

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 10/3&4: *Directory Photos*
- 10/7: *KERYX Prison Service; 5K, 9 a.m. "Harvest"*
- 10/21: *5K "Costume"*
- 10/22: *Communion led by Guy Roberts*
- 10/29: *Trunk or Treat*

Member Spotlights

By Jenny Deweese

For the next several months, we'll be highlighting our members in this space. In this issue we will be getting to know some of our General Council members a bit better.

The questions they were asked were as follows:

1. How long have you been at SOF?
2. What brought you to SOF?

3. What do you love about SOF?

4. How are you serving your Lord and family at SOF?

5. Tell us about your immediate family, please.

6. Do you have any pets?

7. Where do you work; do you stay at home; are you retired—from what?

8. What do you enjoy doing in

your free time?

9. If you could do anything—no restraints of any kind (no money issues, time issues, family issues, physical issues)—what would you want to do?

We hope you'll enjoy getting to know a little more detail about your Shield of Faith family!

A Word from Pastor Weldon



By Jenny Deweese

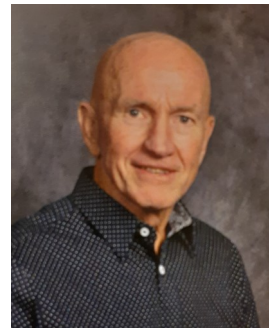
Pastor Weldon Townsend has been at SOF for 33 years after the Holy Spirit led him and his wife, Pastor Kathy (PK), to plant a church in Saginaw. He currently serves as the senior pastor here.

PW (or P-dub as our ADUTs lovingly call him) loves the families at Shield of Faith. His own immediate family consists of him and PK and their German shepherd dogs, Kit and Gabby. They also have 9 chickens, two of which are roosters.

PW works at Shield of Faith Ministries, but he also keeps busy managing his wooded property by felling trees and cutting wood for each winter. He retired from teaching at Hemlock Public Schools in order to be a full-time pastor.

In his free time, PW enjoys relaxing with the Lord and enjoying His creation. If he could do anything without any restraints, he would do exactly what he's doing now.

I also happen to know that PW's favorite color is blue and that he's (sadly) a Michigan State fan. He's not much into professional sports, but he loves following high school and college teams, especially his beloved Hemlock Huskies.

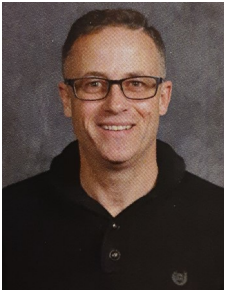


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“Adults Discovering Ultimate Truth” A group for ages 18-25ish who want to grow together in faith and fun

A Message from Pastor Mike

My wife and I have been here for 16 years. December will make 17 years. Stephanie and I were looking for something to help us with our marriage and life. Our daughters were coming here with Stephanie's sister; our children liked the children's ministry; we decided to give it a try; and the rest is history.

Shield of faith is our second home. We love the worship, the Word, the body of Christ. I love knowing that a portion of my tithe goes to help many others across the world. I love

being a part of something bigger than ourselves. Stephanie and I have been married for 29 years this December and together 30 years this month. We have two adult daughters. Alexis (27 years) serves as an officer in the United States Coast Guard, and Kayla (25 years) has a degree in graphic design, certificates in cosmetology and phlebotomy, and currently works for Quest Diagnostics as a phlebotomist in Buffalo, New York. She and her sister live there together.

Pets galore—we have two

German Shepherds, one horse, and house another one, 14 chickens, two goats, and a cat.

I am retired from nursing where I spent 30 years in the medical field and currently work full time as the associate pastor here at SOF.

I enjoy working on my small farm, hanging with my wife, and hunting and hiking. I am a simple man; I am pretty content right now and very happy with my life.

ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

I have been officially attending SOF since Feb. of 2019 when my family and I were called here by the Holy Spirit. I love the freedom to worship and follow God with wild abandon and fierce determination!

My family consists of my amazing husband, Jason, and our three children who continually bless and delight us: Russell, 22; Cammy, 19; and Daisy, 15. Jason just graduated from Delta with his LPN and will take the board exam

on Oct. 3rd, after which he will start his new job at Mary Free Bed on Cooper St. Russell is currently enrolled at Regen Trucking School to get his CDL-A license. Cammy is at SVSU studying early education and hopes to open her own daycare someday. Daisy is a sophomore at Hemlock High where she marches in the band and participates in the drama programs. We have a cat named Tigerlily and a rabbit named Ruber. I serve here as SOF's care pastor which means I fulfill office duties, oversee cleaning & groundskeeping, and keep our

pastors from hurting themselves, LOL—it's a fulltime job! God called me here from the rescue mission in 2021 when PW & P2 (Pastor Mike) offered me this position. Before working at the rescue mission, I was a substitute teacher at Hemlock.

In my free time, I enjoy too many things to list, and it's even better when I'm with loved ones. If I could do anything, I would take praise and worship anywhere I could—I LOVE passionate worship sessions!

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 Lisa Larson

Happy October! In September we had an awesome youth-led Sunday service. All our youth did an amazing job being bold and confident in the things God has taught them. Just as our youth stepped out in faith, our prayer is that you all do the same—that you walk in courage and boldness in all that God is telling you! We can change the world—it's time to be courageous!

We also heard about an amazing testimony of how God is healing our friend, Bob, from cancer. He came and spoke at our family youth night. It was a great time of fellowship with all the youth and their families.

Upcoming Dates for October! Youth group times are Saturdays from 6:30pm- 8:00

- 10-7 NO YOUTH
10-14 YOUTH
10- 21 YOUTH
10-28 YOUTH

10-29 - 4pm- 6pm The youth and children's ministries are hosting our community Trunk or Treat—please be a part and help us bless our community!

WE love you and believe in you and in the call that God has placed on YOUR life.

Much Love, Mega Blessings- Pastors Randy and Lisa

Kids' Corner

Don't forget about Operation Christmas Child!

We are still taking donations of items to fill those shoe-boxes.

See Jackie Gilles for more information.



Kids in grades 1-5 growing with Jesus

Nursery News

Our youngest hearts bring us so much joy and energy here at Shield of Faith!

If you would like to be a part of ministering to these precious ones, see

Judy Barnes or Jackie Gilles.

May God bless you!

*“Let the little ones come to Me...”
Infants through kindergarteners’ starting life in Jesus’ love*

Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

Dear Ladies of Faith, Our goal for October is to help aide our local Life Clinic with a baby shower. We will be providing items for the 16 babies about to arrive in the next three months.

On Saturday, October 21st, at 10 a.m., we will meet at SOF for an hour of fun and some goodies, then head out to Life Clinic, 4364 State St., for a guided tour and information on the life of Life Clinic.

We ask for anyone desiring to be a light to the clinic to help in providing much-needed supplies. You need not wrap anything, as the clinic places the items into the store for the Moms to purchase with points they earn. Sherri Sutton will give you the Saturday details and other pertinent information.

What I would like to share here is a list of items which you can easily find at any dollar store as well as Walmart, who seems to be having sales going right now on many of these items. I will

give you only the MOST-NEEDED items here: baby socks (NB-3 yrs.); baby bottles; bibs; breast milk bags; bassinet sheets; bottle brushes; child safety plug covers; crib sheets; Dreft detergent; newborn mittens; nursing pads; nightlights; receiving blankets; pacifiers; video monitors; shoulder strap diaper bags; teething rings

Let's be a blessing to these 16 babies and moms during these upcoming Holidays.



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POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!



Down to Details: Trunk or Treat

Don't forget to sign up for our 2nd annual trunk or treat! The sign-up sheet is on the big table in the welcome center. We need all kinds of different help. We need people to decorate their own cars; we need people who will donate their cars to be decorated by others; we need people who will decorate other peoples' cars; we need people who pray in the prayer tent; we need people to run games; we need people to serve food; we need people to greet guests; we need people to direct traffic; we need people to take the post card fliers to friends and family; and we need people to help show the community what a special place Shield of Faith Ministries is. I'm sure you can help with at least one of these areas!

The trunk or treat is Sunday, October 29, from 4-6 p.m. right here on our own church property. We hope you can all attend!



Men's Moment

By Richard Morrissey

Greetings to everyone from the SOF Men's Ministry.

A men's fellowship breakfast at Cam's Brick Oven in St. Charles will be scheduled for later in the month. Details to follow on that.

Also, adult Sunday school is scheduled to begin on October 1st. This is an on-going teaching event in connection with the goal of the men's ministry to provide Christian education to the SOF Church body.

Finally, remember to support

this year's Trunk or Treat. The men's ministry will be cooking hot dogs for that event.

I have been attending SOF regularly since 2016 because a friend, Joyce Yurcso, who was friends with Glenda & Dave Johnson, attended from time to time and recommended SOF to me.

I love that I don't have to put on my "Sunday face" at SOF but can just be myself.

My immediate family is my wife, Cindy, of almost 50 years, and we don't have any pets.

I owned and operated a Martial

Arts school in Dearborn, MI, where I achieved the rank of 6th degree black belt. Dearborn is a city with a large Islamic population, and the Lord allowed me to play a part in many of my instructors' and students' receiving Christ.

I enjoy playing golf in the summer and studying the Word all year long. I also enjoy cooking and trying new recipes. With not restraints of any kind, I would play golf at the best courses in the world. Be abundantly blessed!

