

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 10/5: KERYX Prison Service
- 10/5: food give-away at SOF, 8 a.m.
- 10/5: 5K Fellowship, 8:30 a.m., theme: Harvest
- 10/19: 5K Fellowship, 8:30 a.m., theme: costume
- 10/27: Communion led by Mike Barnes
- 10/27: Trunk or Treat, 3-5 p.m.

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Your Vote Matters!

By Jenny Deweese

During this troubled time of political debate, the Church is needed by this world whether the world will admit it or not. Darkness is making its agenda known through the political process. The current candidates literally represent good vs. evil.

Sadly, many in the church believe they don't need to participate in our elections, but they don't realize that if they choose not to vote, they are actually voting with whomever the majority turns out to be. In essence it's impossible not to vote—abstaining from

making your choice means the majority of all other votes will win. If all the Church would vote according to Biblical values, darkness would not have the foothold it does today.

I'll say it again—it is impossible not to vote. A refusal to vote is actually a vote for the majority.

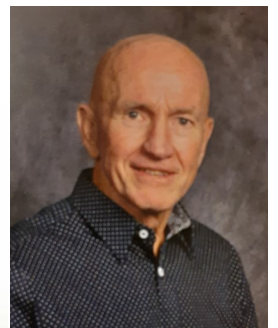
You can visit websites like the Right to Life of Michigan site, www.rtl.org, to see a list of candidates who are

prolife and pro-family. You can copy that list and take it with you to the polls. You can even request a mail-in ballot or absentee ballot. However you choose to vote, please actually use your vote—don't let your silence in the face of evil become evil, itself (paraphrase of Dietrich Bonhoeffer).



A Word from Pastor Weldon

When you have a pastor who doesn't sugarcoat anything...



(Okay, so PJ might have found this and put it here because she thought it was funny—cuz it's true!)





A Message from Pastor Mike

Well, we have entered the fall season which marks the time of harvest. I'm believing that the harvest will be great.

"Then Jesus went about all the cities and villages, teaching in their synagogues, preaching the Gospel of the kingdom, and healing every sickness and every disease among the people. But when He saw the multitudes, He was moved with compassion for them because they were weary and scattered like sheep having no shepherd. Then He said to

His disciples, 'The harvest truly is plentiful, but the laborers are few. Therefore pray the Lord of the harvest to send out laborers into His harvest.'"

Matthew 9:35-38 NKJV

I pray that each of us may be a part in that harvest. I am grateful for the laborers at Shield of

Faith Ministries. I pray that none of you will be in lack and that you will have all the provision you need for every act of service in ministry and daily living in Jesus' Name.



"Adults Discovering Ultimate Truth"

A group for ages 18-30ish who want to grow together in faith and fun

ADULT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

Humans do tend to think they're pretty amazing, right? We all need to be careful not to think more highly of ourselves than we ought.

The thing is...when we're in Christ, we get to use His report card instead of our own as we approach the Father—our Heavenly Daddy. He sees us and loves us the way He sees and loves Jesus. Let that sink into your brain.

Marvel: 'Infinity War is the most ambitious crossover event in history' God:



Youth Truth

Deuteronomy 3:18 Tells us, "The Lord is the One who goes before you. He will be with you; He will not leave you nor forsake you; do not fear nor be dismayed." You can walk on through the storm because God is walking with you. Here are 5 scriptures for when you're in the midst of a storm; use them to encourage yourself by speaking them out over your storm.

1. "When I am afraid, I put my trust in You." Psalms 56:3 ESV

2. "For I, the Lord your God,

hold your right hand; it is I who say to you, 'Fear not; I am the One who helps you.'" Isaiah 41:13 ESV

3. "When you pass through the waters, I will be with you; and through the rivers, they shall not overwhelm you; when you walk through fire, you shall not be burned, and the flames shall not consume you." Isaiah 43:2 ESV

4. "Do not be anxious about anything, but in everything by prayer and supplication with thanksgiving, let your request be made known to God, and the peace of God which surpasses all understanding will guard your heart and your mind in Christ Jesus." Philippians 4:6-7 ESV

5. "Peace I leave with you; my peace I give you. Not as the world gives do I give to you. Let not your hearts be troubled neither let them be afraid." John 14:27 ESV

When you find yourself facing a storm, whether physically or spiritually, you can trust Christ is there in the midst of it with you, even if you don't feel Him. He's there holding your hand, guiding you, bringing peace to your heart, and listening to you.

God bless, and remember you grow through what you go through. Much love,

Paster Adam



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

Kids' Corner

Spotlight on Dave Larson

Dave is eight years old and in third grade at Weiss Elementary School. Here's what he has to share about himself.

I have 2 brothers, 1 sister, and my mom and dad.

I like math and reading and arts, science, and technology. I am in run club.

I have been at SOF since I was born 8.5 years ago.

SOF has taught me about Jesus—that HE is amazing in ALL ways.

What I like about Young Warriors Ministry is how they teach us about God.

Someday, I would like to go to Disney Land.

When I get bigger, I want to be an archeologist, zoo keeper, and scientist.



Kids in grades 1-5
growing with Jesus

Nursery News

Are you interested in working with our littlest ones?

See Judy Barnes or Jackie Gilles.



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

Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

This month I would like to focus on a family we have grown to love dearly, who have become a significant part here at Shield of Faith Church, whose hearts have been broken this month when their papa, brother, dad, and the love of her life, was taken from that family. Though his journey brought him to a greater place to reside, especially when he no longer would have to endure pain and instead is being surrounded by incredible peace and love, it was immensely painful for those of us

who were left behind. Our hearts were bleeding for the family and our prayers never stopped. So – as a tribute to our dear Pat, I would like to share a song that I just became aware of this morning, which immediately moved me to tears and joy at the same time. May this be a blessing to all! R.I.P. Patrick.

"If God pulled back the Curtain"
by the Nelsons

If God pulled back the curtain and let us see the other side

In that place we call forever just beyond good-bye

I bet there'd be some preaching and I bet there'd be some thieves

And I think there'd be some broken hearts finally at peace

And Ohh

If God pulled back the curtain and let us catch a glimpse

Of that clean crystal river, we'd wanna jump right in

Nobody is on a cell phone, nobody has a need Nobody's in a hurry cause they're where they need to be

And Ohh, who wouldn't want to go

And Ohh, who wouldn't want to stay

Ohh

If God pulled back the curtain and let us look around

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POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!



An Adage from Pastor Adam

No one can force youth to have spiritual experiences, but parents and leaders can foster opportunities that lead to conversation.

1 Timothy 4:12 "Let no one despise your youth, but be an example to the believers in word, in conduct, in love, in Spirit, in faith, in purity." This verse from the Bible instructs young people to develop Godly character and set an example for others through their speech, conduct, love, faith, and purity.

It's up to us to help build that in our youth as parents and leaders. I encourage you today to be that example for our youth. "Why?"

you ask. Well, I believe that in this next generation God is going to show out, not only to take our youth into their destiny, but to prove to the people around them that the Lord is on their side. He's about to do something big, so unusual, so out of the ordinary, that there won't be any doubt that His favor is on our youth.

I encourage you to look for opportunities to lead them Spiritually, building them up so they can see themselves as more than conquerors.

Our Church, Shield Of Faith, gives our youth the opportunity to serve, and sadly, that's rare—most churches don't.

We have something special here. Let's keep that fire burning and watch God's Favor over our youth and start to use them in mighty ways.

God bless!



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Ohh...If God pulled back the curtain and let us look around
We'd see the last and least of these running that whole town
I bet we'd hear some singing like we'd never heard before
Cause the price to love with all our hearts we could all afford
And Ohh, who wouldn't want to go
And Ohh, who wouldn't want to stay
We are well acquainted with life and all its pain
Lord I am so grateful there's going to come a day
When God pulls back the curtain and says 'Come on in'
And I drop all my burdens and I run straight to Him
And man I'll feel the freedom like I've never known
Cause satan might have got me lost but Jesus got me home
Yes, satan might have got me lost but Jesus got me home

Men's Moment

Teen:

Dad, you don't have to go to church to get into Heaven.

Dad:

You don't have to wear a parachute to jump out of a plane, either, but it certainly helps.

