



February 3, 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 February 3 Bible Reading:
Proverbs 8-10

P.R.A.Y. Scripture Meditation Passages:
Proverbs 17:1, 14, 19
Matthew 7:1-6
James 4:1-10

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

More news from Beeras (Jacob and Jaya, Hope Ministries International)

Jacob and Jaya's daughter, Stacy, is planning to take a national science test this May to qualify to receive a scholarship for medical school. About 1 million students will be taking this test. This school year, in addition to her regular classes, she has been receiving coaching in order to prepare for the test. Stacy is studying hard in school and wants everyone to know about the test and to pray that she will perform well. She wishes to do well on the test so that her medical school expenses will be covered. But above all, she wants God's will to be done. Stacy has her plan, but she knows that God has a perfect plan for her life and that is what she truly wants. Please ask the Lord to give her wisdom and guide her steps as she navigates her way through this situation.

Her brother, Jesse, is becoming more involved with the ministry. He is responsible for going to the store and making necessary purchases for the children's homes. He takes photos of the evangelists and children for the sponsor packets, and he plays drums during worship services at the church in Mori. Jesse asks for prayers and donors to update the sound system at Hope Church so that people can hear the messages more clearly and join in worship more fully. (www.hopeministriesint.weebly.com)

PRAYER & CHURCH NEWS

Have a Prayer Need?

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

The Newcomer's Luncheon

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

Fall Mission Trips Meeting TODAY, 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.

Opportunity to Serve

Consider being a part of the Funeral Dinner Ministry Team by providing food for a meal for families following the funeral. It is a much appreciated outreach to families who are experiencing the loss of a loved one. Call or email Janet Guiley at 330.966.2800 or jguiley@firstfriends.org for more information or to volunteer.

Hospital and Rehab

Gene Miller

Our Love and Sympathy

to Evelyn Watson and family in the death of her sister, Elsie Dodd. Also, to Beth Bigler and family in the death of her mother, Barbara Eliade.

Disability Informational Meeting

THIS Wednesday, 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.

Cancellation Policy

On weekdays, when Plain Local Schools are closed or have a delayed start, then all morning activities at the church are cancelled until 12:00 pm. Evening activities will be re-evaluated by staff and decisions for cancellation will be made by 3:00 pm. Check the church's website for announcements about any cancellations.

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:

"As for me, I call to God, and the LORD saves me."
Psalm 55:16

Elementary Verse:

"Let them know that you, whose name is the LORD- that you alone are the Most High over all the earth." Psalm 83:18

CHILDREN'S CHURCH

10:30 am

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

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"As for me, I call to God, and the LORD saves me."
Psalm 55:16

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:

For the next several weeks we are going to take a look at some of the most popular myths about God that people claim are true - and BUST' EM! We will look at what the Bible says and prove these myths are 100% false. We will join the Mythbusters Team of Brittany and Aaron as they lead us through and tackle one myth per week.



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.

Kids Open Gym

Monday, February 18, 10:00 - 11:30 am
Join us for a day of fun for all ages. We ask parents to stay and enjoy time with their children. It's a great opportunity to meet new people. Meet in the gym with the fun beginning at 10:00 am and ending at 11:30am.

Choirs and CLC- Wednesdays

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.

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. Turn in your registration ASAP!

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.

Wednesday Nights

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

Sign up now for our summer mission trips to the Dominican Republic and West Virginia. Information is in E-111 and on our website: www.warehouse514.org. Deposits to hold your spot are due February 24th.

Save the Date!

Guy's Night Out – Rescheduled- Date TBD
SENT – February 16
Girl's Night Out – February 22
Tacos and Tobogganing – February 24

WOMEN'S MINISTRY

Registration Forms for all events available at the Welcome Centers.

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. Please contact Pastor Shawn Yost if you would like to help sponsor a couple who needs financial assistance to attend the Marriage Retreat. He can be reached at syost@firstfriends.org or (330) 966-2800 ext. 240.

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	\$37,152	\$36,026
Missions/ Faith Promise	\$1,635	\$1,965	\$1,549
Total	\$44,231	\$39,117	\$37,575
Home Improvement Received in 2019			\$4,426

*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