



February 17, 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 17 Bible Reading:
Proverbs 14-17

P.R.A.Y. Scripture Meditation Passages:
Proverbs 3:1-10
Matthew 6: 19-24
Proverbs 16:8, 23:5, & 27:23

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

Shareen Orchard – Gospel for Asia (GFA)

Shareen is based at the GFA headquarters in Texas (east of Dallas), where she has served faithfully for a number of years, often while dealing with many health challenges. On 1/30/19 she had foot surgery and sent the following update on 2/6/19: "My recovery process has been going very well. I had my first post-op appointment where the doctor changed my bandages and said everything is looking good so far. PTL! I go back [2/14] for 2nd post-op appointment where the doctor will remove the stitches, and hopefully, I will be able to start putting weight on the foot. Lord willing, I will be cleared to return to work at that point. Until then, I wear my boot and deal with the pain as it comes. But, the pain has definitely lessened. Once I am done with these 2 weeks of recovery, I will have 4 more weeks in a boot. I so appreciate the church continuing to pray for me! You all are a blessing!"

Since 1979, GFA has been committed to serving the "least of these" in Asia, often in places where no one else is serving, so they can experience the love of God for the first time. GFA supports national workers serving as the hands and feet of Christ in four main ways: sponsoring national missionaries, sponsoring children, investing in community development, and helping families in need of care or during disasters.

For more information, please visit <https://www.gfa.org/about/>

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 bring your request before the Lord in prayer.

Our Love and Sympathy to the families of:

Tim & Sharri Kieffer in the death of Sharri's brother, John Gregory Heller

Doug & Michelle Bernard in the death of Doug's father, Joseph D. Bernard, Jr.

Julie Ellesin in the death of her mother, Dorothy McCune

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

Coming Soon

New and improved bulletin format!

Child Dedication

9:00 Service

Henry David Steele

Birthday: March 18, 2015

Hudson Douglas Steele

Birthday: November 27, 2017

Parents: Scott & Lindsey Steele

10:30 Service

Judah Ray Emerick

Birthday: October 30, 2018

Parents: Jared & Ashley Emerick

Leo Ray Emerick

Birthday: September 20, 2017

Savannah Emerick

Birthday: January 23, 2019

Parents: Justin & Stephanie Emerick

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.

Preschool/ Kindergarten Verse:

"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

Kids Open Gym

TOMORROW, 10:00 - 11:30 am

Join us tomorrow 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.

Summer Mission Trip to Milwaukee, Wisconsin

June 8-15

For more information please check our website or contact bcroston@firstfriends.org

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 to share.

Snow Camp 2019

Please be praying for us as we are returning home today.

Question of the Week

What traits do you look for in friends?

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

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.

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.

Save the Date!

February 22 - Girls Night Out, 6:30-10:30 pm
February 24 - Tacos and Tobogganing, 12:00 - 6:00 pm
March 1 - Guys Night Out
March 10 - Intergalactic Battle Night

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, \$15 per person

Priscilla Shirer Simulcast - April 6, 10:00 am - 5:30 pm, \$20 per person

Save the Date

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

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY

Marriage Retreat Weekend - Last Day to Register!

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.

SPORTS

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

Please pray for our Sports Ministry leadership, coaches, teachers and participants.

Spring Soccer

Ages 4,5,6 Apr 27-June 21

Ages 7-15 Apr 13-June 21

Begining April 1- Register Now!

Spring FFC Arts Academy Dance, Drama, Drawing, Flag Classes

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 online. Go to the First Friends website and click on the E-giving button; <https://secure.firstfriends.org/give/egiving>

SENIOR MINISTRY

Senior Adult Luncheon

Saturday, March 9, 11:30 am (E-111)

Join us to hear the music of Pastor Stan Hinshaw! This is a FREE event and will be a potluck dinner. Sign up at either Welcome Center by March 7.

FFC Financial Update 2019

	Weekly Need*	Received Last Week	Weekly Average
General Ministries	\$42,596	\$49,230	\$38,270
Missions/Faith Promise	\$1,635	\$2,172	\$1,665
Total	\$44,231	\$51,402	\$39,935
Home Improvement Received in 2019			\$7,939

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

Last Day to Register!

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

SENIOR LUNCHEON

Saturday, March 9
11:30 am

FREE!

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Center by March 7

This Month:

Come enjoy the music of
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