

SOF in Touch

JUNE 2024

EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 6/1: KERYX Prison Service
- 6/8: 5K Fellowship, 8:30 a.m., theme: Monkeys!
- 6/17-21: SCUBA VBS, 6-8:30 p.m.
- 6/22: 5K Fellowship, 8:30 a.m., theme: Beach Day
- 6/23: VBS Invasion Sunday, 10 a.m.; Communion led by Rosie Limon
- 6/23-28: 1WIS, youth staying at church

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Seeking to Serve

Happy June everyone! This upcoming month is all about service to each other and our community. I, personally, love this quote by Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr.:

"Everybody can be great because anybody can serve. You don't have to have a college degree to serve. You don't have to make your subject and verb agree to serve. You only need a heart full of grace."

Serving is about giving yourself away to help others. Its about humbling yourself and allowing

God to use you in whatever way He deems best. I would encourage you all to find a way to serve your community this summer.

Our church has two events this summer that could use volunteers:

June 17th-21st is our Vacation Bible School here at Shield of Faith—contact Pastor Jenny to help out;

June 24th- 28th is One Week One Street which is a revitalization program to Collingwood Avenue, Saginaw—contact

Oneweekonestreet@gmail.com to volunteer.

These are great opportunities to help out people in our church community and in the community of Saginaw. If you can't volunteer for these, no worries! Your prayers would be appreciated.

Starting Monday for our 3rd You Version Bible App study, we will be doing a 3-day Bible plan called "A Heart of Service." I hope you can join us, as we explore how we can use the gifts God has given us to help serve others!

Much Love Mega Blessings!

Pastor Lisa Larson

A Word from Pastor Weldon

Attention, SOF Families,

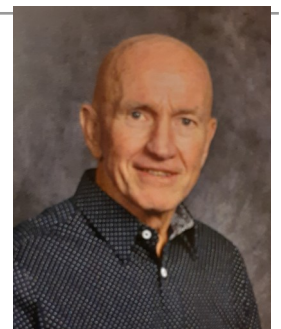
You are a big gift to the SOF body of believers here, and the Lord is showing us your giftings are making room for you (Romans 11:29). We have been teaching on the different types of gifts the Holy Spirit has given us and how each of them operates when being released. We taught on the 5-fold ministry gifts to the church and how the Lord uses these gifts to the body to equip us for the work of the ministry (Ephesians 4:11-16).

We next learned that the Holy Spirit brings 9 spiritual gifts into our lives when we make Him Lord and releases them through us when needed (I Co-

rinthians 12:1-10). We also learned that each believer represents a different needed part in order for the body of Christ to be complete (I Corinthians 12:11-28).

Lastly, we have learned that there are 7 motivational gifts the Lord wires us with, and we don't all have the same initial way of seeing things. They are all needed in order to have a better picture of what the Holy Spirit is trying to show us (Romans 12:3-8). He always wants us to operate as a church in unity and learn to love and work together as an unbeatable team that is known by the love we have one for another (John 13:34-35).

On Sunday take time to look



around and see your beautiful brothers and sisters loving Jesus and each other.

Much Love





A Message from Pastor Mike

Well, Brothers and Sisters, we find ourselves in the month of June, and wow, is there a lot to do! I think it is a beautiful thing that when we all come together, we can accomplish tasks much easier. I am so grateful for all that volunteer to serve in the church from every aspect that is needed.

With VBS around the corner and one week one street following right after, there is no lack of opportunity to be able to serve. "And let us not grow weary while doing good, for in due season we shall reap if we do not

lose heart. Therefore, as we have opportunity, let us do good to all, especially to those who are of the household of faith."

Galatians 6:9-10 NKJV

Sometimes, you may have the thought of "I just can't do any-more"; and this is understandable; and sometimes, you can't do any-more; but how awesome it is that when you're doing something for the

Kingdom, it pays eternal dividends? I pray that all of you find the rest you need for the month of June and the strength to persevere in Jesus' Name.

The Son of Man himself did not come to be served but to serve

Mark: 10-45

ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

Some of you might be feeling overwhelmed by the world we live in today. It does seem pretty bleak at times, doesn't it? It's tempting to ask ourselves, "What can I do about it—I'm one person?" Well, have you ever considered the "one persons" in the Bible who changed the whole world?

I challenge you to read the following accounts from Scripture: Moses transformed from misfit to mighty leader and miracle-worker. Gideon went from cow-

ering to conquering. Deborah was a woman who warred for her people. David dared to be righteous in the face of reproach. Esther was a servant who became queen and saved her people.

Perhaps the most obvious is Jesus, Himself, born into poverty, threatened at every stage of life, resolutely loving all He encountered, giving His life to save everyone, conquering death, and continually interceding on behalf of those who trust Him.

All of these "one persons" have in common this—they did what God called them to do. It's that simple. Follow God's plan, and He will

bring about the great things. We don't have to strive to make things happen.

How do we know God's plan? We pray and read His Word daily—that's what it means to seek Him. It's simple, so why do so many people complicate it? I think it's our safety net—if it's hard and difficult, we can excuse ourselves from doing it because "it's too hard" or "I'm not a professional." These are just excuses, and an excuse is a lie wrapped in the "skin" of a reason.

Let's stop lying and start living!

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



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

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Youth Truth

By Daisy Deweese

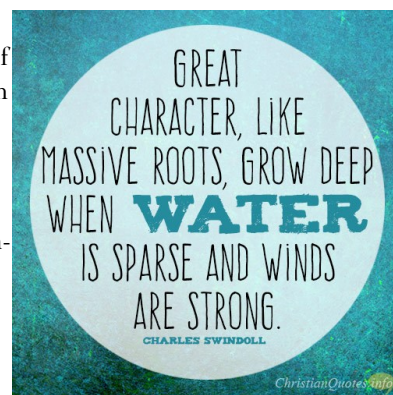
I have been at SOF for five years, now. I am 16 and have my driver's license. I am a sophomore at Hemlock High School. I'm involved in drama and band and am a mentor for the middle school drama program, too.

Something I love about SOF is how we turn the lights off during worship to give people the

freedom to dance and praise without judgment.

I like the Bible study format of youth group because I've been wanting to get more into my Bible, and going to youth group has helped me do that.

I want to continue to strengthen my walk with God



Kids' Corner

By Jackie Gilles

Our Young Warriors have started to study the Fruit of the Spirit: love, joy, peace, patience, kindness, goodness, faithfulness, gentleness, and self-control. The lessons will continue throughout the summer with crafts, games and some fun mini skits to help better understand the different fruits.

VBS is right around the corner!! We are so excited to Dive deeper into friendship with God! Please pray for our

entire VBS crew as we prepare and pray for the children that will be coming! It is going to be an amazing time sharing God's love in a tangible way.

Scuba VBS June 17-21st
6pm – 8:30pm age 3 to 6th grade



Kids in grades 1-5
growing with Jesus

Register here



Nursery News

Did you know that our SCUBA VBS is for preschoolers, too? They'll have their own special place to experience the love of Jesus at their own level during that week!

Children age 3 and older who have not yet been to kindergarten will be WOWED by our Tidepool Preschool, as they get to dive in with all five

senses to discover the wonders of God's love and friendship.

With hands-on lessons, age-level crafts, tactile-friendly activities, and high-energy games, your preschooler will have an ocean of splish-splashin' fun at SCUBA!

Register your kiddos today and receive free music to prep your little ones for an underwater adventure that will stay with them for life!

Register here



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

Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

The families of Shield of Faith definitely have been known to continuously show compassion by giving aide wherever needed. Let's look at some of the things we've seen happening just recently.

An elderly man with health issues and a small income has experienced the joy of receiving nourishing soups on a regular basis. Widows are able to count on knowing that if they need help in their home, qualified men or women are

ready to assist, willing to do whatever the widows can't do themselves. Our young adults are also only a phone call away from being ready and willing to help these ladies who happen to live alone and have needs. One of our widows who had recently been moved to her new home by our own young adults as well as our "seasoned," was given a house warming where household items she needed came in abundance.

What a blessing to see that our own Carol was blessed so beautifully. Thank you to the family of SOF.

Proverbs 22:9 – "The generous will themselves be blessed for they share their food with the poor" NIV.



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POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!



An Adage from Pastor Adam

Activate is a word that has a lot of meaning, for example, to start up, to get going, to set in motion, initiate, energize, to “GO,”...the list goes on.

But the one that stand out to me is the word “GO.” Matthew 28:19-20 tells us all authority has been given to Jesus in Heaven and on earth, so Jesus tells us to “GO,” therefore, and make disciples of all nations, baptizing them in the name of the Father and of the Son and of the Holy Spirit, teaching them to observe all the things that I have commanded you; and I am with you always, even to the end of this age.

The key word here is “GO”—that He is with us. We have to *activate* the *going* part of this verse.

This June here at Sheild of Faith/FireHouse Revolution, we will be ACTIVE in the things of God, activating the command from Jesus from VBS to OWOS, serving others and sharing the Gospel of Jesus Christ to the world.

Please come in agreement with us as we activate and “GO” out to serve.

Pray that God guides each one of us keeping in step with the Holy Spirit, that our armer is clean, intact and well-polished ready to “GO,” that God’s hand is upon us and no weapon will be formed against us in Jesus’ Name.



Men’s Moment

By Richard Morrissey

Greetings, Mighty Men & Women of God!

June brings the nice weather and a lot of activity at Shield of Faith. Children will be ministered to through Vacation Bible School (VBS). This is a highlight of the summer for many children and a chance for the church to show them the love of Jesus. Also, Shield of Faith will again par-

ticipate in One Week One Street, which provides help with home maintenance to Saginaw residents. Both of these activities give us the chance to be a blessing to others and work together to make these projects a success.

Last year the pavilion was built, and now, we can look forward to using it for fellowship meals and other get-togethers. We are truly a blessed church!

The invitation to come to Adult Sunday School is still open. We will be completing our study of the Book of Acts and moving on to Romans in the next week or two. We meet from 9:00 to 9:30 and would love to see you there.

Be abundantly blessed.

