

The Heartbeat

FATHER'S HEART
FAMILY CHURCH



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Look for the Opportunities

One Tuesday night, during the women's "Let's Talk" discussion group, we ended up discussing the topic of finding opportunities in our struggles. One lady mentioned how since she heard Pastor preach on this thought process one Sunday, it has changed the way she approached things in her everyday life. She began to look at little things she didn't want to do, such as answer phone calls, as opportunities. Once she pushed through things she struggled with she truly began to see how each of the actions she avoided became opportunities for great things to happen!

While the discussions went on I shared with everyone some struggles my husband and I have been facing. I mentioned since deciding that I was going to make "surrender" my theme for 2025 it seems that God said "oh yeah? Let's test that out!"

I was viewing what The Lord was having me go through as a test. Tests are usually not something pleasant and fuel anxiety. I quickly realized I can apply the same concept of "looking for opportunities" in this situation.

Was it a test? Or were they OPPORTUNITIES?

I quickly realized how I can view this differently. He has given me the OPPORTUNITY to do what I've set out to do...surrender.

And it's been working.

See, I wasn't just sharing how we've been struggling, but how extremely blessed I've been feeling throughout the struggles we've had.

And when I realized the whole time The Lord was just giving me opportunities to practice my goal to surrender to Him, I just felt 10 times more blessed! And honestly proud of myself how far I've come in building my relationship with Him.

So I encourage you all to start looking for the opportunities The Lord is placing in your life. It can be anything! The Lord works in many ways!

Much love and God Bless!

Kristina Lusher
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Department Highlight: Impact Youth



The Young Adult Bible Study, open to ages 18 and up, meets every other Thursday at 5:30 PM, offering a welcoming space for fellowship and spiritual growth. Each session begins with a time of worship and prayer, setting the tone for great conversation around Scripture. This study is designed as an open forum where all can feel comfortable to engage, ask questions, and share thoughts, creating a supportive environment where all are encouraged to grow in their faith. Whether you're new to studying the Bible or seeking deeper understanding, this group offers a space to connect, learn, and strengthen your relationship with God and one another. Iron sharpens Iron – Proverbs 27:17

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Question of the Month!



WHAT ENCOURAGING WORD WOULD YOU
GIVE SOMEONE TODAY IN
(WHAT SEEMS TO BE)
AN UNENCOURAGING WORLD?



If I would have to encourage someone I would tell them to not be moved with what they see. To look to the hills from where their help comes from. I would tell them that He who created us promised us that He would never leave us nor forsake us. He promised us that He would leave with us His Holy Spirit to lead and guide us in this world. I would encourage them to stay in His presence at all times because in His presence there is the fullness of joy! Last but not least I would say that weeping may endure for a night but joy will come in the morning! It may look bad now but I know The Lord will and shall turn it around for your good.

~ Shakalo Dorsey

Let proverbs 3:5-6 encourage you to trust in the Lord with all your heart, lean not on your own understanding, but in all your ways submit to him and he will make your path straight!

If you are hurt, feeling broken, despair, heartache, confusion, or emptiness, open up your Bible, and begin to read the living word of God so that your heart can be filled with God's love and the void and heaviness that you feel can be overtaken by His grace! I would also say when they ask Jesus into their heart and to be forgiven for their sins that they are a new creation in Christ! Out with the old in with the new! They no longer have to be the things of their past! They can now walk in God's goodness and glory!

You can do all things through Christ who gives you strength! No weapon formed against you shall prosper! Greater is he that is in you than he that is in this world! God will never leave you nor forsake you nor will anything ever separate you from the love of God ! Stay blessed!

~ Haley Nicole



Impact Youth (Youth Ministry) 7th-12th grade:

Youth are asked to sit in the back pew during Worship and are released around 11am to class!

Children's Ministry: Every great movie tells a great story. When we see those stories played out on the big screen, we can learn a little more about ourselves and the world around us. Jesus knew how powerful stories could be, and he made them a big part of how he taught his followers. In this 5-week series, kids will hear some of the stories Jesus shared that can help them see the big picture of a life spent following God. Kids will see that God helps us know what's true, the ways we can give back to God, how God sends us helpers, and how God gives us second chances.

Verse of the month: Call to me and I will answer you and tell you great and unsearchable things you do not know. Jeremiah 33:3

Mens Ministry: Join us for a breakfast session, 3/8 at 9:30, focused on handgun safety training. Afterwards, we'll head to a local gun range to put our new skills into practice. The cost is approximately \$40 per person. All men aged 12 and up are welcome to participate. For more information, please reach out to Jaysn via text at 419-463-2644 or email at jnicholson@fhfcsandusky.org.

Food Pantry: The drive thru pantry is March 30th from 3-4. Also every Friday morning produce is available starting at 8am. Donations for canned fruit and cereal are needed and can be put in the donation box in the lobby.

Let's Talk women's group: Every Tuesday night in the bridal suite from 6pm-8pm! Talking about life with God's word applied!

Wednesday Morning Men & Women's Bible Studies: Every Wednesday at 9:30am-10:30am. Women meet in fellowship hall, Men meet in conference room. Women have breakfast fellowship the 4th Wednesday of each month!

"The Table" discussion group- Meets every Wednesday starting at 6pm. ALL are welcome as we cover the tough questions!

Clothes Closet: Every first Saturday of the month from 10am-1pm and every third Friday of the month from 8:30am-11:30am during produce giveaway. Donations for clothes and hangers welcomed! Clothes can be dropped off on Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 10am until noon. Do not leave outside as we will not be able to accept the items. Also donations for tubs to store clothes are needed!

Women's Fellowship:

Don't forget about the Bridging The Gap Conference on 03/14 & 03/15 here at the church. Please support this event hosted by Pastor Pam Scott.

Conference T-shirts are on sale now. See Melinda Harvey for details. They are pay with order.

Looking Ahead:

Father's Heart Women's Ministry will be attending Extraordinary Women's Conference in Canton, OH on October 24th & 25th. Registration and tickets are required. Please visit www.ewomen.net to register and choose Canton, OH. For Hotel info see Melinda Harvey 419-271-6292. Details are also on the Father's Heart Women's Ministry Facebook Page.

Young Adult Bible Study: Meeting on every other Thursday in the Youth Ministry room at 5:30! We are currently fasting the day of study if you would like to join us in doing so.

Evening Service: Every Sunday at 6pm. In need of more musicians for worship! Contact Ben Hall for more information!

March

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
						1 10am-1pm Clothes Closet
2	3	4 6pm "Let's Talk" ladies group - Bridal Suite	5 10am Mens & Womens Bible Studies 6pm "The Table" discussion group	6	7 8am Produce Giveaway	8 9:30am Men's Breakfast
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