



January 13, 2019



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.

"Seek Wisdom... Divine Wisdom for Daily Decisions"

Proverbs 9:10 *"The fear of the LORD is the beginning of wisdom, and knowledge of the Holy One is understanding."*

As we begin 2019 we are praying for God to RENEW us individually and as a church community by the personal and powerful presence of His Holy Spirit (Is. 40:31).

As we seek God for renewal we need His WISDOM. The Apostle Paul writes we are *"transformed by the renewing of our mind"* (Rom. 12:2) as we continue, *"...asking for the Spirit of wisdom and revelation..."* (Ephes. 1:17) who is Christ (Col. 2:3).

Join us Sunday mornings for our "Seek Wisdom" sermon series as we study the wisdom literature in Proverbs and Ecclesiastes, and practice daily Scripture reading in order to build the skill of Jesus' wisdom into our lives.

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.

REACHING NEIGHBORS AND NATIONS

News from BH (Country A: undisclosed for security reasons)

- BH and team are discipling several guys who are from the majority background. They face incredible difficulties living in a society that is violently hostile to them following Jesus. They are studying Genesis together and recently they talked about Abraham, Isaac, and Jacob. They took some time to ask what it means for them to raise their children to know God when their own parents, uncles, or aunts may physically persecute them; and the courts take their children from them, if you teach them about God's love displayed for them in Christ Jesus. It was an intense conversation. Keep them in your prayers.
- Country A has experienced some violent protests in recent weeks. There is a widening gap between the cost of living and the average income. There is a sense of hopelessness about the future and many people cannot find jobs or are working 12 hours a day for a salary that cannot support a family. The government is raising taxes on the people who are already stretched very thin. Pray that God would give the government wisdom as they try and balance the budgets and not overburden the people.

"I want to thank all of you who have supported me over the years and over this past year. I am deeply grateful for your generosity and kindness. May God speak tenderly to you and bring you comfort in this new year."

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Have a Prayer Need?

Call Gerry Bradshaw at 330-499-5575 and our prayer warriors will bring your request before the Lord.

Renew '19

**THIS Wednesday, January 16,
6:30pm (E-111)**

Pastor Stan is inviting our church family to participate in prayer, fasting and worship for spiritual renewal as we begin 2019. Wednesday, January 16 at 6:30pm we will join together to experience God's personal and powerful presence in prayer ministry and worship. This will be the culmination of three days of prayer with fasting for spiritual renewal in our church and community. Join us!

Hospital and Rehab

Renny Gibbons

Our Love and Sympathy

to the family of John Campbell, Jr. who passed away January 7.

Fall Mission Trips Meeting

Sunday, February 3, 12:00 pm (L-42)

Join us following 2nd service for an informational meeting with Bill and Karen Ruple regarding both the Medical and Women's trips to the DR. RSVP to gwallace@firstfriends.org if you are planning to attend.

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:

"Look to the Lord and His strength; seek His face always. Remember the wonders He has done, His miracles, and the judgments He pronounced."

1 Chronicles 16:11-12

Elementary Verse:

"In their hearts humans plan their course, but the Lord establishes their steps." Proverbs 16:9

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

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

Preschool/ Kindergarten Verse:

Lord, you are my God; I will exalt you and praise your name, for in perfect faithfulness you have done wonderful things, things planned long ago.

Isaiah 25:1

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:

Over the next few weeks we will follow the story of King David and Mephibosheth to learn how God seeks to restore our hearts and lives to where they were meant to be.



CHILDREN

Contact Tammy Forsythe at tforsythe@firstfriends.org

Child Dedication

Our next child dedication will be February 17. If you are interested in dedicating your child please contact Nancy Petroff at the church ASAP. A required one time class will be held Tuesday, February 5 at 6:30 pm.

Choirs and CLC

Choirs (6:00 pm) and CLC (7:00 pm) will resume Wednesday, January 23.

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 need you for any reason we can 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 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/
website: 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. Hope to see you there.

Snow Camp 2019

February 15-17

\$80. Financial assistance is available. Registration forms are found outside the Middle School Room and online. Registrations are due January 30th

MIDDLE SCHOOL & HIGH SCHOOL

Renew '19

THIS Wednesday, January 16, 6:30 – 8:30pm (E-111)

We are joining the church family for a time of prayer ministry and worship as we experience God's personal and powerful presence. This is from 6:30 – 7:30. After this, Middle and High School will break off into their respective groups until 8:30.

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. Includes 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.

Winter Retreat at Camp Gideon

January 25-27

Join us for a great weekend full of friends, worship, and of course, food and games. Turn in your permission slip by January 20. More information to come. And don't forget to bring your sled!

Wednesday Night Starting

January 23, 7:00 – 8:30pm (E-111)

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

Summer Mission Trips

Dates have been set for the Dominican Republic and West Virginia trips. Information is in E-111. Sign up now.

Save the Date!

Guy's Night Out – February 8

SENT – February 16

Girl's Night Out – February 22

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

4th Annual Swap Not Shop

Saturday, February 2, 9:00 am - Noon

Women of all ages are invited for brunch and an opportunity to swap like-new accessories they do not use. This is a FREE event, but due to space limitations, registration is REQUIRED. Registrations are available at the Welcome Centers, online, or stop by our table outside the Sanctuary.

Save the Dates

To Gather: Women on Mission With God- March 9, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Priscilla Shirer Simulcast- April 6, 9:00 am - 4:30 pm

MEN'S MINISTRY

Men of Action Breakfast

Saturday, January 26, 8:00 - 9:30 am (E-101)

Enjoy a free breakfast and a message from our guest speaker, Brian Ziegler. Brian's college basketball dreams were dashed by poor grades in school. Then a drunk driving accident left him paralyzed. Through the challenges, he was able to discover renewed hope. Come hear Brian's remarkable story about God's ultimate plan to rebuild each one of us in His image! Please contact Shawn Yost for any questions at syost@firstfriends.org.

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage Retreat Weekend

February 22-24

Enjoy fellowship with other married couples, one-on-one time with your spouse, testimonies from real-life couples and biblical teachings about building a healthy marriage relationship through the seasons of life. Registrations now available at our Welcome Centers and online.

CONNECT GROUPS

Winter 2019 Connect Group

Winter 2019 directories have arrived! Pick up your copy today and prayerfully consider which group you should join.

A Practical Guide to the Culture

Beginning January 20, 10:30 am (L-43)

Cultural pressure is increasing, especially on our children and grandchildren. This timely topic addresses how to guide your children in a loving, biblical way to find their identity in Christ and influence the culture rather than the culture influencing them.

YOUNG ADULTS



Contact info@firstfriends.org or follow us on Facebook at First Friends Young Adults.

Altitude

Sundays, 9:00 am (E-106)

Connect

Wednesdays, 8:30 pm (L-6)

We are studying the Book of Acts. Acts is a continuation of the writing of Luke where he connects what Jesus "began to do and teach" with the theme "you will be my witnesses in Jerusalem, and in all Judea and Samaria, and to the ends of the earth." We will see the working of the Holy Spirit and the lives of Paul and Peter. Please plan to join us.

FFC Financial Update 2019

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$42,596	\$36,959	\$36,959
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,635	\$2,756	\$2,756
Total	\$44,231	\$39,715	\$39,715
Home Improvement Received in 2019			\$2,038

*To fully fund budget- \$2,300,000

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 biblical principles and the 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>

SPORTS

Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868 Registrations available in the church brochure racks and on our website: www.firstfriendssports.com.



Spring Soccer

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

Our Winter sports leagues and arts classes have begun! Please pray for our Sports Ministry leadership, coaches, teachers and participants.

Men of Action Breakfast

January 26th
8:00am - 10:00 am



NEXT SUNDAY, JANUARY 20
12:00 pm
L-42, 43

Meet and Greet with Staff and Elders

Newcomers Luncheon

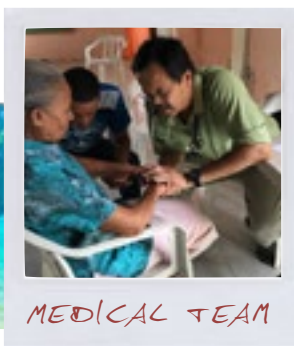


2019 Fall Mission Trip Opportunities Grace & Peace Missionary Fellowship – Dominican Republic



MEET THE RUMPLE'S

February 3, 2019
Informational meeting for both trips with
Bill & Karen Rumble in L-42. Immediately
following the 10:30 service. RSVP
gwallace@fristfriends.org



MEDICAL TEAM

TRIP A
September 28 - October 5, 2019
Team Leaders: Gina Shamblen /
Lois Ferrel



WOMEN'S TEAM

TRIP B
October 19 - 26, 2019
Team Leader: Theresa Maxin

Applications located at the Main Welcome Center