

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 8/2: Jail Service
- 8/9: Ladies' luncheon
- 8/24: Communion led by Alex Curry

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Stirred, not Shaken

By Jenny Deweese

Stirred—agitated; to have caused one inward commotion; disturbed by current situation

Shaken—infused with instability; filled with fear

My Beloved Family, the two words above are words we hear often in church life. We may be stirred by a touching testimony or by a verse we read at that perfect moment, moving us to dive deeper into our Father's embrace and to make changes that will better our lives. Stirring is a good thing when it motivates us to draw closer and to strengthen our faith!

Sometimes, though, people get shaken by something, and they can fall into the trap of trying to shake things up in the church because they're unsatisfied in one way or another with their own situations. They become fault-finders, complainers, and reject all the many positives because they'd rather hyper-focus on the few negatives.

They probably aren't consciously trying to destroy the church body, but allowing themselves to be shaken eventually causes havoc within their church family—and, yes, they do allow themselves to be shaken. Psalm 16:8 makes it clear that we can choose not to be shaken. We

can choose to focus on God's faithfulness to us; we can choose to focus on the positives. When people are complaining and, especially, if they're gossiping about non-essential issues, they are instilling fear and causing instability within the church body. It's up to all of us to lovingly but firmly refuse to entertain such behavior. A gentle reminder of Matthew 18 as the right way to handle disagreements along with a quiet comment of, "I can't listen to this until you've taken the right steps," will be highly effective in snuffing out the ember of dissension. It's up to all of us to guard our family.

I like my church family stirred, not shaken! Love you bunches!!

A Word from Pastor Weldon

Family, what a beautiful concept that the Lord created in His creation process—a father and mother in love with their creator and lives with each other producing beautiful children. All through the Bible, Jesus encourages families to love one another and live an abundant life while on earth and then spend eternity with Him and our spiritual family forever. Shield of Faith Church is filled with beautiful families learning how to live the good life.

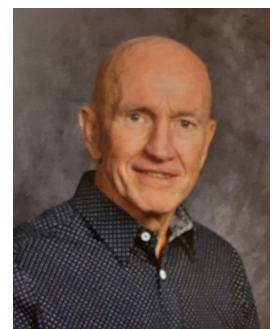
The problem, then, is there is an enemy that hates God and everything that God made and tries to steal, kill, and destroy

His families. The powers of darkness bring hate, envy, jealousy, and division into God's families to rob us of our inheritance. The devil will lie, gossip, pervert, and continuously use whatever he can to break families apart.

The answer: "Submit your life to God (His truths) and resist the devil and your carnal flesh, and he will flee."

Three steps to succeed:

1. Get planted in God's house (Ps. 92:13).
2. Stay planted (Heb. 10:25).
3. You must be a part of a



church body (2 Cor. 12:12-14).

Come on, Brothers and Sisters, you can do it! Let's fight the good fight of faith together and give the devil a black eye. I believe in you!

Much love.





A Message from Pastor Mike



“Adults Discovering Ultimate Truth”

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

ADULT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

We are still in our series on Christian marriages/relationships and learning a whole lot about the Lord's calling of marriage vs. the world's idea of marriage.

We have several more questions to tackle, so I pray you will all continue attending our Wednesday night Bible studies!



Youth Truth

By Adam Gilles

We are excited to share the latest updates and events happening within our youth as we continue to grow and ignite passion and build relationships in the hearts of our youth! As we enter a new season, we embrace the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead, and we are grateful for your unwavering support and involvement.

We are currently studying the book of Romans every

Wednesday from 6-8 at the Firehouse Revolution building. All youth from 9th grade to 12th grade, we welcome you to join this powerful movement. It's a great opportunity for fellowship, Bible study, and fun activities. We encourage you to bring a friend along.

If you are in need of any support with yard work, please reach out to Pastors Adam and Jackie because we would love to talk to you about our youth's helping with that need.

Thank you for being a part of Firehouse Revolution Youth Ministries. Let's continue to spread the love of Christ and inspire one another to live boldly in faith. We are looking forward to an incredible season of growth and love.



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

By Jenny Deweese

True North VBS was a great success! Thank you so much to our many volunteers who poured their time and energy into our children in order to transport them into the Alaskan tundra!

I spoke with one child who attended, and he said, "It was fun! It was A LOT of fun!!" That

warmed my heart beyond words.

I know VBS takes a LOT of energy; I know it takes a LOT of time; I know it is EXHAUSTING; but I also know it produces fruit that lasts beyond what we can see or even know. You all rose to the challenge, and for that I am *incredibly* grateful!

That being said, it looks like we might take a break

from VBS and replace it with a one-day summer festival next summer. We don't know what this looks like, yet, but we will be discussing it in the months to come.

Thank you, again, for an AMAZING week!!



Kids in grades 1-5 growing with Jesus

Nursery News

By Jenny Deweese

Our Juneau's Puppy Playhouse at VBS was a pretty busy place during True North!

The littles got to learn about Jesus' love for them at their own level

and discover what it means to trust Jesus in every type of situation.

Many thanks to our Preschool program director, Patty Fogg, and her crew of volunteers for making it a week

these little ones won't soon forget!

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

Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

Here we are again, about to enjoy our quarterly luncheon which is coming up on Saturday, August 9th, at 1 pm. The Golden Corral Restaurant seems to be at this time the best place for us to come together. We discovered that the Corral has the best side room that accommodates

our group adequately and that it also can be closed off from the rest of the restaurant for privacy.

The price of the meal seems to be reasonable, but most of all, everyone can find their favorite all-you-can-eat food.

Come join us at The Golden Corral, 4409 Bay Road, Saginaw, 48603. Remember, children need to be at least 13 years of age. Come and enjoy a time away to fellowship with our sisters in the Lord.

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An Adage from Pastor Adam

The Body of Christ, as described in Scripture, serves as a metaphor for the Church, emphasizing that all believers are interconnected, much like the various parts of a physical body. Each individual has unique gifts and functions, but together, they contribute to the health and effectiveness of the whole. This connection encourages us to appreciate each other's strengths and to support one another in our spiritual walks. In understanding the Body of Christ, we are reminded of the importance of community, service, unity, and love. As we engage with one another, let us strive to build a body that reflects Christ's love and grace to the world around us. Together we can grow even stronger and experience God in and through the body here at Shield of Faith Ministries. Look to those who are growing, get connected to those who are knocking and seeking the Kingdom of God, and let's experience this as one body together.



Much love...

VBS Pictures:



Men's Moment

Our men's ministry has been generously doing things behind the scenes for members of our church family who have ex-

perienced a variety of needs.

We appreciate the love of our men and their willing hearts to reach out and help others!

HELPING HAND

