

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 9/1: *Offices closed*
- 9/6: *Jail Service*
- 9/10: *Ladies' Bible study led by Patty Fogg resumes*
- 9/28: *Communion led by Youth*

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Labor of Love

By Jenny Deweese

Picket signs and riots might not be the first things that come to mind when we hear the term “Labor Day,” but this holiday was born out of a great conflict.

Harsh working conditions rewarded with low wages became the breaking point for many American workers who fought back by holding strikes that led to violence. The first Labor Day was an attempt to quell a labor dispute, and the first parade was made up of around 10,000 workers who took an unpaid holiday to march through the town.

I see a striking correlation be-

tween the formation of Labor Day and God’s plan for humanity. Christ’s crucifixion was the horribly violent and brutal culmination of the “labor dispute” between mankind and God. I’m sure no one who witnessed the crucifixion would have dreamed that it would one day be part of a reason to celebrate, but that is exactly what it has become—a step in God’s amazing plan to reunite the world with Himself. Jesus’ resurrection three days later was the ultimate and divine resolution that would save people from their dismal circumstances.

Have you been in a “labor dispute” with God? Is He calling

you to do something that you don’t want to do? Will it be too hard, too inconvenient, too exhausting? Remember that when God asks us to do something, He always equips us to do it. Seek His face, and He will bless you in all ways. He’ll bless you so much that you will have true joy in even the worst of circumstances. He transforms our work into a labor of love.

A Word from Pastor Weldon

Why should Christians study Scripture? In II Timothy 3:16-17, Paul tells Timothy, his spiritual son, four key purposes of God’s Word:

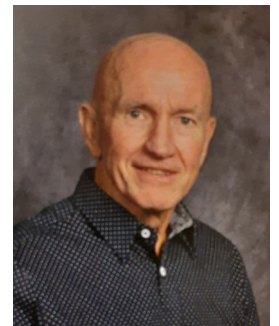
1. Teaching—showing Truth to help us understand God’s ways
2. Rebuking—revealing where we’ve gone off course
3. Correcting—guiding us back to the right path
4. Training in righteousness—shaping our lives to reflect Christ.

It’s like having a spiritual

roadmap. It points us in the right direction, warns us when we drift, and helps us keep moving forward. Verse 17 reminds us that studying Scripture isn’t just for our growth—it’s so we can be equipped to encourage, guide, and love others as God does.

In II Timothy 2:15, Paul is telling young Timothy that in order to rightly deliver the Word of Truth to others, we must study and present ourselves to God as a worker who does not need to be ashamed because we know His Truth.

Come on, Family, let’s KNOW Truth.



Much love.





A Message from Pastor Mike

Lifting the veil!

II Corinthians 3:14-18 NKJV

“But their minds were blinded. For until this day the same veil remains unlifted in the reading of the Old Testament because the veil is taken away in Christ. But even to this day, when Moses is read, a veil lies on their heart. Nevertheless when one turns to the Lord, the veil is taken away. Now the Lord is the Spirit; and where the Spirit of the Lord is, there is liberty. But we all, with unveiled face, beholding as in a

mirror the glory of the Lord, are being transformed into the same image from glory to glory, just as by the Spirit of the Lord.”

May we be continually transformed by the Spirit of the Lord 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

BIG NEWS!

We will be changing our meeting time to Sunday evenings from 6:30-8 starting September 7th due to the start of the school year. This will work better for our students. We will not have group on this weekend due to the holiday.

We have one more week of our

relationships and marriage study, with other Christian young adults from Zion Christian Fellowship in Powell, OH. We will meet for lunch at 11, so we need to leave church by 8:30 a.m. After lunch, we’ll head to Cabella’s for a scavenger hunt, and we’ll end our day at a corn maze. Bring money for your lunch and the corn maze—it’s a world record maze! The maze will only be \$12 each IF we bring cash, so please be sure to bring cash.

I hope to see you all again on Sunday, September 7th, at 6:30!

FOR YOUR CALENDARS:

Please add our October 11th (Sat.) trip to Dundee, MI, to your calendars. This will be a fantastic day trip to hang out

Youth Truth

By Adam Gilles

The Bible affirms that God frequently uses young people to accomplish His purposes.

Examples from scripture like Joseph, David, and Mary demonstrate God’s power working through individuals in their youth. This idea is further supported by the understanding that young people often possess qualities like passion, boldness, and a willingness to believe in the impossible, which can be power-

ful assets for God’s work. God is the same today and yesterday. God is on the move using our kids to make a difference for His glory.

The Bible provides guidance for young people, emphasizing themes of obedience, faith, and service. It encourages them to honor their parents, learn from their elders, and develop a strong relationship with God. While acknowledging the challenges of youth, the Bible also highlights the potential for young people to make a positive impact and contribute to God’s work.

Lift up our youth in prayer for that positive impact as they go back to school for God to use them and guide them this school year.



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

As some of you know already, Jackie Gilles will be laying down the position of children's ministry director in order to be more available for the youth ministry with Pastor Adam starting September 7th. At that time the oversight of children's ministry will rest with the office staff until we

discern who God is calling to take that role.

Please keep Jackie and our leadership in prayer as we continue seeking God's plan through this transition.

Children's ministry will continue with the current volunteer teachers. Thank you so much to those of you who give to our little ones!

On another note if you are willing and available to provide childcare on Wednesday evenings from 6-8 during Bible study, please contact Jenny Deweese. No lesson is required during this time. The kids just play in the nursery.



Kids in grades 1-5 growing with Jesus

Nursery News

By Jenny Deweese

As Jackie Gilles steps down from overseeing the nursery ministry, we want to inform you that the volunteer schedule will continue for our current volun-

teers. Leadership is praying about who God will bring to fill this role. We appreciate your prayers, as well.

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

Ladies' Life

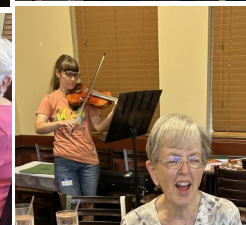
By Lynn Ahrens

The August 9th Ladies' Luncheon at the Golden Corral was a delight, having 25 ladies in attendance.

Our waitress was most efficient with making sure each one of us had what we needed and was very much appreciated.

Our next Ladies luncheon happens on Saturday, November 8th. We meet once a quarter. Ladies, 13 to ?? are welcome.

We were graced with Liz Scott leading us in a sing-along of favorite hymns, a devotion by Sheila, some ice breakers by Carol, ending with Barb in charge of the drawing of tickets that led to three people walking away with door prizes.



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POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!



An Adage from Pastor Adam

**Don't let your chains
break your praise.**



**Let your praise break your
chains!!**



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

