



January 27, 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 27 Bible Reading:
Proverbs 5-7

P.R.A.Y. Scripture Meditation Passages:
Proverbs 5:1-23
Mark 12:18-34
Ecclesiastes 4:8-12

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

Reflections on 2018/Prayer Requests for 2019 - Nishe Rothschild (Guatemala)

There were many families at the beginning of 2018 with malnutrition problems, but they are doing much better. Many children are gaining some weight. Some of the new babies are born with normal weights and that is very encouraging. Nishe works with a Mayan couple, Alfredo and Laura, who help her visit needy families and encourage the ladies to keep planting their own vegetable gardens. Nishe is physically exhausted but her heart is full of JOY knowing that all the hard work was done in obedience to/and love for Jesus and for people. 2018 was very busy, hard, and full of many needs and some discouragements. But, it was a year when many people came to know Jesus, many people were discipled, and many families with malnutrition problems were helped. Please pray:

- For wisdom: she has two sweet teenagers that need her love and discipline and she wants to do it well. Pray for balance between ministry and her children; for protection for her and her kids; for physical and spiritual strength; for wisdom in planning. She has so many calls from different villages that need spiritual and physical help.
- For a full college scholarship for Gabriella who is in 10th grade and wants to be a doctor or veterinarian. She has very good grades.
- For the feeding programs in the eleven schools in the eleven villages.
- For her new group of 12 women in the city. They are new believers who meet for discipleship on Thursdays. Pray for their growth and that they will learn to trust the Lord.

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Have a Prayer Need?

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

Hospital and Rehab

Tom Linhart, Christopher Marx,
Carol Gresham

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.

The Newcomer's Luncheon

has been rescheduled for Sunday, February 10, immediately following the 10:30am service.

Our Love and Sympathy

to Dan & Anita Raines and family in the death of Dan's mother, Barbara Raines.

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 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

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)

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/

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

TODAY, Sunday, January 27, 12:00 pm or Wednesday, January 30, 5:40 pm

Learn more about the 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.

Snow Camp 2019

February 15-17

\$80 per person. 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 for more information.

HIGH SCHOOL

Website: www.warehouse514.org



Contact Scott Calhoun at 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.

Summer Mission Trips

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

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.

Save the Date!

Guy's Night Out – February 8

SENT – February 16

Girl's Night Out – February 22

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Registration Forms for all events available at the Welcome Centers.
Swap Not Shop- Saturday, February 2, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm **TODAY is the last day to register!**
To Gather: Women on Mission With God- March 9, 9:00 am - 3:00 pm
Priscilla Shirer Simulcast- April 6, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm

Save the Date

Faith in Action Brunch- May 4, 10:00 am - 12:00 pm

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 Have Started

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.

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.

FFC Financial Update 2019

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$42,596	\$28,122	\$35,650
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,635	\$678	\$1,411
Total	\$44,231	\$28,800	\$37,061
Home Improvement Received in 2019			\$3,190

*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 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

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>

**RESCHEDULED
FOR...**

Sunday, February 10
12:00 pm
E-111

Meet and Greet with Staff

Newcomers Luncheon



MARRIAGE RETREAT

“TEAMWORK”

February 22-24, 2019



To-Gather
WOMEN ON
MISSION WITH GOD

Saturday, March 9
9:00 am - 3:00 pm

\$15 per person

Women's Worship
& Word Event