



OUR STORY

The journey of Our Father's House publicly launched on Sunday, May 23, 2021. However, this journey's roots reach back much further before that day ever came to be. It sprouted in the soil of hunger for the power and presence of the Holy Spirit to freely move and have His way in the lives of people who encounter Him.

So, in the unity in the Spirit and the refined cohesiveness of having served and grown together over a period of decades, a leadership team stepped out in bold faith, believing that Father God would be honored in every step of this new journey. Being such a good and loving Father, God has abundantly provided in each step of the establishment of this non-denominational ministry, called Our Father's House!

For our very first Sunday morning gathering, more than 160 people flocked with overwhelming joy and enthusiasm through the doors of a building we had leased just a few days prior. Since that blessed beginning, the pattern of growth for OFH has become steadily established. In September of 2021, we elected to expand our capacity for growth by offering two services on Sunday mornings. Each and every week, newcomers continue to find their way into the gathering of Our Father's House, drawn by the freedom and presence of the Holy Spirit!

Our vision is to see all people engage in a life-changing relationship with their True Father, God, grow in their ability to enjoy His presence and be equipped to live as His children in this world!

Geographically, we are located in the city of Sulphur Springs, right in the heart of Northeast Texas. Laterally speaking, we are at the halfway point between the Dallas/Fort Worth Metroplex and Texarkana on the major thoroughfare of Interstate 30, as well as the convergence of two state highways that traverse the region. Demographically, the population of our region, county and city is experiencing consistent growth. Landscapes are changing. Communities are adapting to accommodate the growth. Countless people are leaving the city life and population centers behind for the more relaxed pace of the rural areas of Northeast Texas. The rural communities in this region have plenty of deeply-rooted churches of traditional denominations. What these communities lack, however, is churches not associated with traditional denominations. Recent studies indicate that denominational connections are dwindling, while non-denominational churches are the most likely choice of affiliation for millennials and future generations. Coupled with the fact that church plants grow at a faster rate than long-time established churches, we believe this reality helps solidify OFH as critical to the future of God's Kingdom in this community and the Northeast Texas region.

In September of 2021, Father God powerfully provided a 15.2-acre piece of property that represents the next chapter and home of the ministry of OFH at the very crossroads of this Northeast Texas region. Having already outgrown our launch location, we have initial plans to construct a 300-person auditorium that can be expanded as needed for future growth and capacity. Our goal is to see the Father's full financial provision for this project so that this ministry may continue as we have begun: free of debt.

OFH is not just a church for people to attend. It is a family where they can belong. The people of OFH genuinely and sincerely care about one another! They graciously devote themselves to meeting the needs of each other. The multi-cultural, multi-generational connections exhibited within this family not only contribute to the life-giving atmosphere, but also run directly against the grain of the surrounding society. The love, freedom and authentic worship of this family shines as a bright light in this community and region.

The ministry of Our Father's House is already making a significant impact in our community and the surrounding area. With these next steps and a fuller measure of God's provision, we expect the impact of this ministry's vision to expand around the globe!



STATEMENT OF FAITH

(WHAT WE BELIEVE AND WHY WE BELIEVE IT)

This Church accepts the Bible as the revealed and written will of God, the all-sufficient rule of faith and practice, and for the purpose of maintaining general unity of statements of faith.

The Bible. *This Church considers the Bible, both Old and New Testaments, to be God's only infallible & inspired written revelation to man, the ultimate benchmark and eternal authority for a life of faith and the guide for this statement of faith. It cannot be added to, subtracted from or superseded in any regard. The Bible is the source of all doctrine, instruction, correction and reproof.*

The Trinity. *Throughout the Bible, God is expressed as 1 being with 3 eternally distinct persons -- Father, Son and Holy Spirit.*

God the Father. *God the Father creates and sustains all things in love. He created man in His own image for the purpose of relationship. After Adam disconnected himself from God's boundaries of relationship, the Father made a way for mankind to reconnect to this relationship with Himself through Jesus the Son.*

Jesus Christ the Son. *Jesus is eternally God. He was with the Father and the Holy Spirit from the beginning, and through Him all things were made. He left heaven to be born as a man, conceived by the Holy Spirit within the virgin Mary's womb.*

The Holy Spirit. *The Holy Spirit is God. He was active in the Old Testament and fully given to the church at Pentecost as promised by prophets and Jesus. He empowers God's children to live the life of faith, cleanses us from the old nature and conforms us to the image of Christ. The baptism in the Holy Spirit, after conversion, releases the fullness of the Spirit and yields spiritual fruit and gifts.*

The Atonement. *The undeserving substitutionary death of Jesus on the cross satisfied God's required penalty for the sins of the whole world. The benefits of his death and God's satisfaction are only applicable to those who, by faith, receive Jesus as personal Savior. His restorative sacrifice makes wholeness of body, soul and spirit available to those who believe.*

Salvation. *Salvation is a free gift God lovingly gives to those who willingly repent from sin, confess that Jesus is Lord and believe that He has been raised from death. Salvation gives birth to a new creation in Jesus Christ the Son. Water baptism is the outward and obedient sign of what God has already done in our lives and is a testimony to others of the new life we've received through Jesus.*

The Christian Life. *New Life in Jesus is qualified by being adopted as a child by God the true Father and living as an heir to His Kingdom. God the Father provides completely for His children and His promises never expire. Through salvation, His children are reborn into God's Kingdom as infants. As God's children, our lives on earth are to reflect growth and maturity into His image as we increasingly obey through faith in His word and experience renewal of our mind. New Life in Jesus is to be lived in relationship with others who are also experiencing this new life. The Christian life is subject to trials, tests and warfare against a spiritual enemy who persistently seeks to lure us into sinful behavior and independence from God. Victory over these trials, tests and attacks is made available by faith through Jesus' work on the cross, faith in God's word and the power of the Holy Spirit.*

The Church. *The Church is a family of God's children who receive and exercise spiritual gifts and abilities for edifying the Church and expanding God's Kingdom on the earth. The goal of the Church is to make disciples of all nations and to mature God's children into His*

image. The Church is governed by the office of Elder, which is responsible for family oversight, guidance and discipline.

The Lord's Supper. The Lord's Supper, or communion, is observed regularly among the family of God's children in remembrance of the atoning sacrifice of Jesus Christ the Son. Communion reminds us of the love demonstrated by God for His children and the benefits He avails to us because we are now His.

End Times. We affirm the second coming of the Lord Jesus Christ, the resurrection of His children, the millennium and the final judgment. The final judgment will determine the eternal destiny of all people, according to their relationship to Jesus Christ the Son. In the end, God will recreate a new heaven and a new earth.

Statement of Marriage. Based on the teaching of the Scriptures, "marriage" is an institution ordained by God from the foundation of the world and intended as a lifelong, covenantal union of one man and one woman. Therefore, our teaching about marriage seeks to support and strengthen the institution as God defined it. The use of all church facilities will also be in keeping with this understanding of marriage. It is also the policy of this church that members of the church staff will only officiate at marriages between a man and a woman.



OUR VALUES

WE ARE A HOUSE OF FAITH

“And it is impossible to please God without faith.” Hebrews 11:6

WE ARE A HOUSE OF LIGHT

“But if we are living in the light, as God is in the light, then we have fellowship with each other, and the blood of Jesus, his Son, cleanses us from all sin.” 1 John 1:7

WE ARE A HOUSE OF PRAYER & WORSHIP

“Draw near to God and He will draw near to you.” James 4:8

WE ARE A HOUSE OF HONOR

“Love each other with genuine affection, and take delight in honoring each other.” Romans 12:10

WE ARE A HOUSE OF GROWTH

“There is more than enough room in my Father’s house.” John 14:2

“...until we all reach unity in the faith and in the knowledge of the Son of God and become mature, attaining to the whole measure of the fullness of Christ.” Ephesians 4:13

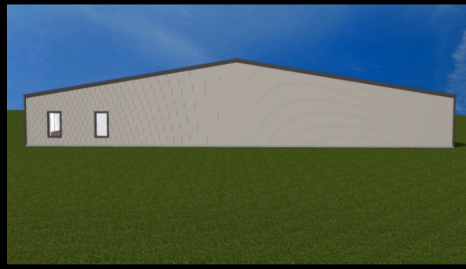
WE ARE A HOUSE OF FREEDOM

“For the Lord is the Spirit, and wherever the Spirit of the Lord is, there is freedom.”

2 Corinthians 3:17

WE ARE A HOUSE OF UNITY

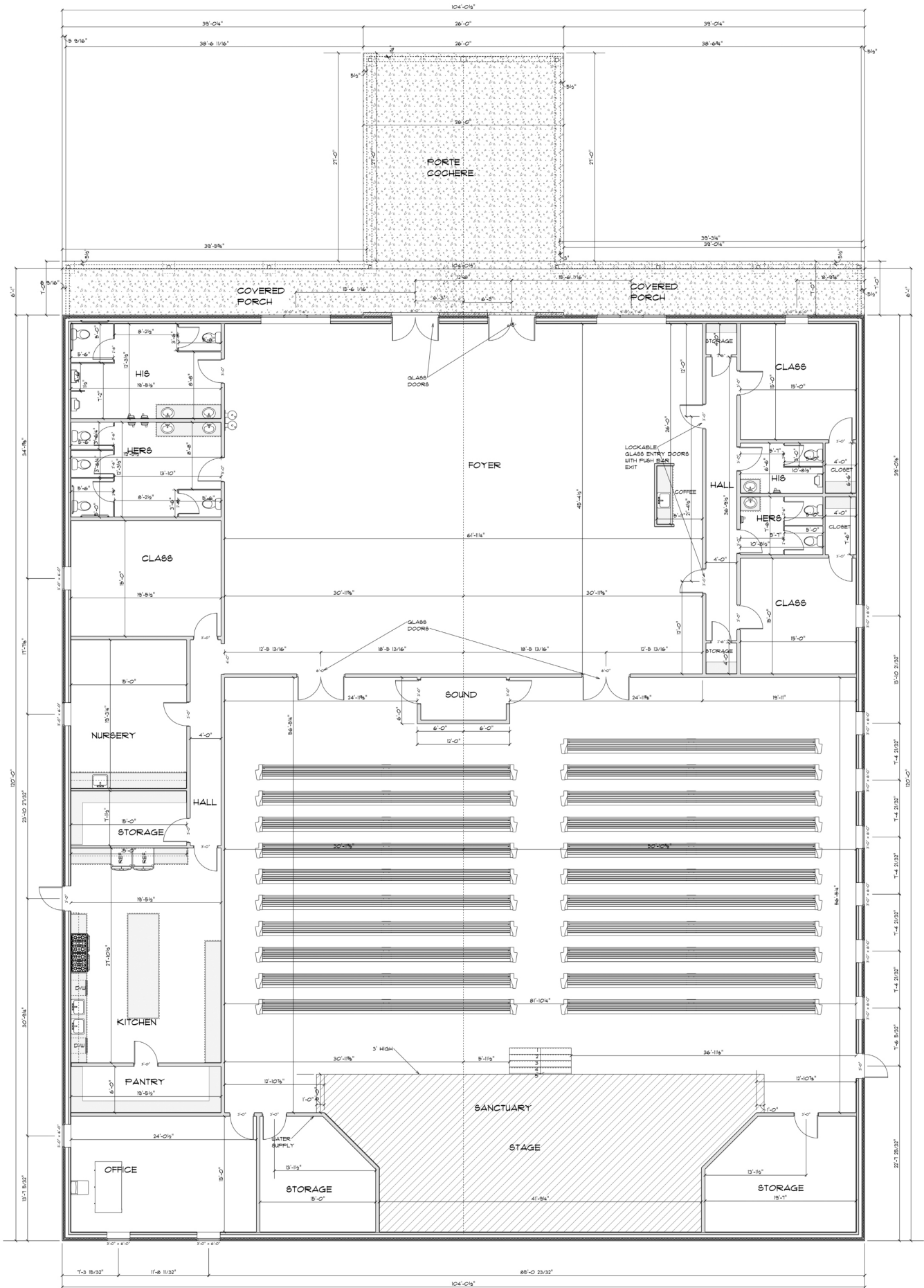
“All of you together are Christ’s body, and each of you is a part of it.” 1 Corinthians 12:27



**FUTURE HOME
OF**

OUR FATHER'S HOUSE

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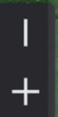
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MEMBER TESTIMONIALS

“OFH is a wonderful place for all who want to be part of a Spiritual home. This house has the most loving Father who shows up whenever you ask Him. The Holy Spirit guides this family and He uses His children’s arms to hug and support you. He uses their voices to comfort you and speak His words to you. And this house is always filled with praise and joy and endless love!”

Ron & Janet Johnson

“OFH is a Holy Spirit-led family, full of passion and the joy of the Lord! This body welcomes each part to use their God-given gifts and abilities to glorify the Father and help build His church! Pastor Eric preaches Truth with boldness and love. There’s an exciting atmosphere at OFH that celebrates the power and goodness of God in the lives of His people!”

Brandon Gregg

“OFH is a place of hope, a safe haven and a spiritual home! It is a house without judgment or prejudice. The Holy Spirit is faithful to meet me here and I always receive a true word from God through Pastor Eric. It’s so exciting every week, as I look forward to seeing my family in Christ! You never know what the Lord is going to do in any given gathering, but you can be guaranteed it will be full of His life and set people on His right path!”

Ramonda Davis

“OFH is not just a church or a building. It is our loving family! We are centered around God and His truth, not traditional religious activity. We are so blessed at OFH to have Eric as our pastor because he preaches the Word on a level that anyone can understand, regardless of where you are in your spiritual walk. Our kids of all ages absolutely love being part of OFH! They always talk about our church family and can’t wait to come together again! We love our OFH family.”

Keith & Tammy Ethridge

“From the moment you walk through the doors, it’s like you’re walking into a family reunion. You’re never ‘just another face’ at church. God has used OFH to send people into my life to show me that I am valued and loved! The bond that is created at OFH is unlike anything I have ever experienced anywhere else. I have grown spiritually more in the last year at OFH than I have in the previous six years of walking with Christ!”

Alicia Marcum



NEXT STEPS

We hope this information has proven helpful to give you a glimpse of who we are as OFH, what we represent and how the Father is moving in this ministry!

As we look ahead, we're believing the Father for full provision of necessary funds to complete this building project! In amazing ways, we've already witnessed Him supply a substantial percentage of our **target goal of \$975,000**. By faith, we know He is faithful to see it through! Thank you for standing with OFH in this belief!

You've received this packet because of your heart to see God's Kingdom on the earth!

We're inviting you to partner with God by sowing into this ministry in these ways:

- Sow Prayerfully!** Supernatural things happen when God's people pray with power and authority for His Kingdom.
- Sow Financially!** God doesn't lack any resources for expanding His Kingdom here and now. Your financial partnership will prove to be a unifying experience of faith for all of us to see the Father's provision in every way! You can give online through our website (<https://ourfathershouse.life/give>) or respond with the enclosed self-addressed stamped envelope.
- Sow Exponentially!** Chances are, you know someone else who has a heart for God's Kingdom on the earth. Please pass this packet onto them, or request another one be sent their way by emailing Pastor Eric (eric@ourfathershouse.life) with their contact information.

"But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well." Matthew 6:33