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January 20, 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.

**Week of January 20 Bible Reading:**  
Proverbs 1-4

**P.R.A.Y. Scripture Meditation Passages:**  
2 Chronicles 1:1-17  
Proverbs 1:1-7 & 20-33  
1 Corinthians 1:18-31

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

### Greetings from Jacob Beera\* – Hope Ministries (India)

Jaya and I want to thank you for your prayers and financial support for Hope Ministries. Your partnership with Hope Ministries is changing lives in India. Many children in Hope children's homes graduated from high school this year and are now attending college. They are all very grateful for the great blessings of your financial support and prayers.

Hope Ministries' evangelists are working diligently to advance the Kingdom of God in India. Every day hundreds of people get to hear the Gospel through HMI evangelists through Gospel meetings, street evangelism, house visits, and church visits. In spite of the many difficulties we are facing from non-believers, by God's grace we are making steady progress in reaching the lost, feeding and educating children and helping those who are in need in our churches and in the villages all around us.

Even though it is very difficult to drill wells in the jungle areas, it is worth all the effort. Every time we drill a well, our evangelists get excited because of the doors that will be opened for them to share the good news of Jesus Christ. Once we drill a well... [the villagers] are touched and ask why anyone would want to do this for them. Then the evangelists are able to... tell them about Jesus and His love for them. As a result, many people are coming to know Jesus. Please continue to remember Hope Ministries in your prayers.

\*Excerpts from December 2018 newsletter: [www.hopeministriesint.weekly.com](http://www.hopeministriesint.weekly.com)

## PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

### Have a Prayer Need?

Call Greg Roth at 330-454-4100 or email [groth@neo.rr.com](mailto:groth@neo.rr.com) and our prayer warriors will lift your requests before the Lord.

### Hospital and Rehab

Renny Gibbons

### Staff Updates

We have hired Daniel Kamwesa as our new Director of Sports Ministry. He, his wife, Emily, and daughter will arrive in Canton late next month with Daniel starting in his new role on March 4.

Scott Calhoun has served in our Youth Ministry since 2012. As of June 1st, he will move into a new role here at First Friends as Pastor of Outreach and Missions.

### 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 Rumble regarding both the Medical and Women's trips to the DR. RSVP to [gwallace@firstfriends.org](mailto:gwallace@firstfriends.org) if you are planning to attend.

### Disability Informational Meeting

**Wednesday, February 6, 7:00 pm (L-41)**  
If you or someone close to you is affected by disability please join us as we explore ways our church family can support you. The purpose of this initial meeting is to identify the needs in our church and to brainstorm about what such a ministry could do to meet those needs.

# 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](mailto: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 this 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](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 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](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/)

## Sunday Mornings

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.

## Summer Mission Trip Informational Meetings

Sunday, January 27, 12:00 pm

or Wednesday, January 30, 5:40 pm

Come learn more about our June 9 - June 15 Mission Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin.

## Wednesday Nights

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

Join us for a time of fun, friendships, and fellowship with God. Feel free to bring a snack.

## Wednesday, January 23

Youth Group Theme Night (Comic Con)

## 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

## 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](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

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 ASAP. More information to come. And don't forget to bring your sled!

## Wednesday Night

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 mission 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 Worship Center.

### 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

Faith in Action Brunch- May 4

## 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

### New Winter Connect Groups Start This Week!

Pick up a directory and find a group for you. It's never too late to get involved.

## SENIOR MINISTRY

### Senior Adult Luncheon

Saturday, February 9, 11:30 am (L-42-43)

Join us this month to enjoy the music of the Malone Chamber Choir! \$8 per person. Sign up and pay at either Welcome Center by February 5.

## FFC Financial Update 2019

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$42,596	\$41,869	\$39,414
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,635	\$798	\$1,777
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$44,231</b>	<b>\$42,667</b>	<b>\$41,191</b>
Home Improvement Received in 2019			\$2,710

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

## 2018 Year End Summary

General Ministries & Missions	
2018 Budget	\$2,300,000
2018 Revenues	\$2,274,554
2018 Expenses	\$2,208,442
2018 Surplus	\$66,112
Project 51 Offering	\$50,167

Thank you for your generosity. God abundantly blessed us last year. 2018 Financial Reports are available at the Welcome Centers.

## 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)

### 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.

## 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 biblical principles and the 12 Steps we grow spiritually. Programs for youth are also available: The Landing Grades 6-12, Nursery/infant and Kindergarten.

## 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).

### 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



TODAY, JANUARY 20  
12:00 pm  
E-111

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 Rumple in L-42. Immediately following the 10:30 service. RSVP [gwallace@fristfriends.org](mailto: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