

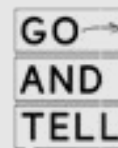
Pastor Stan Hinshaw, Lead Pastor

### 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 Global Project 51 recipient Grace and Peace Fellowship – Dominican Republic.

Grace and Peace Fellowship ministries are many and include a Children's Education program, Widow program, Medical Missions, a Church, Evangelism outreaches and Prison ministries.

They continually find time to partner with the local Dominican Churches and pastors to aid in reaching the local community in Barahona with the Gospel.

Over the past 3 years, Canton First Friends has sent seven teams to personally help serve and invest in Grace and Peace Ministries. Pastor Stan Hinshaw and Pastor Roger Foote along with 5 other men will be leaving Saturday for Grace and Peace on the 8th trip.

Currently, one of the greatest needs that Grace and Peace has is in their outreach and evangelism ministry. We are praying that our Project 51 offering will provide continual missions funds in these areas as well help with the outreach efforts of the Widow program. Please consider giving generously with a cheerful heart to this incredible life-transforming ministry.



## 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.

### 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

Martha Miller and Ron Calvin

### Senor Adult Luncheon

Nov 10th, 11:30 am \$8 per person  
Steve Robinson from the Homeless Outreach Ministry (HOT) will be telling his story, sharing the vision of HOT and where God is leading the ministry today and in the future. Come hear this incredible story!  
Sign up and pay at either Welcome Center by November 6.

### 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. 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. Everyone is welcome! If you wish to donate supplies that are needed for this event, go to our church website and click on the Operation Shoebox scroller or look for the sign-up sheet at either Welcome Center. 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 continue our study on the life of David and the kids will discover how we are never too young to defeat our GIANT problems. Our verse for the day is 1 Timothy 4:12, "Don't let anyone think less of you because you are young. Be an example to all believers."



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

## Wednesday Nights

Wednesdays, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (E-101)  
Join us for a time of fun, friendships, and fellowship with God.

## Girls Ice Cream & Movie Night

Saturday, November 3rd, 6:30 pm – 9:00 pm At Allison and Chris Harris' house (More info found on flyers outside of the middle school room) Bring a Friend, a pillow, and a blanket.

## Wednesday, October 31 - Youth Group Potluck Night

October 31, 5:40 pm - 6:20 pm (E-101)  
Bring the crew & something to share before Youth Group. Pizza is provided. Thank you Nottingham Family for leading this month's activity.

## 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. This Sunday in the Greenhouse242 students are using their gifts from GOD by leading worship, games, prayer, photography, hospitality, and the Sunday message. Please pray for our October 28th student leadership: Devlin McGuier, Caleb Yost, Mackenzie Beck, Anna Bates, and Naomi Watts. Youth are encouraged to attend 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service with their family.

## 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 Grades 6-12 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  
November 17: SENT – Warehouse 514 Service

## 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

Today, 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.

## High School Hike

Sunday, November 4, 12:30 – 5:00 pm E-111  
Location to be determined.





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

## 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)

### Girl's Volleyball

Clinic (Gr 2-3) Jan 7 - Feb 25  
Low Impact (Gr 4-6) Nov 26 - March  
Jr High (Gr 7-8) Nov 27 - March  
High School (Gr 9-12) Nov 29-March

### Youth Basketball

Jr High Boys (Gr 7-8) Jan 3 - Mar 9  
Co-ed (Grade K-1) Jan 5 - Feb 23

### Arts Academy

NEW: Adult Flag class for age 18+ (focus on exercise)  
Traditional Dance Classes (Age 3-17)  
Hip Hop Dance Classes (Age 6-17)  
Flag Classes (Age 10-17)  
Stage Acting (Age 6-17)  
Drawing Class (Age 6-17)

### Spring Soccer

Age 4,5,6 Apr 27-June 21  
Age 7-15 Apr 13-June 21



## 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"

## E-NEWSLETTER

Contact [info@firstfriends.org](mailto:info@firstfriends.org) or follow us on Facebook at First Friends Young Adults.

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.

## 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:

Nov 15th 6:45 PM (L42 - L43)

First Friends Church will be hosting a live Simulcast called Smart Money. Smart Money is a three-hour event where Dave Ramsey and Chris Hogan teach the 7 Baby Steps that have helped 5 million people get out of debt, build wealth, and retire with dignity. In one exciting night, this event is streamed live across America.

## FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	\$40,479	\$40,382
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$1,209	\$1,349
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$45,098</b>	<b>\$41,688</b>	<b>\$41,731</b>
Home Improvement Received in 2018			\$56,684
*To fully fund budget - \$ 2,300,000			51

## 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. 3rd Quarter Financial Reports are available at the Welcome Centers.

GO →  
AND  
TELL

TODAY

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



*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



Please Join Us

3:00 pm - 4:30 pm  
L41 ,L42, L43

Operation Christmas  
Child Shoebox Event

November 11th

Details on our church website

*Senior Adult*

November 10th  
11:30 am  
\$8 per person

Luncheon