

JULY 26, 2009

FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH



Welcome to
FIRST FRIENDS CHURCH

Kingdom Stories
the parables of Jesus

MESSAGE - PAUL JOHNSON

On Sunday mornings this summer, we will be looking at some of the parables Jesus used to teach about his Father's kingdom. Jesus used these "stories" to help his listeners know God's heart more deeply, and how to live out "kingdom" priorities in their lives. The truths of these principles apply to us today as well. I hope you will join us each Sunday as we apply God's word to our lives in ways that continue to transform us, and the people around us.

— *Stan Hinshaw*



HIGHLIGHTS

FRIENDS SUMMER PICNIC

Today at 4:00 pm (First Friends Church)

Come and enjoy this time to hang out with other church "family" members, and meet some new ones. Bring enough food to share, a blanket or lawn chairs, and your whole family! There will be games and fun for every age including softball, horse shoes, bocce ball and much more. Rain Date (if needed) scheduled for Sunday, August 2. **Check our website today after 2:00 pm for cancellation notice due to rain.**

FRIENDSFEST

Friday, August 14, 5:30 pm (FFC)

Celebrate the summer with games, music, food, inflatables, fellowship and much more. FriendsFest will feature outdoor worship with Ryan Solida, and our own Stan Hinshaw and Benjamin Payne. The event will be held on our grounds close to the corner of 55th and Market. We will also be giving away various door prizes and showing the movie WALL-E inside our church later that evening. Bring a friend and do not miss this event!

CHILDREN

☎ Call Marva at 330.966.2800 x232

CHILDREN'S WORSHIP

Sundays, 8:15 am

Preschool - may go directly to room E-141
K-5th Grade - will be dismissed from the service to go to Children's Church

Sundays, 9:30 am

All children - may go directly to their Sunday School classes

Sundays, 11:15 am

Preschool-K - may go directly to their classes.
Grades 1-5 - will be dismissed from the service to Children's Church

MORE CHILDREN

SUNDAY SCHOOL

Sundays, 9:30 am

Children learn Bible-centered lessons in kid-friendly ways at our Sunday school. Be sure to join us each Sunday for important messages from God's Word.

FAMILY SERVICE OPPORTUNITIES

Tuesday, August 4, 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Kids CAN life group will meet with residents of the Canton Christian Home (2550 Cleveland Avenue) for stories, games and root beer floats! Elementary school-age children and their families are invited to be part of this outreach time of fun and fellowship.

☎ Call Don or Jen Carroll at 330.491.1076

MIDDLE SCHOOL

Email Joel Daniel at jharris@firstfriends.org

SUNDAY MORNINGS

Sundays, 9:30 am (E-111)

A time to connect with friends and engage in a topical, biblically based lesson. Check out our website for more info at www.flipd.org

ARE YOU A GUEST?

If you would like more information about First Friends Church, we have prepared a visitors packet just for you. Pick one up at either of our two Welcome Centers. Or, if you'd like more information about our ministries check out our website at www.firstfriends.org.

THIS SUNDAY

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SERVICE TIMES

8:15 am - Traditional Worship Service

9:30 am - Contemporary Worship Service

11:00 am - Contemporary Worship Service



Please turn off your cell phones during the service.



Hymnals are available on the cart at the rear of the worship area.



Sermons (tape/CD) can be ordered at the Welcome Center for \$3.

QUARTERLY BUDGET

The quarterly operations budget is available at both Welcome Centers.



The white carnations on the altar represent individuals who gave their lives to Christ this week.



See the "Children's Worship" section to the left for more info on Sunday AM procedures.



Nursery care is available. If your child becomes disruptive, please use the narthex or the nursing room.

HIGH SCHOOL



Call Chris at 330.966.2800 x202

THIS SUNDAY

9:30 am (E-101)

Build community with friends, engage in worship, and find ways to grow deeper in your walk with God.

MEN



Call Tom at 330.966.2800 x238

MEN IN TRANSITION

Thursdays, 8:30 am (L-41)

Men in transition from their last job to the next are invited to join us for prayer, praise and support.

SACRED ARTS



Call Jan at 330.966.2800 x222

VOCALISTS & INSTRUMENTALISTS

Auditions: August 1

Are you interested in sharing your talent as part of FFC's Music Team? We will be having auditions on August 1. Please pick up an audition packet at either Welcome Center.

HALL OF FAME CHORUS

August 21, 7:30 pm

The Hall of Fame Chorus of Canton is once again holding their annual Gospel Concert at Canton First Friends. The featured group for the August 21, 7:30 pm concert is THE DITCH-FIELD FAMILY SINGERS. In addition, the "Hall of Fame Chorus" and various quartets will be singing. You won't want to miss this concert! Tickets are available at the Front Desk Monday through Friday, 9:00 – 5:00 or at Berean Christian Store. Reserved tickets are \$15 and General Admission tickets are \$12.

LIFE GROUPS

LOVING WELL: A SUMMER OPPORTUNITY FOR WOMEN

Thursday, July 30, 6:30 pm (E-102)

Facilitator: Kimberly Payne

What does it mean to love well? We have no higher calling than to love. In this study, supplemented with video messages from Beth Moore, we will evaluate the way we love others and be challenged by asking God to show us where we can grow in love. We will discuss and share biblically based insights concerning people we love or are challenged to love... joy, testy, foe or far. Come and discover the meaning behind these distinctions and enjoy the fellowship of being with sisters-in-Christ! Child care available.



Call Laurel at 330.966.2800 x233

FINANCIAL PEACE IN 2009

August 13 at 7:00 pm (L-42)

Join Dave and Michele Williams who will help you to gain practical and biblically based financial wisdom and hope. We will be covering such topics as establishing an emergency fund, cash flow planning, avoiding bankruptcy, dealing with creditors, what to do when your employment status changes, life insurance, and investments. Open to everyone! Optional materials: Dave Ramsey's *Total Money Make Over* for \$15.



Call Laurel at 330.966.2800 x233

NEWCOMERS ORIENTATION

Sunday, August 9, 11:00 am (E-106)

Are you interested in learning more about First Friends Church? This time has been designed with you in mind. Come and learn about our history, current ministries, overview of doctrinal interpretations, and our vision for the future. We invite you to attend this informative class—your "first step" at First Friends.

MISSIONS

PRAYER REQUESTS

Pray for the 7th graders as they are in Boston for a ministry trip. Check out www.flipd.org for their blogs. Pray that God will continue stretching and molding these youth for His service.

There were many children who gave their hearts to Jesus during Vacation Bible School. Pray that the seeds that were planted there will take root and grow for a lifetime of friendship with God.

NEW BULLETIN BOARD

Maybe you feel like you are in the old kids show "Where in the World is Carmen Sandiego" or that you're looking for Waldo when it comes to our missionaries BUT no more. Just take a look at the bulletin board near the Welcome Center. There are also prayer cards for the missionaries in the rack across the hall from the bulletin board. If God lays a member of our mission family on your heart take a card to remind you to pray for them.

SAVE THE DATE

The Missions Festival is coming soon! Mark your calendars for October 14 for our annual festival. Also, new this year, there will be an international pot luck with one of our missionaries as the guest speaker – so grab your favorite outfit from your own missions trips and bring your favorite international dish to share.

GO? GO!

One of our closed country missionaries is looking for co-workers. Do you like sports? Could you teach ESL (English as a second Language)? Is God calling you to go and share His life changing gift of salvation with young people who are hungry to hear it? If your answer is "Yes" or "I need to know more" please contact Kellie Johnson (MMT chair) by leaving me a note at the Welcome Center.

WOMEN

WOMEN'S MISSIONARY FELLOWSHIP

Tuesday, August 11, 10:30 am (L-6)

Ladies, you are invited to meet with others to hear up-to-date news of our missionaries and join others in lifting their needs and families in prayer.

SPORTS

Remember to check the website for announcements and updates at www.firstfriendssports.com. Registrations are available online or in the brochure racks.

WOMEN'S FITNESS

Varies (E-111)

Monday	6:15 PM	Cardio Plus
Tuesday	9:00 AM	Pilates Plus
	6:15 PM	Pilates Plus
Wednesday	9:00 AM	Cardio Plus
Thursday	9:00 AM	Pilates Plus
	6:15 PM	Pilates Plus
Friday	9:00 AM	Cardio Plus



Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868

SUMMER SPORTS CAMP

Note: grades indicated are "grades completed" in the 2008/09 school year. Registrations are available online and in the brochure racks.

K-2 Basketball Camp	July 27 – July 30
grades K-2	9:00 am – 12:00 noon
	- OR - 1:00 pm – 4:00 pm



Call the Sports Office at 330.966.6868

CHILD DEDICATION

The next child dedication class is August 16.
Call Nancy to register.

 Call Nancy at 330.966.2800 x224

LIBRARY CORNER

We did it! Our thanks to all of you who helped us go over our goal in the Fellowship Reading Program. Together we read 260 books this past year. Our award -- the ten new books on the list for 2009-2010. You will be blessed as you read. Stop in the library for a book list and begin to read now.



The Next Step!

Reaching out into the neighborhoods around First Friends with a personal invitation to our community outreach. Some events include:

8/14 - Friends Fest and Movie Night

9/13 - 2nd Annual Dog Show

10/4 - Harvest Festival

Volunteers are needed this Thursday and Friday from 5:00 – 8:00 pm and Saturday from 11:00 am – 3:00 pm to deliver invitations to our neighbors for the events mentioned. Prayer warriors are also needed to remain at the church to pray for those who are delivering invitations. You may come as your schedule allows. Sign up at the C.O.O.L. tables in the lobby.

FFC FINANCIAL UPDATE

	General Ministries	Faith Promise
2009 Approved Budget	\$2,300,000	\$110,000
Weekly Need	\$44,231	\$2,115
Received Last Week	\$48,223	\$2,820
YTD Weekly Average	\$41,824	\$2,069

Freedom Campaign in 2009 \$109,859

Freedom Campaign To Date \$494,091

QUARTERLY BUDGET

The quarterly operations budget is available at both Welcome Centers.

CHURCH FAMILY NEWS

HOSPITALS—

Christopher Hinshaw, Frances Taylor, Sara Linder, Genevieve Davidson, Roger Croston, Dennis Millican

OUR LOVE AND SYMPATHY TO—

Stan & Cheryl Terhune in the death of Cheryl's father, Vincent Anson

HAVE A PRAYER NEED?

Call Diana Hinton at 330.493.7348. Our faithful prayer warriors will lift your request before the Lord.

CHILDREN'S MINISTRY

Could you make a difference in the life of a child? In treasuring children at First Friends, people are needed who love God and have made a commitment to Him, and who care about children knowing God better. Pray about how God might want YOU to be involved.

☐ I would like to learn more, please call me.

☐ Yes! I am interested in ministry to children in the following areas:

Preferred Position:

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|--|--|
| <input type="checkbox"/> Teacher | <input type="checkbox"/> Snack facilitator |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Assistant | <input type="checkbox"/> Office Assistant |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Substitute | <input type="checkbox"/> Attendance Taker |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Resource Room Organizer | |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Music Leader | |

Other Position: _____

Preferred time:

- Sunday Morning
☐ 8:15 am ☐ 9:30 am ☐ 11:00 am
☐ Wednesday evening, 7:00 pm
☐ Anytime ☐ Other

Preferred Age:

- ☐ Any Age

Nursery

- ☐ Infant nursery (up to age 1)
☐ Toddler nursery (up to age 2)
☐ Age 2

Preschool

- ☐ Age 3 ☐ Age 4 ☐ Kindergarten

☐ Elementary

Preferred grade level: _____

Name _____

Phone _____

Evening Phone _____

 **Friends Summer Picnic Sign-Up** 
TODAY, 4:00 pm
Come at 4pm and enjoy our time together as old and new friends in the family of Christ! Bring enough food to share, a blanket or lawn chairs, and your whole family. We're gearing up for fun, food and fellowship!

EVERYONE please bring a DESSERT and a generous portion of a . . .

☐ Last name A-M, Main Dish

☐ Last name N-Z, Side Dish or Salad
(Water will be provided, bring your own pop)



We'll have some great games and activities for all ages out at our ball fields (kickball, softball, bocce ball, batting cage, water balloon toss, corn hole, water tattoos, basketball, blongo ball, frisbee and more)

I'll bring . . .

- ☐ corn hole
☐ bocce ball/blongo ball
☐ frisbee
☐ sunshade canopy
☐ golf club for chipping contest

I would like to help with an activity/game

☐ 5:30-6:30pm

☐ 6:30-7:30pm



☐ I can help set-up (3:00pm)

☐ I can help tear down

Name _____

Phone _____

Check our website today after 2:00 pm for cancellation

 **notice due to rain.** 

A photograph of two men, Stan Hinshaw and Benjamin Payne, playing acoustic guitars. They are positioned on either side of the text, with Stan on the left and Benjamin on the right. The background is a solid dark red color.

Join us at 5:30 pm for a free concert featuring music by Stan Hinshaw, Benjamin Payne and Ryan Solida. The concert will be followed by a showing of Disney's Wall-E® inside. To learn more, visit www.FirstFriends.org

august 14, 2009

friendsfest (and movie night)

A photograph of a white dog, likely a Labrador Retriever, sitting and looking towards the camera. It has a red collar and is holding a yellow ball in its mouth. The background is dark and slightly blurred.

Join us at 4:00 pm for the 2nd Annual Dog Show. Compete in or observe events like: best howl, best trick and waggiest tail. Don't forget to bring a can of "people food" for the Refuge of Hope. To learn more, visit www.FirstFriends.org

september 13, 2009

2nd annual dog show

A photograph of a large, colorful rainbow slide at an outdoor festival. The slide is purple and yellow with a rainbow pattern. A crowd of people is gathered at the base of the slide. The background is a clear blue sky.

Join us for this free, fun-filled event at 4:00 pm for hayrides, inflatables, and great food. For more info visit www.FirstFriends.org

october 4, 2009

**community
harvest festival**

Restoring people to the Father's heart... Growing disciples in Christ's likeness... Reaching nations in the Spirit's power.

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