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**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!

### "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 Pastor Stan 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

### News and Prayer Requests from Holadays (CRU-OSU)

Fall Getaway (FG), a 24-hour retreat, has historically been a turning point in the life of the CRU-OSU movement and of individual students as many make decisions to surrender more of their lives to the Lord and live with purpose and mission. The total number of students and the number of those in the discipleship chains has also increased slowly but surely every year since Brian & Alyssa joined the OSU staff team in 2012. This year, both of these trends continued. 425 students chose to drive an hour+ from campus to worship God, build community and hear God's word proclaimed together, including 10 students from Columbus State and 3 from Central State, at which the CRU-OSU team has recently launched new Cru movements. 32 students from Brian's discipleship chain and 18 from Alyssa's came, too!

### Please pray...

- That the 425 students who attended FG would continue to walk closely with God and invite others into life with Him.
- For Daniel to be built up in his new faith in Christ. (He made a first-time commitment to Christ during FG.)
- For Kyle's older brother to be won to faith as Kyle engages with his intellectual barriers to Christianity. (Kyle was energized by FG to study Christian apologetics.)
- That Connor and the other freshman guys in his small group would connect deeply and live missionally. (Connor left FG feeling like his small group went from being friendly acquaintances to being good friends on mission together.)

## PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

### Hospitals and Rehab

Ron Calvin, Josh Hammond, Martha Miller, Tom McHolm

### Have a Prayer Need?

Call or email Greg Roth at 330.454.4100 or groth@neo.rr.com and our prayer warriors will bring your request before the Lord in Prayer.

### Our Love and Sympathy

to Debbie Losey and family in the death of her husband, Buddy Losey.

### Congratulations To Jared and Ashley Emerick

in the birth of their son Judah Ray.

### Sunday Morning Christmas Ornament

December 2, 9, 16 and 23. Make a family keepsake Christmas ornament for our FFC family tree by the gym. Tables next to the tree will have supplies to make your own family ornament. After Christmas ornaments will be available to take home.

### Christmas Photos

Sunday, December 23, all morning, we will have a professional photographer to take family photos outside the gym. One photo per family.

# 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

Today we wrap up our "Giant" series. Our main focus will be helping kids learn that when they are brave enough to trust God and face their GIANT fears with courage they inspire others to do the same. We will help children discover how they can be an example for all of those around them who are struggling with GIANT problems.



# CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at [tforsythe@firstfriends.org](mailto:tforsythe@firstfriends.org)

## Sock & Mitten Tree

We are collecting socks, mittens, scarves, hats, and gloves for the Canton Salvation Army once again this year through December 9. Please place your donated items on the tree in the hallway by the Children's Welcome Desk. Let's be a blessing to those in need.

## Children's Choirs and CLC

Choir and CLC will meet this week Wednesday, November 28th and the following week, Wednesday, December 5. We will then have our winter break and will resume Wednesday, January 23rd.

## 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](mailto:simplykaylene@yahoo.com) or Tammy Forsythe @ [tforsythe@firstfriends.org](mailto: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](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/)  
website: [www.greenhouse242.com](http://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.

## Wednesday Nights

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

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

## Second Saturday Serve

Saturday, December 8th, 8:30 am - 2:30 pm

Help us staff The Christmas Shop at The Martin Center | Permission Slip Required. Pickup & Drop-off E-101. Details on GH242 website on how to contribute requested gift items by December 2nd.

Youth are encouraged to attend 10:30 am Sunday Worship Service with their family.

## Experiencing GOD Bible Study

Today 4:30 pm- 7:00 pm (E-101)

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

## Youth Group Christmas Party

Wednesday, December 12th, 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm (E-101)

Pizza & beverages provided. Bring a snack or dessert to share. Fellowship, Christmas songs & games.

## Lord of the Rings Movie Marathon

Saturday, December 15th, 9:00am - 9:00pm (E-101)

Enjoy fellowship for all or parts of this movie series. Bring a friend and a snack to share and bring a child's gift to give to the giving tree if you would like.

# 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.

## FriendsGiving!

TODAY, November 25, 5:00 – 8:00 pm (E101 & E111)

Middle School & High School will be celebrating Friendship with an "Attitude of Gratitude". There will be food, games, fun and fellowship! Bring a side dish or dessert to share with others and bring a friend.

# 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.

## The Christmas Shop (Shopping Day)

Sunday, December 2, Noon – 4:00 pm

Join us for lunch and an afternoon shopping trip. Bring money for lunch and also to purchase gifts for children. Sign up in E-111. A Permission/Medical form is required for this event.

## Save the Date

Dec 19 – Leaders Christmas Party  
Dec 12 – Ugly Sweater Christmas Party  
Jan 4-5 - Up All Night  
Jan 17-25 Winter Retreat

## 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.

## The Christmas Shop Event

Saturday, December 8, 9:00 am – 1:00 pm at The Martin Center

Help us as we help others get ready for the holiday season. We are in charge of gift wrapping as people shop for gifts for their children. Meet at FFC lobby at 8:30am if you need a ride. Sign up in E-111. Don't forget your Permission/Medical form.



# WOMEN'S MINISTRY

## Women's Medical & Evangelical Trip

Women's Medical Mission Team to Barahona, Dominican Republic, October 19-26, 2019. Now taking applications and \$250 deposit. Due by January 14, 2019. Once a month training will begin in February after the team is established. For more information, contact Theresa Maxin at 330-966-2800 or [tmaxin@firstfriends.org](mailto:tmaxin@firstfriends.org)

# MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

## Before You Say I Do Class

Sundays, January 13 - February 3, 8:00 am -9:00 am (room E-102)

This 4-week class is for couples who are engaged or seriously dating and is a requirement for those being married by a First Friends pastor. Call the church for more information or to register. You can also register on our church website.

# 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](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

## Men's Basketball

Men's Legend's Basketball Age 40+ Jan 3 - Mar 28  
Men's Open Basketball Age 18+ Jan 3 - March 21  
Women's Basketball Age 18+ Jan 3 - March 14

## 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

## Volleyball

Adult Co-ed Volleyball Age 18+ Jan 8 - April 9

# YOUNG ADULTS



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

	General Ministries**	Missions/Faith Promise
2018 Approved Budget	\$2,300,000	\$85,000
Received to Date(1/1-11/18)	\$1,882,213**	\$63,377
Remaining Need(11/25-12/31)	\$417,787	\$21,623
Weekly Need (6 weeks)	\$69,631	\$3,604
Received Last Week	\$35,873	\$1,230
Weekly Average to Date	\$40,918**	\$1,378
Home Improvement Received in 2018	\$63,523	
Project 51 offering 10/28/18	\$50,167	51 Sundays
** Does not include Project 51 Offering		

# 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>

## Senior Luncheon

December 8th  
Saturday

11:30 am  
\$8 / person

Come and enjoy the sounds of the GlenOak Drifters and Brian Keifer  
Sign Up at the Welcome Center



# Christmas Projects

## Operation Christmas Child Update

Last Sunday 54 adults and children gathered here to pack gift boxes with goodies donated by members of our congregation. In addition to those 158 there were 270+ filled boxes dropped off here equaling over 428+ boxes from FFC for Samaritan's Purse to deliver to impoverished children throughout the world. Thank you for your generosity.

## The Christmas Shop Giving Tree

This year we are partnering with the Martin Center. Beginning Sunday, November 4th, take a tag from the tree (located across from L-1,2,3), purchase the gift, and then return it unwrapped to a Welcome Center by Sunday, December 2nd. Also, consider joining us as we serve during The Christmas Shop event on December 8th. Sign-ups to volunteer can be found at our Welcome Centers.

## Sock and Mitten Tree

Every year we donate hats, scarves, mittens, gloves, and socks to the Salvation Army to distribute to those in need during the winter months. Beginning Sunday, November 4th through December 9th, place your donated items on the tree in the Hallway by the Library.

## Evangelical Friends Missions Christmas

Join us as we show our appreciation and support for our Evangelical Friends Missionaries and their projects this Christmas. During our Christmas Eve services, we will take a special offering that will support communities, businesses, medical needs, agriculture, Bibles, discipleship materials and much more. Consider being a blessing this Christmas to Evangelical Friends Missions. Visit [www.friendsmission.com](http://www.friendsmission.com) for more information.

