

SOF in Touch

SEPTEMBER 2023

EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 9/2: KERYX Prison Service
- 9/9: 5K, 9 a.m. “Labor Day”
- 9/10: water baptism & potluck after service
- 9/24: Communion by youth, 10 a.m.; Youth Invasion Sunday
- 9/23: 5K, 9 a.m. “Hunters’ Hoorah!”
- 9/26: Life Line Screening event
- 9/29-30: ladies’ fall retreat

August Ladies’ Luncheon...



A Word from Pastor Weldon



Hey, Church Family, have you ever said to yourself, “I need to slow down and smell the roses. Life is going way too fast”? If you have, you need to know, so have most Christians. We know Jesus always got to where He needed to get to without ever being in a hurry. If Jesus always had the time to enjoy His life in a non-hurry-up way, so should we be able to, doing it His way. If you’re like me, there are always so many things you want to do that unless you hurry up, you can’t get it all done. When you stop to smell the coffee, life is hurrying away. So what can we do to slow our lives down and enjoy this Christian life that Jesus promised us we could have in Him? We must train

ourselves to walk and not run, slow down and not rush, and eliminate excess baggage in our lives.

Let me give you some practical tips to implement to help slow you down and learn patience:

1. Drive the speed limit.
2. Choose the longer lines at checkout.
3. Show up 10 minutes early to meetings.
4. Turn your cell phones off for long periods of time, especially during & after quiet times.
5. Come to a full stop at stop signs.
6. Get off social media.

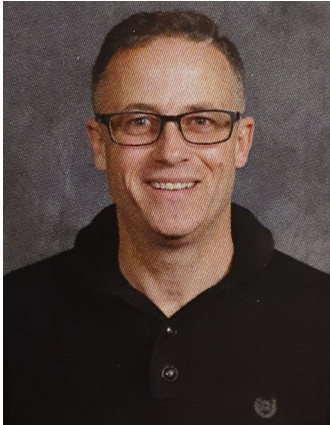
7. Limit your TV time.
8. Walk or ride a bicycle slowly to places.
9. Learn to meditate with Jesus regularly.
10. Take longer vacations.

No bondage—just ideas to slow our lives down and enjoy with our families and loved ones this beautiful life Jesus promises us. We can do it, SOF Families—YOU can do it!

Much love,
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A Message from Pastor Mike

Hello Shield of Faith, Saints of God.

I certainly pray that you find great favor this month from our Heavenly Father. To know who God is in your life is a special gift that cannot be overlooked.

As we get ready to transition from summer to fall, take time to reflect on the transitions you are having in your own life.

When God is in the middle of it, it is always better. Remember to

always have your confidence in God, and remember that your peace should also be in Him. God bless, and may you and your family be favored in Jesus' Name.



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

ADUT Scuttlebutt

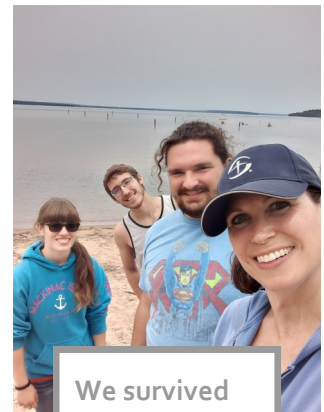
By Jenny Deweese

Row, row, row...your raft...not -so-gently down the...fastest-flowing river in the lower peninsula. Merrily, merrily, merrily, merrily...Nathan's hanging from a tree!

If you'd like to hear the details about our harrowing adventure on the Sturgeon River last month, just track down one of us who went, and we'll tell you all about it. We also learned that

Russell is freakishly good at putt-putt golf, but that's what these excursions are all about, right—getting to know one another better? Yes!

We also had a great time at the Maike farm in August. In spite of the pouring rain, we piled all seven of us into their side-by-side and took to the trails for a tour of their property and lots of laughter (Nathan stayed in the vehicle that time, lol.) Pastor Mike even



taught those of us who wanted to learn how shoot with some target practice.

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

The youth group will be hosting a family night on September 16th from 6:30—8:00 p.m. for all the youth and their families plus the general council members. Join us for a meal, a taste of how we hold our youth nights, and an awesome testimony about how God conquered cancer.

Coming up September 24th is Youth Invasion Sunday where the youth present the entire service, from announcements & communion to the worship mu-

sic and message. You don't want to miss it!

If you have any questions about our group, please feel free to reach out to Pastors Randy or Lisa.

Kids' Corner

By Jackie Gilles

Young Warriors are excited to be partnering again with Samaritan's Purse for Operation Christmas Child. The mission of Operation Christmas Child is to demonstrate God's love in a tangible way to children in need around the world. Through this project, Samaritan's Purse partners with local churches worldwide to share the Good News of Jesus Christ and make disciples of the nations. In addition to hearing the Gospel before they receive their shoebox gift, children also receive *The Greatest Gift*, a storybook that shares

the message of salvation. With the Apostle John as narrator, the booklet shares 11 Scripture stories and invites children to follow Christ. Children take this home to share with family and friends. It is used in more than 80 languages.

The amazing journey of a shoebox starts with YOU and results in evangelism, discipleship, and multiplication. Please see the display in the welcome center for more information on ways to support our partnership. Young Warriors will be packing shoeboxes November

12th, 2023. Thank you, all, for your love and support.

Matthew 28:19
 "Therefore, go and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit."



Kids in grades 1-5 growing with Jesus



Nursery News

We're currently praying that God will bless us with more infants through kindergarteners. Please join us in that prayer.

King's Kids is not just a playtime; we teach the

kids about Jesus' love for them at a level they can comprehend in a brief story-based lesson.

Our littles are watching us and learning through us from the moment they are born. We know they can learn

about Jesus and His plan for their lives if we are willing to show them.

"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 at Cam's Brick Oven Restaurant in St. Charles was a total success with 25 girls in attendance. Most of us found this an ideal place to now call our venue as it's close, the food was great, and the workers were more than kind to us. We thank Shane and Billy Thurston for giving us a spe-

cial place to meet that is close to many of us. Our next luncheon at Cam's will be Saturday, November 11th at 1 pm. Be sure to mark your calendar and invite your un-churched BFFs to come and join us.

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. May you have a blessed rest of the summer.



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ADUTs at the Maike Farm...



POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!



Men's Moment

By Richard Morrissey

One of the goals of the Men's Ministry is to help our Shield of Faith family get a better understanding of God's Word through teaching sessions and seminars. In keeping with that goal, we will be offering an Adult Sunday School class to be held from 9:00 to 9:30 a.m. beginning on Sunday, October 1st. The class will be led by Rich and Cindy Morrissey, and all men and women are most welcome to attend.

Plans are also in the works for a men's fellowship outreach and a fellowship breakfast. Grace to you, Saints of God!

