

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 2/3: *KERYX Prison Service*
- 2/10: *Ladies' luncheon, 1-3 p.m.*
- 2/25: *Communion led by Guy Roberts, 10 a.m.; potluck—chili cookoff, 11:30 a.m.; ADUTs to Winter Jam, 2:30 p.m.*

Did You Know?

By Jenny Deweese

Did you know that if you use the YouVersion Bible App, you can select SOF as your church? Others who use the app can then find our church on a list of churches near them!

Also, if you would be interested in participating in a church-wide Lent/Easter Bible study on the YouVersion Bible App, please let Lisa Larson know ASAP.

Here is a QR code you can use to find out more about YouVersion:



A Word from Pastor Weldon

Last month my challenge was to increase our prayer time this year—maybe by looking for times during the night or day that you might be overlooking (like travel time or walks in the community & nature) to pray for your family, church, community, and nation.

This month my challenge is to study and know better the Word of God. Our most effective prayer will come from praying the Word, as He tells us He stands over His Word ready to perform it (Jer. 1:12). He also says that we can have the confidence, knowing that if we pray anything according to His Will, He hears us, and because He hears us, He will grant every petition asked of Him.

We know His Will is the living Word we speak (1 John 5:14-15). This is so important—we must know the Word of God so as to pray more effectively.

Come on, Church Family, let's all become mighty prayer warriors in His Kingdom on earth for this time and season. I need your commitment in taking back the land! Let's lock arms together and make this year the best ever!

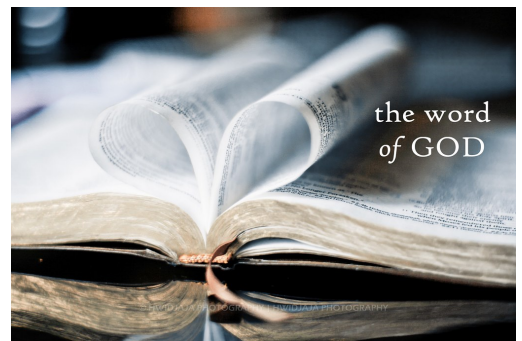
Much Love, Family

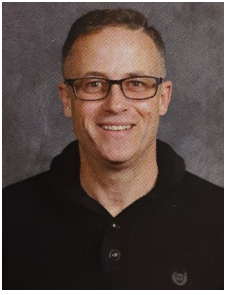
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A Message from Pastor Mike

Hello, Shield of Faith Brothers and Sisters. Have you ever been asked the question, "Why do you choose to believe the Bible?" Many times we may be at a loss for what to say. You may say things like "because I was raised to believe it" or "it works for me," but there are a lot of things that work for people. The real question is "why do you choose to believe that the Bible is the infallible word of God?" Maybe this will help. Learn this phrase: "I choose to believe the Bible because it's a reliable collection of Biblical documents written down by eyewitnesses

during the lifetime of other eyewitnesses. They report of the supernatural events that took place in fulfillment of specific prophecies and claim that their writings are Divine rather than human in origin."

Second Peter chapter 1, verse 16, says this: "For we did not follow cunningly devised fables when we made known to you the power and coming of our Lord Jesus Christ, but we were eyewitnesses of His majesty."

As we move forward in the

month of February, know that the Word of God is true; and the Word of God is life; and it is our instruction book on how to live. God bless, and I'm praying that the Lord bless each and every one of you with His favor and mercy in the Name of Jesus Christ.



"Adults Discovering Ultimate Truth"
A group for ages 18-30ish who want to grow together in faith and fun

ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

In our study last Sunday, we learned about a righteous man named Boaz who had heard a good report through other people about a foreigner named Ruth.

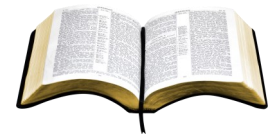
He had heard of all the good that she had done for her mother-in-law and had heard that she had been working hard in the field all day gleaning grain to take home for

food. Instead of wallowing in self-pity about her difficult situation, she had placed her faith in the God of the Israelites and had done what she was able to do in those circumstances.

What can we do to be sure others will hear a good report about us? We can, like Ruth, place our hope in God and keep our focus on Him. One way to do that is by reading

our Bibles daily and putting what we learn into practice.

Is there something you could give up each day to replace with Bible reading to increase your Truth intake?



Reminder: Winter Jam is February 25th in Ypsilanti!



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 Adam Gilles

FIREHOUSE REVOLUTION is on FIRE. We would love for you to ask us about our mission and come check out the FIREHOUSE REVOLUTION, so we can show you around and share more with you.

Our youth have started a deep teaching and study of the book of Ephesians—digging deep into their identity in Christ, becoming world changers.

OUR Mission:

Being Spirit led, having wisdom, knowledge, and power, building a spiritual family dynasty, while being world-changers, overcoming evil with good and hatred with love.

Our Christian life is like wood in a fire. Try lighting a single log, and you will find out it won't burn for long. Logs burn best in the presence of other logs. In the same way, your ability to remain spiritually on FIRE is a function of your relationship with other believers (logs) in your life and how closely you relate to them. Your ability as a believer to remain spiritually

strong is a function of your relationship with each other before the Lord. How often do you gather together, building each other up and praying together? As youth pastors we understand the significance of this, and we believe our youth will be a blazing fire that will burn bright, burn strong, and catch ablaze here at Shield of Faith and in the Saginaw area. When you see our youth, fan the flame by getting to know each one of them at a deeper level while encouraging them and praying with them.

#YOUTHONFIRE



Kids' Corner

By Jackie Gilles

Our Young Warriors WOW me every Sunday. They come in every time ready to dig into that day's lesson. Did you know that all of them bring their own Bibles each Sunday and have been getting faster and faster at finding that day's Scripture? I can tell that they are digging into them at home.

We are loving the new curriculum, *The Greatest Journey*. Over the coming weeks, we will be completing the first 6 lessons, *Knowing the Gospel*. The children will hear many stories from the Bible and how there are people

in those stories who are just like them. We will continue to bring these stories to life, so that they can share them with their friends and family.

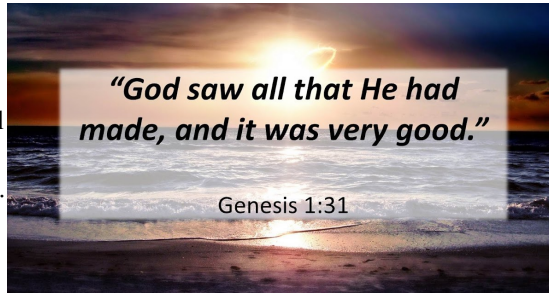
They will continue to learn to share the Gospel wherever they go. Our first lesson was "The Great Creator." Their first lesson and memory verse of this discipleship program is important in teaching our children how amazing and special they are. Genesis 1:27: "So God created man in His own likeness. He created him in the likeness of God. He created

them as male and female."

I challenge you to ask the children what they are learning about, and allow them to share their excitement with you.



Kids in grades 1-5 growing with Jesus



Nursery News

By Judy Barnes

King's Kids is doing great! We are getting some new little ones. We are learning about God's love through Jesus and how he made us all unique. We read some books and make a craft each Sunday. Send some young kids if you know some.

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

Ladies' Life

The ladies had a great time tying blankets in January! Nineteen women worked together to create 14 beautiful blankets! Thank you to all who helped!

Don't miss our luncheon at Cam's Brick Oven in St. Charles on February 10 from 1-3 p.m.!



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POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!



A Kernal from Pastor Kathy

Spring Up A Well

In a song that we did this month called "In the River," one of the choruses sings, "Spring up a Well," over and over and over. The Word of God steadfastly directs us to stir things up within ourselves. In other words from God to us, "YOU do it! I'll empower you, but YOU do it."

Verse 1 says there is a river where goodness flows and a fountain that drowns sorrow, an ocean deeper than fear; the tide is rising, rising. Verse 2 sings about a current stirring deep inside. It's overflowing from the heart of God, the flood of heaven crashing over us; the tide is rising, rising.

The tide IS rising, engulfing us, crashing upon us, and the end result is a well springing up from within us. The ground from which it comes is the Heart of God. It's trying to burst out of us to deliver to others that goodness and that fountain to drown their sorrow or fears. Can you imagine God's energy and power being stymied, held back, hindered from bursting forth...just building up within us? YOU do it! LET THAT WELL SPRING FORTH!

Love ya,
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Men's Moment

By Richard Morrissey

Happy February from the Men's Ministry!

At the time of this writing, we've just completed Week 17 of Adult Sunday School.

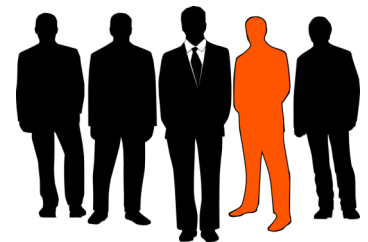
As an offshoot of the Men's Ministry, Adult Sunday School is meant to help our SOF Church Family get a better understanding of the truths found in God's Word.

Originally meant only for adults, Adult Sunday School has been expanded to include teens who are interested in studying The Word. Also, parents with little babies are welcome to join us every Sunday morning from 9:00 to 9:30.

In a recent Sunday School class, we learned that when Jesus was seen alive after His Crucifixion, even His disciples had trouble recognizing Him. The reason why is because He was now in a

glorified, spiritual state and the natural man has trouble recognizing spiritual things. We can apply that truth today by sharpening our spiritual senses through studying The Word. God has a ton of good advice to share with us. If we renew our minds in The Word, we can more easily recognize His voice when He speaks to us. See you in Sunday School!

Also, the Men's Ministry is here to help other ministries in the



Church and to help the congregation with their needs whenever possible.

We will be having another Men's Fellowship Breakfast soon. Stay tuned for details on that. Be abundantly blessed!