

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 11/2: KERYX Prison Service
- 11/2: ADUTs harvest party, 6:30-8 p.m.
- 11/9: ladies' luncheon, 1-3 p.m.
- 11/24: Communion led by Judy Barnes
- 11/28: Thanksgiving dinner, 1 p.m.

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Eternal Life Saving Time

"My favorite holiday is the end of Daylight Saving Time—I love sleep!" My friend's enthusiasm is shared by many when they think about the day we turn our clocks back an hour, which happens on November 3rd this year.

Daylight Saving Time was first practiced in a small town in Canada, but it was not adopted on any national level until almost a decade later in Germany. Interestingly, a British man named William Willett proposed the idea to Parliament years earlier, but it wasn't until Germany adopted the prac-

tice that England followed suit—a year after Willett's death.

Jesus also proposed a radical idea to the governing authorities of His day, and His idea was also not fully understood by his people until after His death. There are two key differences, though. Jesus' idea would not save light—it would save LIFE—and He did not remain dead—He's ALIVE!

At Shield of Faith Ministries, we know that every day is precious and that we might be the only



exposure to Jesus that people might have. As we live each hour of each day, I hope our focus is on demonstrating Jesus' love for each person we encounter. By doing this simple act, we can change Daylight Saving Time into Eternal Life Saving Time!

A Word from Pastor Weldon

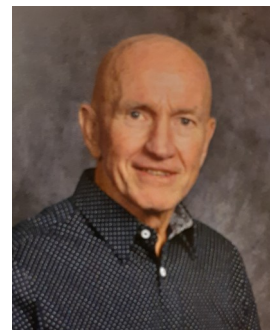
PK and I would like to let all our beautiful families at SOF know how much we thank you for all your encouraging words and commitment. We have so many loving families that not only love us but are seriously connected to the vision. As we as a church family press into the fall season, we must stop and take a good look at everything Jesus has blessed us with.

By now, hopefully, we are celebrating a big victory in the election process with sanity coming back to our nation. I know our church as a whole not only voted but voted pro-life and pro-family. Thank you for praying, fasting, and believing with us for the victory. Again, thank

you, Family, for all you do and say that makes pastoring so much fun and so exciting!

You are loved,

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A Message from Pastor Mike

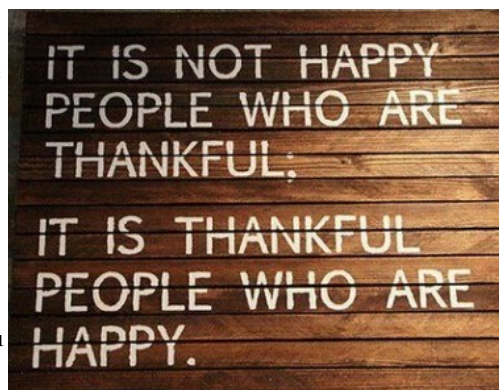
November marks the month that we celebrate Thanksgiving. As a Christian every day should be a day that we celebrate with thanksgiving to our Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ. With all of the division in this country and turmoil that seems to be around every corner, whether it be personal trial or that of a loved one, to be thankful in all circumstances is Scriptural. One would ask, "Why should I be thankful?" and it's a simple answer because the opposite is ungrateful. To be thankful triumphs over ungrate-

fulness.

"In everything give thanks; for this is the will of God in Christ Jesus for you."

I Thessalonians 5:18 NKJV

May God bless you all—I know that I am thankful for you!



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

ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

We started our study of The Forge last Saturday. The Forge is a movie that comes out on DVD in December. The study will take five sessions, so we will end it at the end of November or early December and then watch the DVD together. I trust it will be a great experience for all of us!

Our harvest party is coming up this Saturday, November 2nd, at

6:30 p.m. where we'll make homemade donuts and decorate them along with homemade sugar cookies. We'll also draw names for a secret Christmas gift exchange. Who knows what other shenanigans we might experience? All young adults are welcome! (A young adult is someone age 18-30ish.)

On December 7th at 6:30 p.m., we'll have our Christmas party with the gift exchange and other

activities. I hope you can all join us for these as well as for our regular gatherings every Saturday from 6:30—8:00 p.m.



Youth Truth



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

Hello, I'm Joshua Larson. I'm 18 years old, and I've attended this church for as long as I can remember. I attend Heritage High School; and I am a senior; and I play lacrosse; and I've played for all 4 years at HHS.

Outside of school I work at the Bavarian Inn Lodge, and I have recently started an internship at Amigo Mobility with their Supply Chain Management depart-

ment which I am looking at studying after high school at Davenport University.



Kids' Corner

Spotlight on Willow Morgan:

My name is Willow Makynze Jeanne Morgan, and I am 7 years old. I am in 2nd grade at Hemlock K.C. Ling Elementary School.

My mama is really nice, and my daddy is really protective. My big brother, Brigham, is crazy and fun to play with. We have two dogs, Mocha and Bob.

Some things I like about school are my teacher, math, and being in Little Pommers.

I have been coming to SOF my whole life. I know everything

about Jesus because of what SOF taught me. He's really, really protective. He's our Savior. He protects us. He doesn't do mean things. He defeated the devil for us. He died for us. He will never let go of our backs.

Some things I like about Young Warriors Ministry are all the fun things we get to do and the stories we learn in the Bible.

Someday, I would like to go to the biggest aquarium with my family. I think it's in Atlanta, Georgia. I think they have a whale shark.



Kids in grades 1-5 growing with Jesus

Nursery News

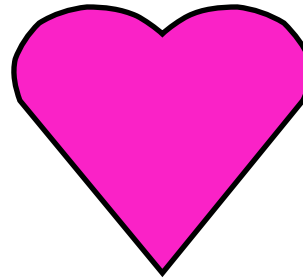
From Judy Barnes

We have between 1—4 kids each week in King's Kids. We have been learning Bible stories and doing a take-home craft each week.

We would love to see more children joining us every week! If each kiddo invited

one friend, we would double our numbers.

We have a great team of volunteers for King's Kids—thank you to all of you for pouring into our youngest hearts!



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

Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

This month we definitely have an opportunity to be praising the

Lord, giving thanks for all that He has done to and for us.

We will be having our Ladies' Luncheon at Uno's in Saginaw at

4960 Town Centre Road at 1:00 pm. Teenage daughters are welcome to come. For more information, please call Sheila Sparkes, 989-295-8561, or Lynn Ahrens, 989-284-9498.



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JESUS!



An Adage from Pastor Adam

Blessings We Experience by Serving Others

I want to thank all of you for how you served during our trunk or treat. It is such a blessing to serve others, but did you know you are experiencing a blessing as well?

Serving allows us to discover and develop our Spiritual gifts (1 Corinthians 12).

Serving allows us to experience miracles (John 2).

Serving allows us to experience the joy and peace that comes from obedience (1 Peter 4:10-11).

Serving helps us to be more like Jesus (Mathew 25:40).

Serving surrounds us with other Christians who can help us follow Jesus (Hebrews 10:24-25).

Serving increases our Faith (Ephesians 3:20).

Serving allows us to experience God's presence in new ways (Ephesians 2:18).

Serving is good for your soul (Hebrews 6:10).

Most people make all sorts of rational explanations for not serving: I don't have time; I don't know what I would do; I don't have any special skills to contribute; or they don't need me.

But the reality is the Lord doesn't call the equipped—He equips the called. So, I thank you again for serving here at Shield of Faith in all our outreaches.

Much Love



Men's Moment

Many thanks to the men's ministry for cooking the hotdogs at the trunk-or-treat this year! Thank you, also, for the generous donation to purchase candy for the event!

Ministry is all about coming together in partnership to advance God's Kingdom Pur-

poses. The men's ministry has been doing that in more ways than one. Well done, Men's Ministry, well done!!

