

The Heartbeat

FATHER'S HEART FAMILY CHURCH



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Rise Up!

Spring is here and Easter is approaching! Everyone is craving sunshine and fresh air and the weight of seasonal depression is lifting! If you're someone that feels stuck in that depressive state, or is just having a not-so "hoppy" time this season, this message is for you.

Rise up!

As the flowers are pushing to rise up from the ground, through all that dirt, to turn into something beautiful, you too, need to RISE!

As the weather is warming and animals are rising out of hibernation, it is also your time to RISE.

And because Jesus ROSE from the tomb three days after He was resurrected is why YOU CAN RISE UP today!

Jesus is not dead He is alive! And because we serve a living God that means He is still working and moving today. And He will never stop!

You can rise up BECAUSE Jesus rose first!

Christ rose from the tomb for YOU. So He could be there for you ALWAYS. The big and the little things. He wants to help you through it all.

So if you feel like you're too tired to rise up, or you "just can't" anymore. Remember Jesus rose FROM THE DEAD so He could be with you in this very moment.

And if He can rise from the dead, He can certainly help you with what you're going through.

Rise up, church!

- **Ephesians 5:14:** "Wake up, O sleeper, rise up from the dead, and Christ will shine on you."
- **Luke 17:19:** "And Jesus said to the man, 'Stand up and go. Your faith has healed you.'"

Much love, God bless, and Happy Easter!

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Department Highlight: The Table



"The Table" is just a room where we fellowship. It's not really a Bible study, but we always get into The Word! It's also a room where we fellowship and help each other if you're struggling with any addictions, life problems or whatever. We let The Holy Spirit take over the room. Everything in that room was from a 50 year old church that was in the basement of a house in Sandusky. All the benches were built over 50 years ago and the table that's in there is where all the children sat and did Bible study Sunday School in an adjoining room. Hence, why I call it "The Table". I got blessed with it all about 5 or 6 years ago. I was looking for a building because I was going to open a Safe House for battered women and their kids, but "GOD" had other plans. While I was looking for a building God had me go to the old building of Father's Heart on Milan rd. I hadn't been to church in over 50 years. I met Pastor Tony and started going. Then we ended up getting our new building here on Mills st and Pastor offered one of the rooms at the church, so that's how I got there! We start at 6:00pm on Wednesday nights and it ends whenever! All are welcome!

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? Question of the Month! ?

What is your favorite Easter
hymn/song?

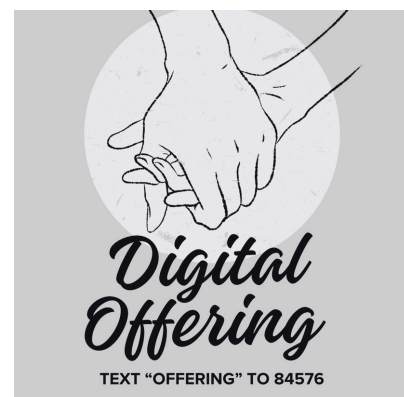
*He Rose (They Crucified My Savior and Nailed Him
to the Cross) -Shirley Clark*

Born to Die by Barbara Mandrell- Marcella Mowel

He's Alive- Jimm Lusher

*My favorite Easter song is when my dad sings "He's
Alive" -Nicole Lusher*

The Old Rugged Cross- Pastor Michele Robinson



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



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: Spring is the season for new beginnings! Whether you're cleaning out parts of your home or watching the flowers bloom in your garden, it's a time for new life and growth. Like a good gardener, Jesus wanted to help cultivate the seeds of faith in his friends so they could all grow closer to God. In this 4-week series, kids will learn all about the life, death, and resurrection of Jesus as he sowed the seeds of new life in the world. Kids will discover that God sent Jesus to save us, Jesus understands when we're hurting, makes all things new, and connects us to God.

Verse of the month: But grow in the grace and knowledge of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ. 2 Peter 3:18a

Mens Ministry: Calling all brothers! Join us for an epic morning of tight-knit brotherhood and a solid breakfast to kick things off right. We're pumped to have Scott Smith, our special guest speaker, bringing the heat with God's Word. Be there for this one! April 12th at 9:30am!

Food Pantry: The drive thru pantry is April 27th 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: 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:

Just a reminder to pray for your secret sister and bless her with a card or small gift to let her know she is loved. If you do not participate in this program, I encourage you to please choose a different woman in our church to pray for each week. April prayers bring May blessings. God honors our prayers and is faithful to bless you and the one that you are lifting up.

Mark your calendar for May 10th for our Blessed & Beautiful Spa Night starting at 5pm. Preparation is in progress to make this a fun & relaxing event. An event flyer will follow in a few weeks.

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!

Dance and Drama: Sometime after Easter there will be an informational meeting for all the children that recently signed up for dance. Date will be announced.

Upcoming!

April 6th: Water Baptisms!

May 4th: Baby Dedications!

April

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