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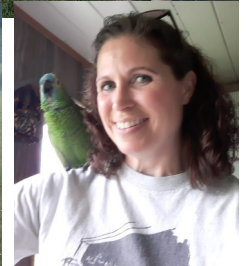
EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



Pictures: ADUTs at the Barnes' Home

AT A GLANCE

- 8/5: KERYX Prison Service
- 8/12: 5K, 9 a.m. "Super Hero"; Ladies of Faith Luncheon at Cam's Brick Oven, 1-3 p.m.
- 8/27: Communion by Lisa Larson, 10 a.m.; Transition Sunday
- 8/26: 5K, 9 a.m. "Back to School"



A Word from Pastor Weldon

Do you struggle finding quiet time to pray and hear from the Lord? Does your mind race, thinking of all kinds of things you need to do? Do you get bored or side-tracked any time you make an effort to read your Bible or pray? If your answer is yes to most of these questions, you have joined the majority of Christians.

You see, your natural self cannot operate in the supernatural place that you entered when you became a born-again Christian without help from the Holy Spirit. Our flesh (natural self) cannot receive from the Lord what we need without help provided by the Holy Spirit. It takes spiritual discipline which

most Christians are either unaware of or still choose to handle everything naturally—won't work!

If you are willing to change how you have been operating up to now, let's get started.

Step 1: involve the Holy Spirit and ask for help in locating a place and time to develop a richer and deeper walk with the Lord.

Step 2: be realistic in the place and time you choose—goal is to become a way of life.

Step 3: be willing to eliminate all distractions (noise, phones, TV, even music).

Step 4: when your mind begins to roam and get bored, again



ask the Holy Spirit to help you stay spiritually disciplined.

Step 5: determine not to give up or to forget to involve the Holy Spirit's help.

Shield of Faith Warriors, you can do it! Your church, family, and friends need you to survive and take back from the enemy our land and its people.

I believe in you!

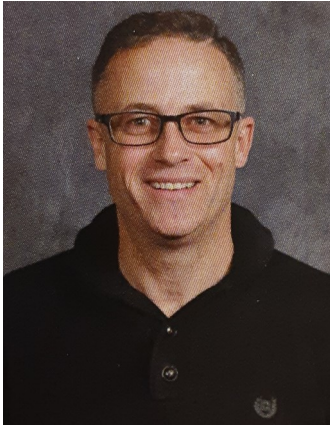
Much love,

Pastor Weldon



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A Message from Pastor Mike

Hello, Shield of Faith Saints of God!

It's hard to believe that August is upon us, and summer is ending. The children are already getting ready to go back to school, now, and the heat is upon us.

It has been a very busy summer with many, many things in the ministry happening, but none of it could've been carried out without you. I am so grateful for the body of Christ here at Shield

of Faith, and I appreciate each and every one of you. With that being said, I am looking forward to what the fall will bring, as we all continue to grow in Christ. Always remember that God loves you more than you love yourself. Pray for the children; pray for this country; and pray for our families in Jesus' Name.

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

ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

Many thanks to Mike and Judy Barnes for hosting our group last month! We had a great time visiting, eating, making s'mores, and playing games.

One game we played involved asking questions to the next person in the circle, and we had a great time getting to know random facts about each other that we might not ever have otherwise discovered.

Their parrot, Jessica, was quite the attraction, as she says all kinds of words and phrases—she even sings *Happy Birthday!* Milo, their dog, was also a sweet addition to our gathering.

In August the Maikes will host us at their home—we look forward to getting to know them better, so ADUTs, be sure to mark your calendars for Sunday, August 6th,



after church.

We also hope to go rafting in Indian River on August 21st. Check FB Messenger for more details.



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 Randy & Lisa Larson

Happy August!

We hope you had a great JULY!

Youth Group starts again August 5th 6:30-8:00

Please help us welcome Laney Smith to our group! We are excited to have her be a part of these amazing young people!

August 12th - There will be NO youth

August 27th is transition Sunday.

As always look to our Student Revolution Ministries Facebook page for current up-to-date information. If you are not a part and want to be added to this private group please let us know!

We love you and believe in YOU and in the call that God has placed on your lives!

Much love, mega blessings!

Kids' Corner

Young Warriors will be saying goodbye to Laney Smith, as she will move up to the youth group on Transition Sunday, August 27th.

We will be seeing some changes in the division between King's Kids nursery and Young Warriors children's ages this fall, too. Starting August 27th, infants through kindergarten will be in King's Kids, and 1st-5th grade will be in Young Warriors. If you have any questions, please see Jackie Gilles.

The Young Warriors will be concentrating on learning the books of the Bible through interactive activities that will be tons of fun.



Kids in grades 1-5
growing with Jesus

Nursery News

Starting August 27th, Transition Sunday, our King's Kids will be for infants through kindergarteners.

If you have any questions about this, please see Judy Barnes.

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

Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

Dear SOF Ladies of Faith,

Our August luncheon will be at Cam's Brick Oven Restaurant in St. Charles (formerly, Rustic Inn) on the 12th where we get to experience our new venue at 133 N Saginaw Street, 1pm – 3pm. We are excited to see what Shane and Billy Thurston have done to the old Rustic to make it Cam's.

Be sure to let Sheila know ASAP if you are coming. This is also an opportunity for you to bring your BFFs, as there is plenty of room. We will be in their side room for privacy and will get to choose from their lunch menu. Come and enjoy!

Also, on Friday and Saturday, September 29-30, our Ladies of Faith will be celebrating the "Looking for the Lord in Our Lives" retreat at the Richard

Bush Retreat Center, 21575 Brady Road, in Bannister, MI. (This is where we had our May Luncheon.) Please contact Lynn, Tammy, Sherri, or Jenny at the office before August 1st if you are interested in attending. More info on this in our next newsletter. May you have a blessed rest of the summer.



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POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!



A Kernal from Pastor Kathy

Our Worship Team

This past Wednesday while at worship practice, the vocals hit a spot in a song that gave me goose bumps. I felt uplifted into the heavenlies for that short moment. It just happened. I haven't forgotten it; it still blesses me. There is such a tangible anointing on our worship team.

King Saul's servants knew the power of anointed song and suggested to their King that a skillful harp player, who the Lord is with, be brought in to drive away the "distressing" spirits. They were led to David, and it is written that King Saul would become refreshed and well and that the distressing spirit would depart from him.

David became King and set up his earthly kingdom according to the plans of God. When David set forth order for the temple, he instructed that certain sons of the tribe of Levites be set apart to prophesy with harps, stringed instruments, and cymbals. The purpose of the instruments was to speak a Holy Ghost-inspired word to the people.

Pastor Mike is right on when he says that there is a sermon in every song, but there is a custom-designed word in every beat of the drum, hit of the cymbals, strum of the guitar, touch of the piano, strike of the violin, every breath of the sax, and every note sung. Our worship team has the chance to inspire, comfort and edify each person who allows themselves to hear a word from the Beloved Lord through them. He is trying to reach us in a hundred different ways, and many of those ways are through our worship team. My job is to remind the worship team that we are a vessel of God's expression to the congregation. This team is capable of touching you deep within your soul if you will let them. We don't perform—we prophesy.

Men's Moment

By Richard Morrissey

In July Shield of Faith men met for breakfast at Cam's Brick Oven in St. Charles. We had a good time talking and laughing while enjoying a tasty meal.

As well as having more fellowship gatherings, the men's ministry is working on a plan to have a teaching seminar. The subject of the seminar will be Rightly Dividing

the Word of God and the Gospel of Grace.

Be blessed, You Mighty Men of God!

