

# SOF in Touch

MAY 2025

EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



## AT A GLANCE

- 5/3: KERYX Prison Service
- 5/4: 35th anniversary of SOF with Mexican fiesta potluck to celebrate!
- 5/10: Mother/daughter pottery painting, 1-3 p.m.
- 5/11: Mothers' Day
- 5/25: Communion led by Jason Deweese
- 5/31: spring workday, 8:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

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## Sleep in Heavenly Peace

By Jenny Deweese

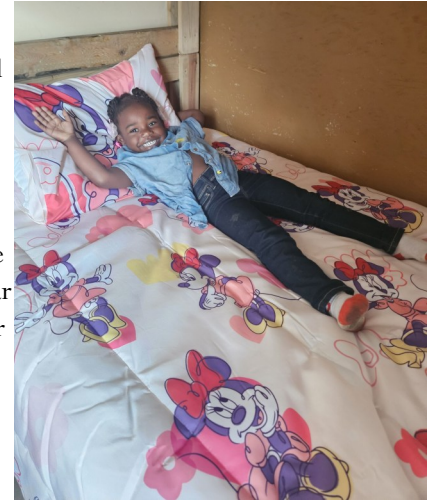
As we pulled up to the house, we had no idea what to expect inside. We knew we had a set of bunk beds and three single beds to deliver and set up, but we didn't know who would be there to receive them or how big the bedrooms would be.

Working conditions were cramped for our team of 6 volunteers, and there was no electricity upstairs at all. Undaunted, we set up all the beds in two rooms by flashlight and window light. They went together quickly, but we soon realized we had left one bag of bedding in the truck. I ran out

to the street to grab it, and as I climbed out of the truck with the clear bag, I heard a young voice yell, "Mini Mouse!" Smiling, I walked back into the house and said to the joyful 3-year-old, "Did somebody order Mini Mouse?"

A few minutes later, we finished making the beds and invited the girls up to see them. Their sister and two brothers were with their dad, so only the two girls got to enjoy the big reveal. Their smiles said more than their words could!

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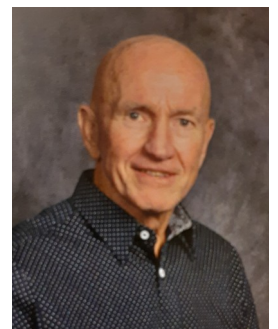
amazing organization that City Rescue Mission of Saginaw has partnered with to provide free, hand-crafted beds to children who are sleeping on the floors of their homes. If you'd like to know more, I'd be happy to share with you!

## A Word from Pastor Weldon

The first Sunday in May will be our 35th anniversary as a church and ministry. Thinking back to those early services brings a smile as well as an appreciation for how the Lord guided and protected SOF from many attacks of the enemy. I like to say, "Never a dull moment" in the day-to-day operations. We started with about 4 families in the administration building with a make-shift worship team of PK on the keys and a young student on the drums. I did all the preaching/teaching on Sundays, and we had a K-12 Christian academy during the week. We only had about 30 students that first year and had

to tear down school on Friday to set up for church on Sunday every week.

What a blessing it is to see how Jesus guided us through the years with growth and vision. In the early years, a prophetic word came to me by Charles Capps saying, "The Lord is not going to show you all you will have to go through because you will choose not to continue." I told PK and the Lord at the time, "Yes, I will," but knowing now all SOF has gone through to get to this place, I don't think I would have. Thirty-five years later I'm so glad I didn't stop because today, looking at



all you beautiful people I have grown to know and love, I can honestly say, "Thank You, Jesus!" I love my Sof families!

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## A Message from Pastor Mike

Yeah, I don't always feel it	I'll bring my hard-fought, heart-felt	Hallelujah, hallelujah
Yeah, but that's when I need it the most	Been-through-hell hallelujah (ooh, ooh)	I've wrestled with the darkness
So, I'ma keep on singing	And I'll bring my storm-tossed, torn-sail	But I'm tryin' to reach for the light
'Til my soul catches up with my song	Story-to-tell hallelujah, oh	Yeah, the struggle keeps me honest
There's times when my hands go up freely	'Cause God, You've been patient	And it breaks down the walls of my pride
And times that it costs, oh-oh	God, You've been gracious	'Cause faith isn't proven like gold
There's days when a praise comes out easy	Faithful, whatever I'm feeling or facing	'Til it's been through the fire, eh-eh
Days when it takes all the strength I got	So I'll bring my hard-fought, heartfelt, it-is-well hallelujah, whoa-oh	My head, heart, and hands are feeling heavy
		But that's when I lift them just a little higher
		Love y'all!

### *"Adults Discovering Ultimate Truth"*

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

## ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

Okay, ADUTs, we're almost done with our study through Lamentations—one more chapter to go! We've learned that even in the darkest of times, we have hope in the light of Christ. His love never forsakes us and never leaves us wanting! I hope to see all of you Wednesdays at 8 p.m.!



## Youth Truth

By Adam Gilles

Flowers often associated with youth include daisies, primroses, lilacs, calla lilies, and many more that symbolize innocence, new beginnings, and youthful energy.

Our youth are blooming into a beautiful flower for the whole world to see.

Primroses: associated with youth, new beginnings, and the awakening of spring, symbolizing the promise of fresh starts.

Lilacs: with their fragrant blooms are often associated with youthful joy, innocence, and confidence.

Calla Lilies: with their elegant and unique beauty can represent youth, a new chapter in life, innocence, gratitude, and admiration.

Hyacinth: often used to symbolize rebirth and new beginnings and are associated with the awakening of life and the promise of fresh starts.

Cherry Blossoms: celebrate youth, impermanence and fleeting beauty, the beauty of the moment.

Lavender: symbolize refinement, elegance, grace, youth, and purity.

Gerbera Daisies: like other daisies, Gerbera daisies are associated with innocence and youth, as well as happiness and cheerfulness.

Sunflowers: full of youth and enthusiasm.

Chrysanthemums: linked to the sun and represent eternal youth, longevity or good health.

I thank our Father for our FIREHOUSE REVOLUTION youth that are growing into a beautiful garden.



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

Young Warriors is our children's ministry that takes place during our Sunday morning worship services.

Kids learn about God's care for them at their level in exciting, interactive lessons.

If you'd like to learn more, see Jackie Gilles.



Kids in grades 1-5  
growing with Jesus

## Nursery News

Would you like to join our King's Kids Nursery Care Team? We could use another couple volunteers to share God's love with our youngest hearts during Sunday morning services. See Judy Barnes or Jackie Gilles if you would like to serve in this way.

We have been studying creation and would love to have more little ones to teach about God's amazing power. Feel free to invite your friends!

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

## Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

The Ladies of Faith had an opportunity to watch a hilarious movie called "Mom's Night Out" on Saturday, April 12th. We met at 11 a.m., came together in a circle of

prayer, proceeded to enjoy pizza from Jet's, and then fully relaxed

with popcorn as we laughed watching our movie.





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**An Adage from Pastor Adam**

The saying, "April showers bring May flowers," can be interpreted spiritually as a reminder that hardships and trials (April showers) can lead to beauty and renewal (May flowers), offering hope and a promise of better times ahead.

We are the body of Christ; we are entering into better times (May). I encourage you to look to God's promises that are, "Yes and amen," claiming them over you and your family. He promises to work everything together for good (Romans 8:28).

So stay planted, have flavor, hold that shield of faith above all, and watch how God will prune you into this next season with ALL HIS PROMISES.



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**Men's Moment**

If you're interested in joining our men's ministry, please see Richard Morrissey.