

# SOF in Touch

MAY 2023

EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



## AT A GLANCE

- 5/6: KERYX Prison Service; 5K, 9 a.m. "May Flowers"
- 5/7: early bird deadline for OWOS
- 5/13: Ladies of Faith luncheon, 12-4 p.m.
- 5/14: Mothers' Day; Lifesaver Drive, 10 a.m.
- 5/20: 5K, 9 a.m. "Memorial Day"
- 5/28: Communion by Richard Morrissey, 10 a.m.

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## May Be a Paradox

By Jenny Deweese

May is an interesting month. South of the equator, it falls in the season of autumn. For us in the northern hemisphere, however, it falls in the spring. It's interesting to me that these two opposite seasons happen simultaneously. (Seasons are actually opposite in the two hemispheres every month.)

This is caused by the tilt of Earth's axis. When our part of the earth is tilted toward the sun, we enjoy the new life and warmth of spring followed by summer. Oppositely, when our part of the earth is tilted away from the sun, we see the changing colors of autumn and the

cooling temperatures that lead to winter.

This brings to mind an interesting parallel in the Christian faith. When we trust Christ, we die to self and are made alive in spirit by His powerful forgiveness. The rest of our days, hopefully, are spent living by Jesus' words: "If anyone would come after me, let him deny himself, take up his cross daily, and follow me" (Luke 9:23). This simultaneous dying while being made alive is mind-boggling, and it's always easiest to keep our faith alive and vibrant when we're leaning into Christ and His Word.



When you come to serve at Shield of Faith, you help us inspire our visitors and community with this Promise of new and abundant life in Christ. You are an integral part of this ministry! With your continued, faithful participation, we can encourage our church family—and beyond—to stay "tilted" toward the True Son so that they will experience more spiritual springs and summers than autumns and winters.

## A Word from Pastor Weldon

What an exciting Resurrection week we at SOF experienced! Brother Adam's precious Maundy Thursday service followed by the anointed Good Friday service at Faith Fellowship were topped with more than 160 joining us for a special Resurrection service with an egg dash at the conclusion. Many of you filled out your bulletin by letting us know what you're asking the Holy

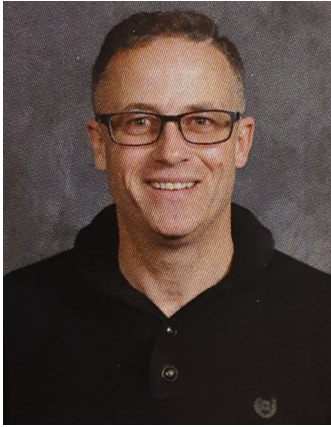
Spirit to resurrect in your life in 2023. We are currently praying for them daily here at SOF, believing with you for your breakthrough. If you missed out on giving us what you need resurrected in 2023, let us know, and we will put your request on our daily prayer. I'm excited to see what the Holy Spirit will be releasing on and through His SOF children (our brothers and sisters)!



You are loved much,

Pastor Weldon





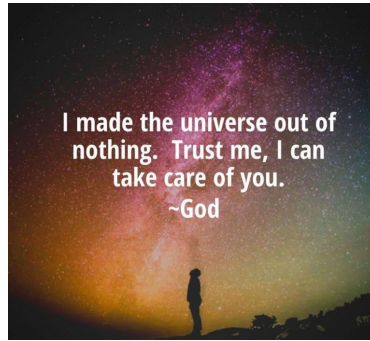
## A Message from Pastor Mike

Looking for the miraculous in May! God is on the move and doing a mighty work. He is ready; He is willing; and He is more than able!

Many of you have heard about the miracle healing of my ankle that was immediate and 100%. I am believing with you all that more and more of the miraculous will happen, so believe with me. We serve an amazing and mighty God, and we do know that all things are possible with

Christ Jesus.

Praying blessings, God's favor and His miraculous, His supernatural, to invade our natural in Jesus' Name.



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

## ADULT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

Bowling was a blast! No fractures or other injuries were suffered by anyone, praise God! A few egos may have been slightly bruised, but I didn't hear any serious complaining.

We're hoping to do an escape room on May 7th, so if we're not in church on the 14th, please come and rescue us!

Thank you for your support and encouragement of our young people!



## 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 Larson

We had a great April! Russell Deweese brought an encouraging message to the youth group! The youth worship team has been busy practicing for live worship. Our goal is to do live worship during our Saturday night youth services at least twice per month. It has been great to see youth use their gifts and talents to honor God!

We have One Week One Street sign-ups going on! A deposit of \$5 will hold your spot for this service project to the heart of Saginaw. The dates are June 25th-30th. Sign up by May 7th for \$35. Last day to sign up is June 4th for \$50

To the parents: thank you for entrusting your youth to us and allowing us to

challenge and encourage them to reach their full potential! To our church body: thank you for the amazing support and love we feel! Our youth group is blessed to have such a supportive church body!

Much Love, Mega Blessings!



## Kids' Corner

VBS (vacation Bible school) will be an exciting time for kiddos this summer, and you can help make it even better!

Sign up online or on paper at the VBS display in the welcome center—you won't regret it!

Thank you for considering how you can enrich a child's life and shine Jesus' light into this community!

Thank you for your prayers!!



Kids in grades K-5 growing with Jesus

Jackie Gilles, children's ministries director, and

Jenny Deweese, care pastor & VBS director

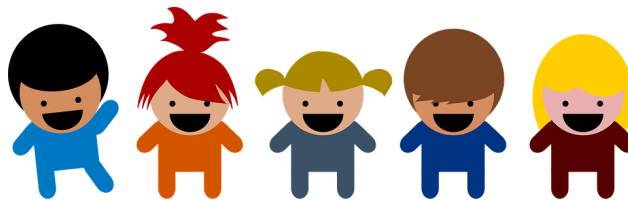
## Nursery News

By Judy Barnes

King's Kids finished learning about creation and have been learning about Psalm 23.

We would be blessed by 1 or 2 more volunteers.

If you are interested in helping, please contact me.



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

## Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

Our "Ladies of Faith" are again coming together, celebrating a luncheon that will take place at the Richard Bush Retreat Center in Banister, MI, on May 13<sup>th</sup>, the day before Mother's Day.

On this particular day, we will be together for four hours instead of our normal two. We meet at the Bush Center at Noon and stay

until 4 p.m.

We will have the opportunity to hear Sandy Traver giving her testimony on how the Lord opened the door for her to achieve ownership of this incredible center. It will also give each of our ladies the opportunity to see where they would be staying should they join us the last weekend of September for our Friday-Saturday 2023 Retreat. Yes, "the Lord is faithful, and He will strength-

en each of us from the evil one" 2

Thess. 3:3. Blessings to each and every one of you!



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**POINTING THE WAY TO  
JESUS!**



**Down to Details**

Our 5K fellowships take place at the Van Wormer Rail Trail head at 9 a.m. It is a time of visiting and fun while walk, skip, ride, etc. together. No one is pushed to do anything more than is comfortable. Each theme unifies us and adds a touch of light-hearted fun. Give it a try!

On Mothers' Day we will be collecting donations on behalf of Right to Life by hosting a Lifesaver drive before and after service. Receive a Lifesaver candy by giving any monetary donation.

**Bowling ADUTs:**



**Men's Moment**

By Richard Morrissey

The Men's Ministry has met twice since the April Newsletter. At the March 25th meeting, we discussed whether we wanted to define this ministry as mainly an outreach or a fellowship. In addition we watched a video of Duane Sheriff, senior pastor of Victory Life Church in Durant, Oklahoma. Brother Sheriff described his healing journey and how God restored him after a serious health crisis.

At the April 22nd meeting, we continued the discussion about the Ministry -- outreach versus fellowship. Most of the men attending this meeting thought that activities centering around fellowship would be enjoyable and the best use of our time. On that note we are looking forward to the re-opening of the Rustic Inn in St. Charles. That restaurant gave us a good spot for breakfast fellowships, and we will hope-

fully be able to meet there again in the near future.

I will keep you posted on coming events. Be blessed!

