

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 9/3, 9a.m.: Fun Run "Labor Day" theme
- 9/10, 10a.m.: Blanket tying
- 9/11: Christmas practice begins
- 9/14: Ladies' frolicking at Tim Horton's resumes
- 9/17, 9a.m.: Fun Run "Generations" theme
- 9/23-24: Ladies' retreat
- 9/25: Youth Invasion Sunday

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Recipe for Abundant Good Fruit

By Minister Adam Gilles

I would like to just be an encouragement to the body of Christ.

Galatians 5:25 says, "Since we live by the Spirit, let us keep in step with the Spirit." As mighty men and women of God, we must be ever-filled, always walking in the Spirit. Doing this will bring fruit to our lives and others who surround us. As we produce fruit, it will fall upon fertile ground, which is those in the body of Christ whom we should be surrounding ourselves with.

Not only attending church but also being involved in weekly Bible studies with the body of Christ will help cross-pollinate our fruit and multiply it. Apply-



ing ourselves to surrounding ourselves with others believers will help build our faith, will strengthen where we are weak, will build up others and will encourage others that we are not alone. We are stronger together.

I encourage you today—find a Bible study, start a Bible study, surround yourself with fellow believers and become the fruit-

producing, MIGHTY warrior for Christ.

God's blessings to you all.

A Word from Pastor Weldon



Hi, Church Family!

What an exciting bunch of believers to be a part of our beautiful body—32 years of being a church family but never as close & powerful as I feel we are today. We are a no-nonsense, passionate, transparent, Holy Ghost-led, in-love-with-Jesus bunch of full-time ministers

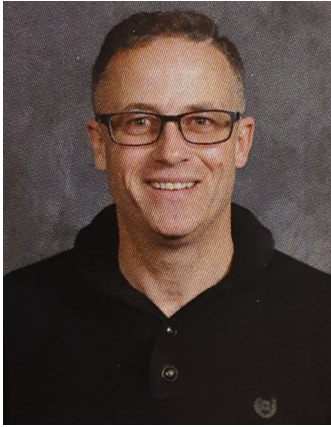
telling Hell, "No!" & Jesus, "Yes!"

II Timothy 1:7 tells us that the Lord has not given us a spirit of fear but of love, power & a sound mind. The word, "fear," used here in Greek means cowardice cringing. In other words God does not give us a cowardly spirit. SOF is filled with loving, powerful, & sound-

thinking Christians not afraid to tell the devil where to go and God's creation whom He wants in Heaven for all eternity with them where they can go.

Let's continue the race together & then celebrate with Jesus & all our brothers & sisters in Heaven for eternity! You are loved, PW





A Message from Pastor Mike

By Jenny Deweese on behalf of
Pastor Mike

God can and will do immeasurably more than we can even think or imagine when we practice faith with patience. I don't want to steal Pastor Mike (P2) and Stephanie's thunder, so I'll just say that after putting this principle into practice, they have been experiencing God's abundant blessing upon blessing.

What a great example they have been to us! I have heard P2 say multiple times in the last couple weeks that our God is the God of "more than enough." He's also commented that he has received a "double portion."

Let us always remember to practice our faith with patience!



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

ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

Our young adults are working through the book of Judges right now discovering how God loves to use ordinary, lowly, weak people to do extraordinarily amazing things. Most of these people were no different that you and me.

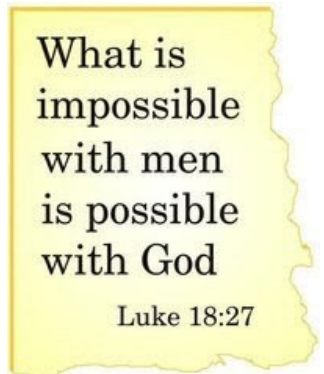
If ever you hear a voice telling

you, "You can't do that. You're not strong enough. You're not skilled enough. You're not gifted enough," remember that with the Holy Spirit living within you, all things are possible as you follow God's plan! Speak the Truth to those voices, and silence them! "God wants to use me. I can do all things through Christ. I'm a valiant warrior!"

The Truth of God's Word will

ALWAYS triumph over the lies of the enemy's world!

GO, GET 'EM!



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

Hello everyone! Welcome September—a new season for many starting back to school this month!

We welcomed 4 new youth into the youth group! We are very excited for new life and growth!

This past week we had all the youth group kids write something they were worried about and/or praying for during this

new season and pin it to our bulletin board. We reminded them that once you pin it to the board, it belongs to Jesus. NO picking it up! We talked about the Bible verse, Philippians 4:6...The message version puts it this way, "Don't fret or worry. Instead of worrying, pray. Let petitions and praises shape your worries into prayer, letting God know your concerns. Before you know it, a sense of Gods wholeness, everything coming together for good will come and settle you down." We decided to make the youth room a NO FRET ZONE!

To all parents: thank you for encouraging your kids and bringing them to youth group! WE love getting to know them and pouring Godly wisdom into their lives!

Look forward to September 25th YOUTH LED SERVICE!



Kids' Corner

By Dave & Colleen Curry

Thank for entrusting your precious ones with us. If you ever have any ideas, questions, or concerns, please don't hesitate to ask.

Children's ministry is for ages 5 -11 or Kindergarten - 5th grade.

We have started going through Genesis : Creation, Cain and Abel, Noah's Ark, and the Tower of Babel. It's always great to talk with your child about what they learned about

in Children's Ministry to reinforce their knowledge and mete out any misconceptions.

Looking ahead—We will be studying God's covenant with Abraham, and we will stay in the service when the youth present on September 25th.

Remember after children bring their Bible 8 times, they can choose from our selection of prizes. If your child needs a Bible, please see one of our Children's Ministers.

We are always happy to screen new volunteers, as many hands make light work. Please see one of our Children's Ministers for the forms to fill out.



Kids in grades K-5 growing with Jesus

Nursery News

After Promotion Sunday, our nursery classroom is a bit emptier than usual. As we adjust to that transition, it's inspiring to remember how deeply Jesus loved little children when he walked the earth and how deeply He still loves them today.

We want to extend that same love to these precious little

ones and teach them from the youngest age how unique and priceless they are. Our nursery lessons are aimed at their learning level and ability, and of course, we always have lots of play time and fun.

If you know of a family who might benefit from our nursery program, please invite them to church. We look

forward to seeing new faces, meeting new kiddos, and making new friends!

*“Let the little ones come to Me...”
Infants through preschoolers’ starting life in Jesus’ love*

Ladies' Life

Our last luncheon was a wonderful success at G's Pizzeria! We played games and got to know each other in more meaningful ways.

The Tim Horton's coffee clutch will resume frolicking on September 14th.



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**POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!**



Keryx Connection

By Chaplain Chuck

“Christ was a prisoner. He allowed Himself to be taken a prisoner in the garden, after His agony, to be bound and led away to a trial which was a mockery of justice. He endured torture after being unjustly condemned to death. His stay on death row was very short, followed by a public execution that lasted three hours—all this to set us free. Part of being ‘free’ is to go to the Father, through Christ, under the guidance of the Holy Spirit, as we bring our brothers and sisters along with us,” Keryx Prayer Book.

Our SOF monthly Saturday services at Saginaw Correctional Facility in Freeland resumed four months ago (after COVID) but are currently on hold again after another outbreak of COVID. However, we prayerfully anticipate God to open the door again soon and to make a way for the upcoming Keryx three-day encounter weekend October 6-9, which has been on hold for two years. The team of 40 men and spiritual directors of the body of Christ are in preparation meetings to form unity and are praying for God to prepare the hearts of the inmate candidates to participate in the weekend. Keryx is a ministry I’ve been a part of for over thirty years and is an awesome presentation of the Gospel shared with powerful testimonies of changed lives. The team consists of men from different denominations who, together with the candidates, form small group families throughout the weekend. Teachings are shared and times of worship, prayer, and fellowship build relationships that will be followed up after the encounter with a monthly fellowship reunion.

I will be serving as worship leader and spiritual counsel and giving a teaching. I am blessed that our brothers, Guy Roberts and Pastor Roy Baldwin, will be serving with the team! Please pray for our team, candidates, and prison staff as we look forward to lives changed by the Holy Spirit and reconciled to God the Father.

“I was naked, and you clothed me; I was sick, and you visited me; I was in prison, and you came to me.” Matthew 25:36

Men’s Moment

Qualifications for participating in our men’s ministry:

- 1) Participant is a man.
- 2) Participant is alive.
- 3) Yep, that’s it!

Hope to see you soon!

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

