

The Heartbeat

FATHER'S HEART FAMILY CHURCH



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Importance of Sharing Testimonies

The month of November is a great reminder to reflect on all the things God does for us each and everyday.

I have been wanting to collect testimonies from people to share in our newsletters, and I think this is the perfect month to put the call out.

I want us to share all the amazing ways God has helped us in our lives!

Often times, seeds are planted most when others share how their tests became TESTIMONIES or their mess became a MESSAGE!

Let's use November to start sharing all the ways God reminds us to be thankful!

I'll start!

One of my favorite messes that became a message is how I met my husband. I have to preface this story with all through high school I was severely depressed, harming myself, and once I graduated, I had a plan to end my life.

Long story short, God healed me from self harm, and instead of ending my life The Lord led me to a new one with Him.

Years later, in 2019, depression was hitting me hard again. Thankfully this time I knew better and understood these thoughts were not from God. However, they were not going away. I knew I needed additional help. I told my therapist I needed to go to the hospital. I spent 5 days there, and on the last night God gave me a dream.

The dream was my Grandpap telling me "happy birthday". In the dream I explained that it wasn't my birthday, but he insisted and once again told me "happy birthday". I woke up from my dream and realized He was telling me I was healed of these thoughts and born again with a new life!

How does this lead me to my husband? Well, the following week I'm about to delete an app off my phone called "Facebook Dating". Suddenly, this handsome man's picture pops up and his bio said how he loves Jesus and was a worship leader.

I instantly "liked" his page alerting him that we had matched. The rest is history, and as I like to say, it was love at first "like".

Later on it came to my mom's remembrance of my dream I had in the hospital and she told me, "your dream had double meaning! You met the man you were supposed to be with and are literally starting a new life with him. Plus you are healed of those horrible thoughts!"

What was potentially the worst time in my life became one of my favorite stories, or testimonies, to share! You truly never know what God has in store for you!

Please feel free to send me your testimonies! Your experience might be just what someone else needs to hear! And I hope with sharing mine it helps encourage someone today to keep pushing through, or to share their own testimony with others!

Send your testimony to kmarie5893@gmail.com and look for it here in a future issue!

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Department Highlight: “Let’s Talk!”



Pastor Deb Lusher: “Let’s Talk!”

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“ I wasn’t sure about going to “Let’s Talk!” But once I did I couldn’t stop! I get to know more people, hear their stories, and learn so much! This group allows for healing, gives tools for everyday life, and is full of laughter too! ~Sabrina Lusher ”

What exactly is “Let’s Talk!”?

Pastor Deb: Let’s talk is a weekly women’s group of all ages that comes together under the leadership of Pastor Deb to talk and share.

What made you want to start this group?

Pastor Deb: The group was birthed out of the prompting of God to create a place for women to come together in a safe environment to support, encourage, share, and apply God’s word to our everyday lives. A place where past and present events in our lives can find revelation, exposure, restoration, and healing through God’s word and the love, support, experiences, and testimonies of deliverance and healing of other women. Whether your journey in life has been good, or it has not been so good, your testimony may be a key to someone else’s healing.

Who is welcome and where do you meet?

Pastor Deb: Women of all ages are welcome every Tuesday from 6 to 8 in the bridal room which is near the first set of doors as you pull into the parking lot. Posters are posted on the door.



Question of the Month!

What does it mean to be thankful to God and why is giving thanks to God important?



Spencer Farrar: To be thankful is to acknowledge what has been done for you and give reverence to the provider of said provision. Giving thanks to the lord helps us to remember that He is Lord (we are NOT) and draws us closer to Him.

Pastor Deb Lusher: To be thankful means to be grateful for something received. We approach a loving, Holy, and just God with a heart of thanksgiving for all that he has given us: salvation, paying the debt we could never pay, and willingly laying down his life so that we may have eternal life with him! This in itself should create in us a thankful heart! (Psalm 100:4) When we approach God with a thankful heart we can know that we will be received! And not only received; but blessed! It’s important to enter into his presents with a thankful heart because in doing so, he doesn’t hesitate (and it gives him much pleasure) to bless us again!



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: Superhero is our theme!

Superheros aren't heroic only when they feel like it - they are brave each and every day. The best heroes can even inspire the people around them to be brave, faithful, and hopeful in their own lives too. Kids will see God as the hero of our story as they hear the story of Ruth and Naomi. They'll see how God gives them companions, opportunities, boldness and hope so they can be heroes too.

Mens Ministry: Mens breakfast begins at 9:30 am on November 9th with First Aid training!

Food Pantry: The drive thru pantry is November 24th from 3-4. Also every Friday morning produce is available starting at 8am except November 29th. Donations for canned fruit and cereal are needed and can be put in the donation box in the lobby.

Women's Fellowship: Wanna give your input on Women's Ministry or get involved in 2025? Be sure to fill out our questionnaire and return to Melinda Harvey as soon as possible. Your suggestions matter as we plan for next year.

Women's Ministry and Secret Sister Reveal Party is scheduled for Saturday, December 7th at 5pm. More info to follow soon. You don't want to miss this yearly event. New sign up sheets will be available if you want to participate in Secret Sister for 2025.

Recording Studio: Our video and audio recording studio is now operational! Have a Christ-centered podcast you want to start? Looking to make content to advance the kingdom of God? Now's your chance! We're actively seeking those that want to make content for the glory of our God. Contact Jeff Lusher at 419-656-4073 to set up a time to discuss your vision. We are also actively working to allow for music recording as well, so stay tuned if you're interested.

Prayer Chain: All of us on the FHFC prayer team are sincere, confidential and committed in helping you bring your request before the Lord. In another newsletter, we will explain more on how to communicate your prayer request to us. Keep your eyes and ears open! - Hannah Jordan

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!

Let's Talk women's group: Meets Tuesdays from 6-8pm for women of all ages!

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 men's group- Meets every Wednesday starting at 6pm. All men are welcome as we cover the tough questions!

Dance and Drama: Please sign up in The Foyer. Or see Shirley Clark. 419-271-8236.

Choir: Meets every other Thursday, starting November 14 from 5-7pm. Contact RJ Coleman if you'd like to join!

Young Adult Bible Study: Meeting on every other Thursday in the Youth Ministry room. 5:30pm refreshments, 6pm Bible study.

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

Looking Ahead

December 1st- Baby Dedication service