

# SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



## AT A GLANCE

- 7/5: Jail Service
- 7/13: Congregational meeting after service
- 7/27: Communion led by Melissa Ferguson

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## They Saw God

By Jenny Deweese

The Living Word of God is amazing! I was reading Exodus 24 this morning and verses 9-11 blew stood out to me. As many times as I've read the whole Bible and as many times as I've studied from the book of Exodus, these verses jumped off the page at me today as if I'd never read them. I encourage you to look up this passage for yourself.

In a nutshell Moses was not the only person to see God and not die as a result. The priests and 70 elders of the Israelites saw Him, too, and ate and drank in His presence.

How awesome! Yet, just 40 days later, those priests and 70 elders were worshipping an idol of a golden calf. They forgot their experience with God that quickly! This is a lesson to me that no matter how close I'm feeling to the Lord, I should not become proud or overconfident because at any moment that misplaced faith (faith in my position instead of faith in Jesus) could lead me down the wrong path.

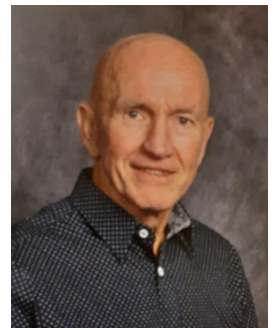
We need to remain humble and keep our eyes fixed on Jesus—He is the reason we can be in God's presence.

## A Word from Pastor Weldon

What say you, Brothers and Sisters? If life and death are in the power of what we speak, don't you think we need to be very careful at what is coming out of our mouths?

The Bible tells us to guard our heart with diligence, for out of it flow rivers of life. No matter what challenges we are going through (and we all go through a lot of them), we must learn to speak what the Truth (Word of God) is saying about us. The Word is the highest level of authority given to believers for ruling and reigning on earth. Jesus teaches believers to have faith (belief) in God and speak

His life-producing words to remove every mountain of opposition that the devil throws at us to steal, kill, and destroy our lives. You see, Brothers and Sisters, it doesn't matter what our circumstances are telling us—the Truth trumps over the facts. If your body says you are weak, the Word says you are strong. If your body says you are sick, the Word says by His stripes you're healed. The Living Word of God tells us we can call things that don't exist into existing, praise Jesus! God's Word which is His will tells believers in III John 2 that we would prosper and be in health even as our minds are



renewed to believing what His Word promises.

Guard our hearts by making sure what we are speaking is Holy Spirit-anointed Word of God. We can get better, Church Families! You are loved!





## A Message from Pastor Mike

I pray you all have a blessed and safe summer!



### *"Adults Discovering Ultimate Truth"*

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

## ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

During our final Wednesday night of June, we had a small crowd due to One Weed One Street, so made the most of the opportunity by "sneak blessing."

What is that? I'm so glad you asked! Here's how it worked:

We took turns walking up behind people who were ordering food at Culver's. When the total

amount was given to them, we "pounced" and tapped my church credit card on the reader to pay for their meal out of the ADUT fund. Then we would tell them we were from SOF and were out blessing people. We would ask if they had prayer requests and pray for them.

Their reactions were great! Most of them couldn't believe we were doing this but were ex-

tremely grateful. Maybe you could "sneak bless" someone next time you're in line at a fast food place. It's a rewarding experience!

## Youth Truth

By Adam Gilles

Matthew 28:18-20 the Great Commission

In these verses Jesus first asserts His authority, saying, "All authority in heaven and on earth has been given to me." This declaration is significant, as it emphasizes His divine power and the foundation upon which He sends His followers into the world. It is a reminder to us that our mission is backed by His supreme authority.

He then commands His disciples 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." This call to evangelism highlights the importance of spreading the Gospel and making disciples—not just in our immediate circles, but extending to all nations. The act of baptizing signifies the initiation into a new life in Christ, marking a crucial step in our faith journey.

Lastly, Jesus promises His presence, stating, "And behold, I am

with you always, to the end of the age." This assurance provides comfort and motivation for believers; we are never alone in our endeavors to fulfill this commission. It reminds us that as we step out in faith to share Christ's love, His presence is with us guiding and empowering our efforts.

Let's "GO!"



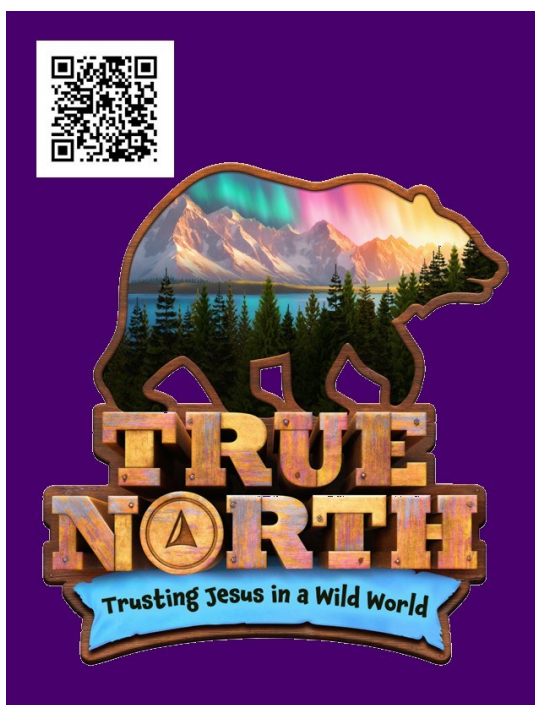
Junior and Senior High kids learning to navigate this crazy world together in a way that challenges the "norm" through Jesus' mighty power

## Kids' Corner

Be sure to get your kiddos registered for VBS!

Just scan the QR code, choose whether you're signing up to volunteer or signing up your child and follow the prompts.

Can't wait to see you "UP NORTH!"

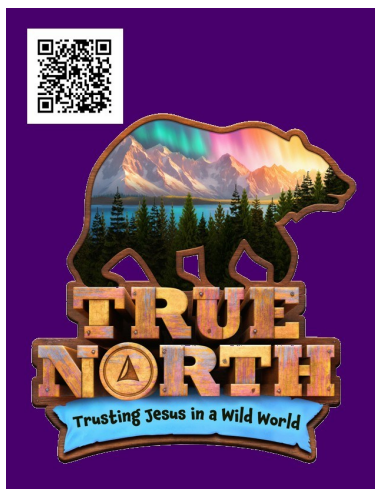


Kids in grades 1-5  
growing with Jesus

## Nursery News

Preschoolers have their own space at True North VBS!

Scan the QR code to register.



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

## Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

The next event for Shield of Faith Women's Ministry is a luncheon happening on Saturday, August 9th at 1 p.m. at the Golden Corral Buffet, 4409 Bay Road. This is a perfect time to save the date on your calendar.

The Word of God is so very important for us to hide in our hearts. The book, *100 Bible Verses* written by Robert J Morgan, has become a blessing to me. He speaks of memorizing scripture in a new way. He

states that instead of just learning verses of scripture by "rote," it's best to personalize them.

He tells us to start with, perhaps, a favorite Psalm, and repeat it MANY times a day for a week or more, so I chose Psalm 23. Firstly, I personalized it. Now I get to speak it over and over each day. "You, Lord, are my shepherd who has shown me You are all I need. You make me lie down in green pastures, which brings me rest knowing I'm under Your watchful eye and being well cared for. You lead me beside still waters, a place of trust because the still waters are "You." You restored my soul by giving me back more than I've actually lost by showing me what being valued means. You lead me in the paths of righteousness keeping me honest, loyal, and moral, for Your name's sake. Yes, I want to be the best representative of You

that I could ever be. Even during times when I have to walk through the valley of the shadow of death, I will fear no evil because of Your faithfulness and saving grace. I will trust You just like a sheep trusts its shepherd. I know You are with me. I have a deep trust and comfort in knowing You are always there for me. Your rod and Your staff, they comfort me as they represent Your presence, protection, and Your guidance. You have prepared a table before me many times, even in the presence of those who dislike me. You anoint my head with oil and my cup keeps overflowing with Your abundant blessings, provision, and care. Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all the days of my life. You mentioned in John 10 that those who belong to You, NO ONE can snatch away from You. Thank you for reminding us all of that. And I will dwell in Your House forever and forever. Thank You Jesus. I look forward to residing with You ETERNALLY."



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## An Adage from Pastor Adam

Throughout scripture we often see the theme of God being a refuge and strength for His people when they are under attack. For instance in Psalm 46:1, it says, "God is our refuge and strength, a very present help in trouble." This verse reassures us that even in our darkest moments, we can rely on God's protection and support.

Additionally, Ephesians 6:10-18 encourages believers to put on the full armor of God so that they may stand firm against the schemes of the devil. This passage reminds us that spiritual attacks can occur, but we are equipped with the tools we need to resist those forces.

As we navigate our journeys, let's encourage one another to seek out those joyful moments. Let's make a pact to focus on gratitude, to celebrate small victories, and to lift one another through difficult times. Our resilience is strengthened by the joy we hold onto, making us better equipped to face whatever the future may bring.

Keeping our JOY allows God to move on our behalf.

Blessing of JOY to you all.



### Men's Moment

Men's Ministry requirement checklist:

- ◇ I am a man
- ◇ I follow Jesus

If you checked both boxes, see Richard Morrissey about participating in our men's ministry.

