

SOF in Touch

JUNE 2023

EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 6/3: KERYX Prison Service; 5K, 9 a.m. "Monkees!"
- 6/11: Teen Challenge & potluck
- 6/12-16: Stellar VBS, 6-8:30 p.m.
- 6/17: 5K, 9 a.m. "Beach Day"
- 6/18: Fathers' Day; VBS Invasion, 10 a.m.
- 6/25: Communion by Anthony Davis, 10 a.m.
- 6/25-30: One Week One Street

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The Longest Day

By Jenny Deweese

"That was the longest day of my life!"

"It's still light outside, Mom—why do I have to go to bed already?"

"Man, what a long day!"

"I can't believe it's so late already! Let's play another inning while we still have the light."

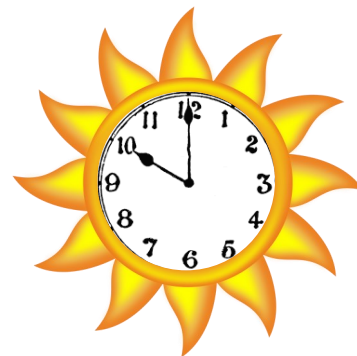
"Won't this day ever end?"

The length of a day seems to be flexible based on our experiences during that day. Nobody ever wants to have a "long day," and we're always sad to see a "short day" end

because we've had so much fun or because we didn't get enough done.

Our perspective makes all the difference, doesn't it? The "longest day of the year" really isn't longer than any other day—it still has 24 hours in it—but many of us think of the summer solstice as just that because it's the day of the year that gives us the most sunlight. To some people it's a wonderful thing to have more time to get things done outside or to enjoy the outdoors relaxing into the evening.

Whether the sun is shining or not, we will shine the Son's



Light into the lives of our community's children here at Stellar VBS. Your faithful help and prayers are rays of hope that will shatter the dark fears plaguing many neighbors and their children during this uncertain time in our nation. We look forward to seeing lives transformed through VBS—hopefully *before* the "longest day of the year."

A Word from Pastor Weldon

Let's talk about rest for our souls. Jesus tells us in Mat. 11:29 to come to Him, learn His way, and find rest for our souls (mind, will, emotions). To find something it must first be lost. When we lose something and then ask Jesus to help us find that which is lost, we get blessed and excited when we find it again. Nobody I know enjoys losing something they love. I also know that when we are in a constant life

of hurry, we lose things more easily, so if we are always in a hurry0up mode, in stress and easily irritated, distracted, and depressed, we probably have lost our peace of mind (rest of our souls). What does Jesus tell us to do?

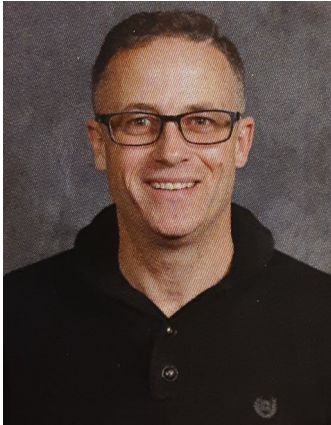
First, come to Him to learn His ways. He says that God made sabbath days just for us (Mk. 2:27), times to be still and know that He is still God (Ps. 46:10), and as we wait and re-



flect on all He saved us from and all His creation He made for us (Is. 40:31), we will be renewed in strength and soar!

Let's take time daily slowing down and taking times of reflecting and gaining true rest for our souls. You are loved much,

Pastor Weldon



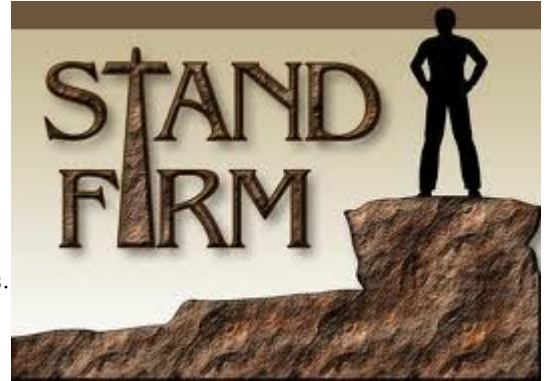
A Message from Pastor Mike

Jumping for joy in June! Praising God for all of our answered prayers.

Hello, and happy June, Saints of God! I am so excited to report that God is still on the throne and answering prayers. I was believing for the miraculous in May, and there have been many answered prayers, some of which were miraculous.

Join with me in continuing to believe the best in all situations.

Remember to take captive every thought that exalts itself above Christ. There is a real enemy, and there is a battle that rages on in the supernatural realm, as well as in our minds. Fight the good fight of faith, stand firm, and see what God does.



*“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 ADUTs have a busy June ahead! Most are helping with our VBS during the week of June 12th in various ways, and some of them are volunteering as chaperones for One Week One Street just two weeks after VBS.

Also, our very own Anthony Davis has accepted God’s call to give the communion message in

June, so you definitely don’t want to miss that!

Also, in June we hope to conquer an escape room or two—last month we had to cancel that due to a band concert I hadn’t known about in time. Nathan accompanied us to the concert, and several ADUTs came over for a scavenger hunt and dinner that evening.

Turtle on scavenger hunt



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

One Week One Street

is an amazing time of service to our community where we repair houses and clean up yards

of those who have not been able to do so for themselves.

If you want to get involved, see Pastor Randy or Pastor Lisa.

Let’s help make the world a little more beautiful—
together!



Kids' Corner

Thank you to all of you who have donated or loaned us SO MANY SUPPLIES for VBS!! You are helping to make it truly STELLAR! We have around 43 volunteers signed up to help already, but if we get the 60 kids we're praying for, we'll need several more crew leaders. If



Kids in grades K-5 growing with Jesus

you have a Christian friend or neighbor who might want to help, please connect us.

Thank you for your prayers!!

Jackie Gilles, children's ministries director, and

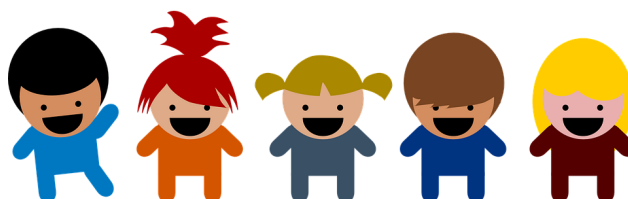
Jenny Deweese, care pastor & VBS director

Nursery News

By Judy Barnes

King's Kids is looking for one or two 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 SOF "Ladies of Faith" had a wonderful time experiencing an exceptional May luncheon at the Richard Bush Retreat Center in Banister, MI, on Saturday, May 13th. We all arrived at Noon, and some stayed as late as 4 p.m. Sandy Traver, the owner, and her assistant, Marla, fixed a beautiful and deli-

icious "Springy" buffet. Thirty-one of our ladies got to enjoy a time of worship and Sandy's testimony of her life's journey and how she attained the beautiful grounds and incredible lodge that we now are privileged to enjoy.

We at Shield of Faith are so excited to know there is actually a place like this so very close to us.

As a result of being introduced to this center and being given the royal tour by Sandy, our Ladies of Faith will be enjoying a fall retreat at the lodge from Friday, September 29th, to Saturday, September

30th, with the theme, "Looking for the Lord in Our Lives."

For more information pick up a flyer at the church or see Tammy Scott.



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A Kernal from Pastor Kathy

The Heart of Worship

I am simply taking an excerpt out of a book by Matt Redman called *The Unquenchable Worshipper*. I want to be this unquenchable worshipper with THIS kind of heart. Quote:

“Enter the unquenchable worshipper. This world is full of fragile loves...

Love that abandons

Love that fades

Love that divorces

Love that is self-seeking.

But the unquenchable worshipper is different. From a heart so amazed by God and His wonders burns a love that will not be extinguished. It survives any situation and lives through any circumstance. It will not allow itself to be quenched, for that would heap insult on the love it lives in response to.”

Matt Redman

Ladies' Luncheon:



Men's Moment

By Richard Morrissey

Greetings, Brothers and Sisters in Christ.

June is shaping up to be a very interesting month here at Shield of Faith. Our church will be showing the love of Jesus through Vacation Bible School as well as One Week One Street. We will also see the construction of our very own pavilion. Thank you, Lord, for our vital, lively church!

With so much happening in June, we haven't scheduled a Men's Ministry event as of yet. I will let you know what is to come. Be blessed.

