

# The Heartbeat

## FATHER'S HEART FAMILY CHURCH



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### Dad's Toolbox (Spiritual Edition)

Every dad knows the value of a good toolbox—something sturdy, reliable, and ready for any job. But there's another kind of toolbox that's just as important: the spiritual one. As fathers, you're called not only to provide and protect, but also to guide, encourage, and model Christ to your families. This Father's Day, we celebrate the tools that make a godly dad strong—not just in the home, but in the heart.

Here are a few tools that every spiritual dad should carry:

#### 1. The Hammer of Prayer

Like a hammer builds and secures, prayer builds a strong foundation. It's how you fight for your family in the spirit—even when you don't have all the answers.

#### 2. The Level of Grace

A level keeps things balanced. Extend grace—to your kids, your spouse, and yourself. God's grace evens out the hard days and reminds us we're not expected to be perfect.

#### 3. The Tape Measure of Patience

Patience gives room for growth. Whether you're helping with homework or navigating teenage moods, patience stretches farther than frustration ever could.

#### 4. The Screwdriver of Wisdom

Screwdrivers tighten what's loose and help things hold together. Wisdom from God's Word keeps your family grounded when life starts to spin.

#### 5. The Flashlight of Faith

It's not always easy to see the path ahead, but faith lights the way. Trusting God—even when things are unclear—shows your family what real strength looks like.

Being a dad isn't about having it all figured out—it's about showing up, leading with love, and trusting God for the rest. And when your spiritual toolbox is open and in use, you'll build something that lasts far beyond your lifetime.

Happy Father's Day to all the dads and father figures—we honor the legacy you're building!

### Father Figures in Scripture

The Bible is full of men who weren't perfect, but were powerfully used by God in their roles as fathers or spiritual leaders. This Father's Day, let's take a moment to reflect on a few who still teach us today:

#### **Abraham – The Father of Faith**

Trusted God with the unknown and led his family into a promise bigger than himself. (Genesis 12)

#### **Joseph – The Protective Stepfather**

Though Jesus wasn't his biological son, Joseph faithfully protected, guided, and raised Him. (Matthew 1–2)

#### **Noah – The Obedient Builder**

Led his family through one of the darkest times in history—because he listened to God when no one else would. (Genesis 6–9)

#### **The Prodigal Son's Father – The Gracious Welcomer**

Showed the heart of God by forgiving, restoring, and celebrating a lost son's return. (Luke 15:11–32)

#### **Mordecai – The Wise Guardian**

Though not Esther's biological father, he raised her with courage and faith, guiding her into purpose. (Esther 2)

These men remind us that fatherhood is more than biology—it's leadership, sacrifice, and legacy.

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## Department Highlight: Men's Ministry

### "Building Strong Men"



"Building Strong Men" is a heartfelt invitation to empower men of all ages to grow in faith and purpose, advancing God's Kingdom here on Earth. Our vision—"Building strong men, Leading strong families, Creating strong communities"—captures the heart of our mission. As a vibrant community of men, we come together, each bringing our unique gifts to uplift one another in body, soul, and spirit. Inspired by Ephesians 4:11-13, which speaks of equipping the saints for ministry and growing into the fullness of Christ, we aim to nurture both practical skills and spiritual wisdom through monthly gatherings. Over the past year, we've explored topics like mental health, first aid, goal setting, entrepreneurship, leadership, winter survival, camping basics, and even pistol safety with range time—offering something for everyone! In 2024, our annual fish fry and campout on the FHFC campus was a massive success, drawing men together for fellowship and fun. We're thrilled to host both again this year, so mark your calendars and join us! My passion is to inspire men to embrace the skills, experiences, and opportunities God has given us to impact His Kingdom for eternity. Come be part of this exciting journey!

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-Jaysn Nicholson



### Dad Jokes from some Father's Heart Fathers

April showers bring May flowers, but what do May flowers bring?  
Pilgrims. - Aronell Bulger

Some times I wake up grumpy but most of the time I let her sleep in.  
- Pastor Tony Robinson

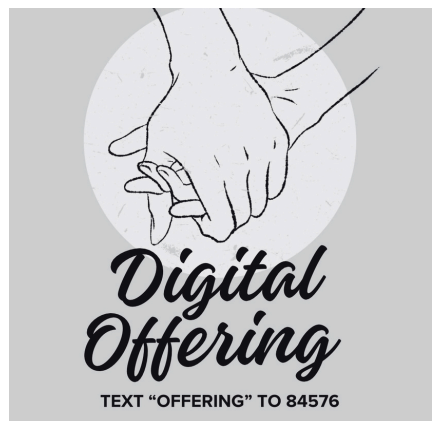
How do you know when a bad joke becomes a dad joke? When itB  
becomes "apparent". - Glenn Parsons

Do you have your henway? What's a henway? About 8lbs!  
- Eric Pankratz

Why did the scarecrow become a motivational speaker? Because heB  
was outstanding in his field! - Jaysn Nicholson

How does a buffalo say goodbye to his son? Bison! - Jimm Lusher

I built a house for my pet manatee, Hugh. It's a habitat for Hugh  
manatee. - Pastor Dave Wittmer



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Now you are the body of Christ, and each one of you is a part of it. Corinthians 12:27

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**NOTICE**

Due to lack of volunteers and the amount of kids we have been having in kids church we will be putting a max on how many kids can be in each room. This is to help volunteers keep kids safe and be able to teach. Thank you for your understanding.



**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:** Fire up the ovens! We're headed to the kitchen to bake up something special. Kitchens are incredible places where the most basic ingredients are transformed into delicious treats. Our faith can be a lot like that, too! In this 5-week series, kids will follow the life of the prophet Elijah, whose ministry involved a lot of fire and bread as he formed a special relationship with God. They'll learn how knowing God helps me find what I need, hears my voice, guides me when I'm scared, comforts me, and is always with me are all the ingredients they need to get fired up!

Verse of the month: It is written: "Man shall not live on bread alone but on every word that comes from the mouth of God." Matthew 4:4

**Mens Ministry:** Come join the fun at our Second Annual Fish Fry on June 21! We're kicking things off promptly at 11:30 AM, so arrive early—last year, nearly 200 men showed up! We're excited to welcome our special guest speaker, John Adams, an inspiring author, law enforcement chaplain, SWAT team member, and pastor at New Life Church. Don't miss out on this incredible event!

**Food Pantry:** The drive thru pantry is June 29th from 3-4. Also every Friday morning produce is available starting at 8am. Donations are needed for jelly and jams! Please utilize the box in the lobby to give your donations!

**Let's Talk women's group:** CANCELED FOR THE SUMMER! Will resume sometime in September!

**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. We have served 277 families so far this year. We average about 35 families a month. We are currently in need of hangers. Thanks for all your help and support!

**Women's Fellowship:**

A special thank you to all the women of FHFC who made our spa night such a success. This was such an awesome event.

Now.....Let's get excited for our next women's gathering on June 14th at 5pm for Cobbler & Conversation. Come ready to share a short testimony or just come to listen and share in the spiritual encouragement and connect with other women within our church. Young women are welcome too. A sign up sheet will be in the lobby for this event. You are welcome to bring your children, if you need to, just pack some toys and bring a few things to keep them busy!

**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!

**6pm Wednesday Night Bible Study:** We are going through a series of spiritual warfare from Ephesians 6:10-18. We would like to encourage everyone to come share, learn and walk in the POWER of GOD and His armor! Please and thank you.

**Important Dates!**

**June 8<sup>th</sup>:** Informational meeting about becoming a foster family following second service.

**June 22<sup>nd</sup>:** Communion service & Family Sunday

**June 29<sup>th</sup>:** Community Church Service! Join us at Sandusky High School stadium! NO SERVICES WILL BE HELD AT FATHERS HEART!

# June

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
1	2	3	4	5 5:30pm Young Adult Bible Study	6 8am Produce Giveaway	7 10am-1pm Clothes Closet
8 Foster Care Meeting after 10:30 service	9	10	11 9:30am Mens & Womens Bible Studies 6pm "The Table" discussion group 6pm Wednesday night bible study	12	13 8am Produce Giveaway	14 5pm Cobbler & Conversation Women's Fellowship
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22 Communion and Family Sunday	23	24	25 9:30am Mens & Womens Bible Studies 6pm "The Table" discussion group 6pm Wednesday night bible study	26	27 8am Produce Giveaway	28
29 10:30 Community Service at Sandusky High Stadium 3pm-4pm Drive Thru Pantry	30					