

# SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



## AT A GLANCE

- 7/1: KERYX Prison Service
- 7/15: 5K, 9 a.m. "Independence Day"
- 7/23: Communion by Rosie Limon, 10 a.m.
- 7/29: 5K, 9 a.m. "Christmas in July"

## They're Coming for Our Children?

By Jenny Deweese

I think not!

In a recent pride parade in New York City, the participants were chanting, "We're here; we're queer; we're coming for your children." One of the women's chest was fully exposed, and a group of men were riding bicycles while completely naked.

This is the world we live in right now. None of these people were arrested for indecent exposure; none were fined or penalized in any way for making a verbal threat to children—at least not that I'm aware.

Another group in this parade was carrying a rainbow banner with "Satan loves" across it in huge letters—and they're coming for our

children.

I declare NOT!! They have waged war—not on Christianity alone—on our CHILDREN! They do this under the guise of "human rights."

Rise up, Church! It's time not only to **hold** the line but also to push the line **back** to where it should be for our children's safety and for our Father's glory!

## A Word from Pastor Weldon



Reading the book by John Mark Comer on "The Ruthless Elimination of Hurry," I find most Christians fall into a life of busyness—self-inflicted doing a lot of good things—but are they the *right* things? We must ask the following questions:

- #1 In all that I'm doing, am I feeling closer to Jesus?
  - #2 Do I feel peaceful in my soul (mind)?
  - #3 Do I feel like I'm living a restful and exciting life?
  - #4 Is my example of how I live daily something that others would want to imitate?
  - #5 Do I end my day feeling like I have accomplished what I set out to do?
  - #6 Am I easily resisting depression and sadness?
  - #7 Do I live in the present, not longing for a better future?
- If any of your answers are "No,"

it's time for a change! Remember, it's easy to blame others for your condition, but the only one that can change you is you.

God gave us the sabbath as a gift to help us relax and enjoy our lives on earth. The two main reasons He gave us the sabbath are to reflect on and be encouraged by all that He set us free from and to enjoy His created world of beauty and life—a life of abundance! Wow!

Trying to change on your own is hard. That's why Jesus said to come to Him and learn His unforced rhythms of grace. Here are some helpful ideas:

1. Start and end your day with quiet time with Him (prayer).
2. Look at the Word of God as a lifestyle change—not a



list of dos and don'ts.

3. Learn to slow down and enjoy the moments.
4. Learn to enjoy people and not take them for granted. This is really hard for hurting people who don't feel good about themselves. They hide in their insecurities.
5. Take one day at a time so as not to be overwhelmed. You are practicing for a lifestyle change that will become a well of life.

You can do it!

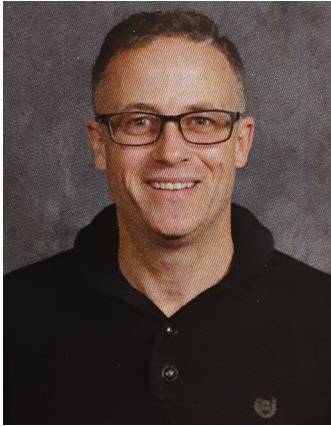
You are dearly loved!

Pastor Weldon

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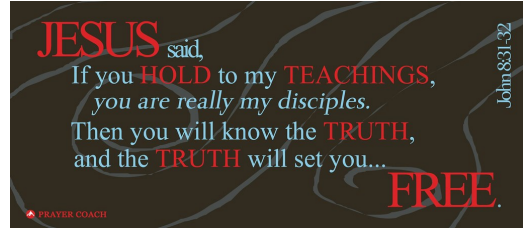
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## A Message from Pastor Mike



Hello, Shield of Faith Saints of God.

July always reminds me of the freedoms we have as Americans, But nothing compares to the freedom we have in Jesus Christ. “Whom the Son sets free is free indeed” (John 8:36). Never forget that our salvation is a gift from God, and we are free to serve Him or not. I choose to serve Him. I hope you do as well. God bless.



## ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

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

We had an amazing time at Phil and Sherri Sutton’s house last month—thank you so much for hosting us! It was great to get to know you better, and the snacks were delicious.

After visiting and snacking, we went outside to play some croquet. Sherri was surprised to find out that all of us who were

there already knew how to play it. We were even able to teach them a few rules they didn’t know.

Isn’t it great to learn from each other? It’s proof that not only do the younger generations need the older generations; but also, the older generations need the younger generations.

If you would like to host our young adults at your home or at the church for a get-to-know-you gathering, please contact me.

I wish I had remembered to take some pictures!

## Youth Truth

This past month we took 20 youth and young adults leaders to inner-city Saginaw to work alongside One Week One Street.

We painted houses, did landscaping, and most importantly, shared the love of Jesus with the people in the community!

The youth all worked hard during the day and then had fun in the evenings! A lot of friendships and connections were

made within our group.

Thank you to everyone who supported us in any shape or form! We really do appreciate our church body!

There will be no youth group the month of July; enjoy the time with your families! We will meet again August 5th.

Much love mega blessings!!



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



## Kids' Corner

PRAISE GOD!!

Stellar Vacation Bible School was an out-of-this-world success!!

Thank you so much for your support of this amazing experience and to those of you who volunteered to minister to our kids in this way!

We saw a total of 25 kids come through our space station. Sixteen of them prayed to trust Jesus as their Forever Friend! That's what it's all about!!

You may see pictures on our Facebook group, but here is one of everybody's favorite "future former mechanic" from Space Group, Mickey Wey.



Kids in grades K-5 growing with Jesus

## Nursery News

By Judy Barnes

King's Kids is doing great! We've only had one or two kids lately, but they are learning that God has a plan for our lives.

We could use more people who love to help

out with these amazing kids.

Thank you!



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

## Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

Shield of Faith Ministries is a place that is a delight to be a part of.

I'm beginning to see that more and more of our people are looking to be of service in various capacities. It reminds me of Army Rangers who are on call all the time, available to do whatever is necessary, not in need of accolades, but delighted to just be of service. Having this

attitude brings people together in a very special way. The blessing that God brings us from that kind of love and desire is PRICELESS.

Our ladies will again be celebrating another LUNCHEON on Saturday, August 12<sup>th</sup>, as well as a RETREAT on September 28<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, but final de-

tails for both will come in our next newsletter. May you all be totally blessed! Love you!



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JESUS!

One Week One Street Pictures



Men's Moment

By Richard Morrissey

We are having a Men's Fellowship Breakfast on Saturday, July 8th, at 9:00 a.m. at Cam's Brick Oven, which is the newly-opened restaurant in St. Charles. We will order off the menu, and there is a 20% gratuity charge.

This event is for all of the men of SOF. If you would like to bring a friend, he is welcome as well.

If you are able to attend, there

is a sign-up sheet on the table in the welcome center.

For more information, talk to Rich Morrissey.

Looking forward to fellowshiping with all you Mighty Men of God on July 8th!

