

# The Channel

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We honor the Fathers in our lives. They hold a special place because they are the procreators designed by God to help mold us into the person God planned us to be.

Some may not have had the 'perfect' biological Father to teach us the ways of God; however, we all here at Rivers have a very special **Spiritual Father** who leads, guides, and loves us so we can become exactly what God purposed each of us to be.

Take time to honor your biological and Spiritual Father today. Look around and find a father you can encourage in his walk with the Lord so that he can become a better 'Father' image to the many lives he touches.



## Father, My Father

Written by Rev. Julia Schwert

Father, and I love to call you Father! That word itself denotes so much to me. When I hear the word 'father' I think of protection, guidance, security, and most importantly love. I realize that many may not have been as fortunate as I was to grow up with these qualities in their biological father; however, I also **know** that these qualities and many more can be found **by everyone** in our Heavenly Father.

Our Heavenly Father wants us to trust Him. When we open our hearts and begin to really trust

Him, we discover that it is easier to obey Him. God desires only the best for us **always!** Not only did our Heavenly Father create us, He placed a call on each of our lives. Jeremiah 1:5 reads: ***"Before I formed thee in the belly I knew thee; and before thou camest forth out of the womb I sanctified thee (set you apart), and I ordained thee a prophet unto the nations."*** We have all been called to tell others of **all** cultures about the goodness of our God and Father.

But our Heavenly Father did not leave us to defend for ourselves, He is **still a vital part** of our lives! Here are some of the things He is to us:

**Our Protector** – Psalms 91:4 says, ***"He shall cover thee with his feathers, and under his wings shalt thou trust: his truth shall be thy shield and buckler."*** The buckler is a shield which surrounds the person. Talk about protection! How can anything or anyone get through the blood line of Jesus when He is surrounding us?

**Our Guide** – In Psalms 23:2 we read: ***"He maketh me to lie down in green pastures: he leadeth (and continues to lead) me beside the still waters."*** When we don't know which way to turn, which way to go, God **will** give us the guidance we need.

**Our Security** - Proverbs 29:25 states: ***"The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the Lord shall be safe."*** The key word here is putteth – **continue** to put your trust in the Lord and you will always find safety and security.

**Our Love** – One of the best scriptures in the Bible that tells us who our Heavenly Father really is, is found in John 3:16: ***"For God so loved the world (not just those doing good things), that he gave his only begotten Son, that whosoever (no matter where you find yourself!) believeth in him should not perish, but have everlasting life."*** Such a **great love** our Heavenly Father has for us. We cannot begin to fathom the depth of it. We love until

we get deeply hurt and then walk around with that hurt refusing to let anyone get close to our heart again, but **God loves (and continues to love) despite** the hurt we unintentionally or intentionally cause Him. Talk about a love story!

Father, you and you alone are my hiding place. You know me so completely and yet you love me in spite of my short comings. **Oooooo, how I love to call YOU, Father!**



## Bill Pay

Are you part of the newer generation that does not write checks? Do you usually pay bills online? If that is the case and you would like to

save money on stamps, checks, and envelopes, you may go to your personal bank website and add Rivers of Living Water, PO Box 1323, Fremont, OH 43420, as a bill you would like automatically deducted from your account. You can set it up as a one-time gift or an automatic deduction on certain day(s).

Your bank will mail a paper check to the church's post office box 1323, and you will receive credit for your donation. If you would like more information about this, please see Rev. Julia Schwert.



## Wednesday Bible Study

- Our youth will have Bible Contests as they study about the Holy Spirit.
- Our adult study is from the book, Supernatural, by Michael S. Heiser. We are ready to begin Chapter 6. What a difference this enlightenment is making in our spiritual walk!



## MINISTERIAL ASSIGNMENTS

for Sunday, June 24

Bishop O. Duane Simmons – Opening  
Deacon Mark Hamen – Ministering  
Bishop Bruce Perry – Closing



## REGULAR WEEKLY SCHEDULE

### Sunday

9:15 to 9:45 a.m. Godfather Fellowship Hall Hospitality  
**Beginning at 9:30** – Intercessory Prayer  
10 a.m. – Morning Worship

### Wednesday

11 a.m. – Breaking Point  
6:30 p.m. – Bible Foundation  
6:30 p.m. – Youth Services

### Thursday

6 to 7:30 p.m. – Recovery Outreach Ministry led by Rev. David Tucker. Need help to overcome an addiction? Come to these sessions. Our desire is to help you achieve and experience an abundant life in God.



Feed your Soul every week.



## COMING EVENTS—MARK YOUR CALENDARS NOW!

### IN JULY . . .

Our Youth will be having their yearly “**King David & Queen Esther Day**.” Stay tuned, more announcements will be coming about this event which is being planned for **Friday, July 27**.

The 5<sup>th</sup> Sunday in July will be Youth Day and rumor has it they will be performing something special during that service.

### IN AUGUST . . .

Our **Annual Church Picnic** will be held on **Sunday, August 26**, at Conner Park. We will be at the Eagle Shelter House. More information will be coming.



## NOTICE

- Please give any announcements you want mentioned on Sunday to the office by Friday morning.
- Please give all announcements for the **July Channel** to Rev. Julia Schwert by **Wednesday, June 27**.

## JUNE 8 & 9



Do you have extra items in your house you would like to donate? We are in need of items for the **YOUTH YARD SALE**. We will accept any gently used or new items. Do you have lamps, chairs, decorations, cookware, novelty items, etc. that you no longer want? We can sell them.

Clothing donations will be given away as this has been our ministry in the past, and we will keep our integrity by continuing to give away all clothing items we receive. **Please bring any items by Thursday, June 7.**

Yard Sale will be from **9 a.m. to 5 p.m.** on **Thursday & Friday**. The Youth will be serving a \$3<sup>00</sup> meal of Hot Dog, Chips, and Drink. All proceeds will go to the Youth Department and the church.



## GODFEST 2018 JUNE 30

A day of celebration of unity is being planned by Clyde Community Worship Center

of the Nazarene. They have invited all the area churches to come and fellowship. If you know someone who is looking for something to do, invite them. It will be a fun time for all ages. There will be games, singing, food, face painting, and fellowship.

Various groups have been asked to participate by sharing in song, dance, and speaking. They will also accept donations for cookies, water, and hot dogs. More information will be posted on the bulletin board in the Godfather Fellowship Hall.

God is wanting His children from all cultures and churches to come together in His Name! We want to support what God has instructed another part of Our Body to do.

