



November 4, 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!

Thank you for your generous "Project 51" offering!

Last Sunday, October 28, we received \$50,167.00 for our special outreach and mission offering!

These funds will be used toward mentoring middle school students in Stark County through Legacy Project and funding evangelism and widow ministry in Dominican Republic through Grace & Peace Ministry!

"Stories of Faith" - November Sermon Series

Each one of us has stories in our faith journey. Stories inspire and give us real examples of what it means to truly trust God. Faith involves sacrificial obedience, preparation for a future we can't see, wrestling with God over outcomes, and the promise of His personal presence transforming us.

Join us Sundays in November for lessons in radical faith as we look briefly into the lives of Abraham, Noah, Jacob (Israel), and Moses. Today Scott Calhoun (Youth and Missions Pastor) will be bringing the message.

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

Praying for the Persecuted Church

Throughout the world, millions of Christ followers are suffering for their faith. Believers encounter severe persecution such as beatings, imprisonment, abandonment by their own families, and even death. The most common request of persecuted Christians is "PRAY FOR US." One of the ways we answer their request is through participation in the International Day of Prayer for the Persecuted Church (IDOP), which we are observing today. Voice of the Martyrs* encourages churches everywhere to observe IDOP on the first Sunday of each November. Their goal is simple: for EVERY CHURCH to "Remember them that are in bonds ..." (Heb. 13:3). They also want Christians worldwide to pray throughout the year for those who suffer because of their Christian witness.

Although it is difficult for us to understand as Americans, religious freedom is a luxury that we often take for granted. Most of us have not been required to suffer for our faith. But, we should not forget the courageous believers who must rely on God's protection to survive every day. Also remember that some Evangelical Friends missionaries serve in places where anti-conversion laws are in place. They ask prayer for new ways to evangelize despite the laws and that conversions to Christ WILL continue to occur!

* visit www.persecution.com for more information and testimonials

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Your VOTE Counts - Be sure to vote this Tuesday

Have a Prayer Need?

Call Gerry Bradshaw at 330.499.5575 and our prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord in prayer.

Adoption & Foster Parents

Our Adoption and Foster Support Ministry wants to honor our adoptive and foster parents of First Friends today for their commitment to children who need a home. We so appreciate your dedication and open hearts. We have a book for you to show our love and support for you. Pick up your book today from a table outside the Worship Center. Our Ministry offers a yearly dinner for our foster and adoptive families and provides opportunities to learn more about fostering and adoption from a professional. We support a yearly community educational event, provide a yearly awareness activity, and provide support to adoptive and foster families as needs present. First Friends offers application for financial support for adoptions, as well. We believe that as Christians we are to care for vulnerable children in Jesus' name.

Our Love and Sympathy

To Darlene Mohler and Family in the death of her father Aldene Mohler.

Hospitals and Rehab

Martha Miller, Stephanie Huberty

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. 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 what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good. Psalm 52:9

Elementary Verse:

"Be strong and courageous. Do not be afraid or terrified because of them, for the Lord your God goes with you; he will never leave you or forsake you." Deuteronomy 31:6

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

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

For what you have done I will always praise you in the presence of your faithful people. And I will hope in your name, for your name is good. Psalm 52:9

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

Our series on David continues today as we learn that we should not let others discourage us from doing big things for God. Kids will see how David spoke up and volunteered to take on the giant, Goliath, even when his brothers pointed their fingers at him and criticized his actions. In this lesson, the children will learn that when God believes in them and they believe in themselves, there is no stopping what they can accomplish!



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Kids, kids and more kids needed.

We need kids to help us with our First Friends Christmas Program, December 16. If you are interested please contact Kaylene Williams @ simplykaylene@yahoo.com or Tammy Forsythe @ tforsythe@firstfriends.org

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/](https://www.facebook.com/greenhouse242/)
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. Also, feel free to bring a snack. Snacks are always a welcomed commodity.

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.

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. Showing Prince of Egypt Sunday, November 18th from 4:30 pm – 7:00 pm to highlight Bible Study

November 10th Luncheon

Nov 10th, 11:30 am / L-42 & L-43

Bring Grandparents or Parents to hear about the Vision of the HOT ministry from Steve Robinson and what GOD is doing in downtown Canton to help those in need. Cost is \$8 for Adults. Students will be paid for by the Middle School Ministry Sign-up at the Welcome Center by November 6th.

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 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.

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

High School Hike

Today, November 4, 12:30 – 5:00 pm E-111

We will be going to Cuyahoga Valley State Park. Make sure you have a signed permissions slip. Also pack a lunch or bring money.

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, November 17 9:00 am – 2:00 pm

We will be serving at Total Living Center. Meet in the church lobby at 8:45 am if you need a ride. Make sure you have a signed Medical Form/Permission Slip. Sign up in room E-111.

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 Registrations available in the church brochure racks and on our website: 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

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)

Youth Basketball

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

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"

FFC Financial Update 2018

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$43,431	Project 51	\$39,443
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,667	\$955	\$1,339
Total	\$45,098	\$955	\$40,782
Home Improvement Received in 2018 PROJECT 51 OFFERING 10/28/18		\$50,167	\$58,324

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



E-NEWSLETTER

Contact 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 to get added to our email list.

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, Nursery/infant and Kindergarten.

STEWARDSHIP

Biblical Wisdom:

November 15, 6:45 pm (L42 - L43)

First Friends Church will be hosting a live Simulcast called Smart Money. Smart Money is a three-hour event in which 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, all in one exciting night. This event will be streamed live across America.

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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

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!

