



Work of Christ Community

Fatherhood Academy 2.0

The primary goal of the Fatherhood Academy is to inspire, encourage and equip fathers in their God-given responsibility in the family. The secondary goal is to build a strong men's environment that supports fathers in their role and assists them in raising up the next generation.

All sessions will be held at the Work of Christ Community Center, 4828 S. Hagadorn Road in East Lansing, Michigan. Guests are very welcome.

1. Tuesday, January 17, 2012, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

Being the Head of the Home & Partner with Your Wife, Dave Luginbill

Fathers have been given authority with responsibility for a purpose: to raise our children to know, love and serve God. We do this in partnership with our wives. There is no such thing as a "born father." This talk will challenge us to accept our responsibility as fathers and give us practical ways to grow in our leadership in the home.

2A. Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

Building a Healthy Relationship with Your Children, Jerry Cooper

It is difficult, if not impossible, to fulfill our mission of raising our children to know, love and serve God unless we establish good relationships with our children. This talk will present practical ways we can build good relationships with our children (e.g., consistent family patterns, interpersonal relating skills, repairing wrongdoing).

2B. Tuesday, February 21, 2012, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

The Role of Grandfathers, Mike Luea

Grandfathers can and should play a very important role in the lives of their grandchildren (both natural and spiritual grandchildren). They can encourage and support young fathers in their role as fathers. They can love and nurture young children. They can encourage and counsel older children. In this talk we will look at ways that natural and spiritual grandfathers can help raise up the next generation.

3. Tuesday, March 20, 2012, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

Forming Character in Our Children, Tom Giles

Character matters. Good fathers strive to instill godly character in their children. This talk will present a vision and practical examples of how we can help our children develop godly character. We will also look specifically at the formation of boys, a glaring need in our modern society.

4. Tuesday, April 17, 2012, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

Forming Your Child's Faith, Speaker, John DeWitt

Leading our children to genuine faith in Jesus Christ and life in the Holy Spirit is our most important mission as a father. While others can help us, this is not a responsibility we can delegate to others (e.g., mom, church, community, clergy, Christian school, youth group). We will look at ways fathers can help their children come to a living faith and commitment to the Lord.

5. Tuesday, May 15, 2012, 7:30 to 9:15 p.m.

Overcoming Obstacles to Growing as a Father, Jon Luea

As men we all face obstacles to fulfilling our responsibilities to our families: passivity, fear, not able to sacrifice self (time, money, hobbies, etc.), anger, pornography, difficulty communicating with our wife, lacking leadership skills, etc. In this talk we will look at ways we can overcome obstacles—as well as the role we all have in helping each other to overcome obstacles and become stronger, better fathers and men.