

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 8/6, 9a.m.: Fun Run "Beach Day" theme
- 8/13, 1-3p.m.: Ladies' luncheon
- 8/14: promotion Sunday & SOF Picnic
- 8/20, 9a.m.: Fun Run "Back to School" theme
- 8/28: SOF missionaries leave for KY

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On Earth as It Is in Heaven

By Jenny Deweese

"I saw Satan fall like lightning from Heaven. I have given you authority to trample on snakes and scorpions and to overcome all the power of the enemy; nothing will harm you. However, do not rejoice that the spirits submit to you, but rejoice that your names are written in Heaven"—Jesus (Luke 10:18-20).

Is your name written in Heaven? If so, you can rejoice greatly!! Scripture tells us, "God raised us up with Christ and seated us with Him in the heavenly realms in Christ Jesus, in order that in the coming ages He might show the incomparable riches of His grace, expressed in His kindness to us in Christ Jesus" (Ephesians

2:6-7). Did you catch that? Those of us who have trusted Christ are seated WITH HIM in the heavenly realms! How does that work? Honestly, I don't understand it, but I believe it. I am seated with Jesus in Heaven—even while I sit here in my office typing this to you.

That is our Truth—and if I am seated in Heaven, doesn't that mean that Heaven is also here with me? I think Jesus' point when He said not to rejoice that spirits submit to us was that when we grasp this Truth of



being part of Heaven, victory and power over the enemy should be a way of life—not something spectacular. The truly spectacular part is that the Father and Son love us so deeply, They sacrificed unimaginably to have a relationship with us through the Holy Spirit! What a gift! What a reason to rejoice!! May I always remember to live my life on Earth as it is in Heaven!

A Word from Pastor Weldon

Hi, SOF Families!

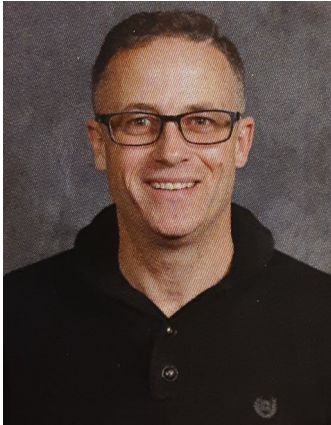
Time to put on our dancing shoes, praying in the Spirit while laughing our heads off. The devil will hate it, but he hates us anyway. Imagine for a moment the powers of darkness hearing us pray in tongues, watching us dance with all our might unto the Lord while

laughing and celebrating Jesus. He will know he doesn't have a chance! We win; he loses; case closed.

That is called ruling and reigning with Jesus on earth as it is in Heaven. Wow, what a time to celebrate Jesus over our families, church, community, state, and our nation!

Oh, Jesus, open our spiritual eyes and ears so our brothers and sisters can see and hear all the forces of Heaven celebrating with us!
You are loved,
Pastor Weldon





A Message from Pastor Mike

Greetings, Shield of Faith Saints of God. August is upon us, and it can be very busy for families as many are starting school again or getting ready for school. I am so grateful for the families here that stand for Jesus Christ!

According to the Christian Law Association, since 2007 America has declined in the percentage of Americans who identify as Christian, going

down from 78% to now 63%, and only 24% of the entire American population would currently describe themselves as born-again or evangelical.

With that being said, thank you, families, for keeping the faith. I pray you never waiver and that you hold the line for your family's sake.



May the Lord our God bless you all.

*“Adults Discovering Ultimate Truth”
A group for ages 18-25ish who want to grow together in faith and fun*

ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

The first Sunday of July, we gathered at the Deweese home to enjoy lunch, to play volleyball, and to swim. At some point a few youth stopped in to join us.

After swimming we attempted to put a bigger dent in the homemade ice cream left over

from Cammy's open house.

The group hung out and played cards and games into the evening, and we ended with a “bond” fire.



REVOLUTION STUDENT MINISTRIES

Junior and Senior High kids learning to navigate this crazy world together in a way that challenges the “norm” through Jesus' mighty power

Youth Truth

By Pastors Randy & Lisa

Hope you all had a great July! We took some youth kayaking, which was fun—even if it was up-river 5 miles!!

It has been fun seeing many of our youth make connections and friendships that go beyond a Saturday or Sunday morning service

Some dates to remember for August: youth starts back up August 6th!!!

Sunday August 14th will be transition Sunday—we say goodbye to 1 high school senior and welcome in new middle-schoolers!

For any parents who have youth-age kids (6th grade-12th grade), we encourage you to have them check out our Saturday night youth service! Our desire is to see this next generation use their God-

given potential to make an impact on this world. Any questions—feel free to reach out to one of us! Much Love, Mega Blessings!

Pastors Randy and Lisa Larson (989-598-4126)



Kids' Corner

By Dave & Colleen Curry

Here is a resource for families to talk with their children about salvation.

Coming up in Children's Ministry, we will be studying how God created people, how sin entered the world, the account of Cain and Abel, and the story of Noah and the Ark.

Some children will be graduating to youth group, and others will be graduating nursery to join us in children's ministry on August 14th.

Please lift up our young ones as they head back out for a new school year.

A special thank you to our volunteers who keep our children safe and focusing on Jesus each Sunday!



Kids in grades K-5 growing with Jesus

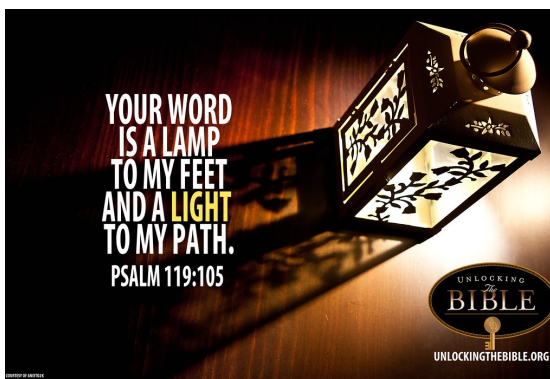
Nursery News

By Judy Barnes

In nursery we have a new strategy to motivate kids to know about their Bibles. They can earn 1 sticker each week by bringing a Bible or by telling the teacher some things from the Bible like, "What does the rainbow mean?" or, "Talk about the Jericho wall."

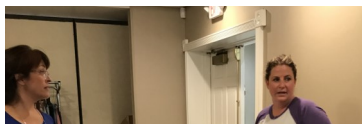
Once per month we open a

"store," and they can shop with their "sticker money."



"Let the little ones come to Me..."
Infants through preschoolers' starting life in Jesus' love

Ladies' Life



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Twenty-two families receiving gifts as well as food and drinks at the Trillium on Tuesday, July 29th. Your generous tithing made it possible for SOF to give each family a \$100 gift card to Meijer. Thank you!

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JESUS!



Down to Details

Saturday, August 13th, from 1-3 is our next ladies' luncheon at G's Pizza in Saginaw on Bay Rd. Please RSVP to Sheila Sparkes. This luncheon is "Dutch treat." You'll order and pay for your own lunch choice at the restaurant.

The SOF Picnic luncheon will be held immediately following church service on August 14th at the Deweese home. Hot dogs and buns are provided by the church. Please bring a dish to share and your favorite lawn chair. Volleyball, croquet, and a pool are available for your enjoyment. **We will also be celebrating water baptism in the pool that day!**

We still have room for one more man or woman for the mission trip to KY from August 28-September 3rd to rebuild the town of Mayfield after the tornado devastation. All transportation and onsite expenses are paid—each person only needs food for the trip down and money for food on the trip back. Please see PJ as soon as possible if you are interested in coming with us.

More pictures from the youth kayak trip...



Men's Moment

Our last men's breakfast was held at Sullivan's Restaurant in Saginaw on July 9th. Ten men were able to attend and enjoyed the time of good food and great fellowship.

For more information about our men's ministry, see Jason Deweese, Adam Gilles, or Guy Roberts.

