

SOF in Touch

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EXCITING NEWS FROM SHIELD OF FAITH MINISTRIES



AT A GLANCE

- 3/1: *KERYX Prison Service*
- 3/8: *ladies Easter card-making, 10:30 a.m.*
- 3/23: *Communion led by Basia Roberts*

Season of Renewal

By Jenny Deweese

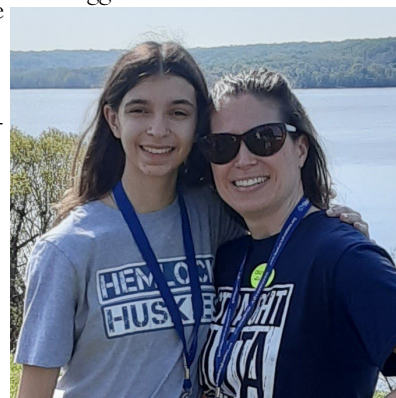
March 20, 2008, was the first day of spring and a day I'll never forget—our youngest child was born. We'd been waiting excitedly to know whether this was a boy or girl—I like surprises! We had the girl's name picked out early in my pregnancy, and it was quite appropriate that we welcomed our sweet little Daisy on the first day of spring.

It had been a very long fall & winter that year—not because of the weather—but because I had been on bed rest for 19 weeks before I was finally allowed to get up and walk around one week prior to her birth. I had been lying down for over half of my pregnancy!

Bed rest was challenging enough, but the real challenge was still ahead of me. I had no strength, was incapable of running, was unable to stand or sit for any longer than 5 minutes at a time, and hurt everywhere. Still, I had this helpless baby and two other children to care for and protect. Don't worry, though—I had the tremendous blessing of resting in the care of my Savior, my husband, and our family! That spring began with delightful memories of love, renewal, and selfless acts of kindness.

Many people we meet are struggling with feelings of weakness and hopelessness. Our mission, Church, is to

be so full of God's loving presence that we sense their pain and offer hope through caring, selfless acts of kindness. Inside every person is either a seed, a sprout, a bud, or a bloom. We can be the water that brings each to life, growth, and vibrant refreshment—we can usher them into the springtime of their lives—giving them a deeper understanding of God's love for them through Jesus, so they can be renewed in the midst of their struggles.



A Word from Pastor Weldon

SOF Families, are you feasting on what you are being fed Sundays, or are you picking and choosing only the things you already know you like? As a pastor I am always asking the Holy Spirit what the SOF family needs in order to make us stronger and better-equipped for life. My role as your pastor is to make sure you're being fed and protected from the wiles of the enemy. He wants to steal your joy and happiness, kill your dreams and desires, and then destroy your peace and faith in Him (Jesus). In protect-

ing you from his attacks, I must feed you what His Word tells me to deliver on Sundays that will strengthen your walk. You may not always know what's best for you to eat, and your flesh will try to keep you from swallowing what could actually set you free. Then I must tell you again, so eventually, faith comes, and you finally believe it and start swallowing life-producing Word. The enemy hates you and will try all he knows to keep you from eating that which he knows would help you live a victorious, heav-



en-on-earth life. It's not always an easy thing to deliver what the Holy Spirit is telling me to say, but because I love Jesus and love this flock, I will risk your being angry with me. Know you are loved.



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A Message from Pastor Mike

BE COFFEE



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

ADUT Scuttlebutt

By Jenny Deweese

The young adults have changed our meeting time to 8-9 on Wednesday nights. We are studying the book of Lamentations, which I hope will give us wisdom in ministering to those who struggle with depression and grief. If you are between the ages of 18 and 30-ish, you are welcome to join us!



Youth Truth

By Adam Gilles

Youth Walking with a Purpose
Isaiah 40:29-31

"He gives strength to the weary and increases the power of the weak.
"Even youths grow tired and weary, and young men stumble and fall; but those who hope in the LORD will renew their strength. They will soar on wings like eagles; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint."

1 Timothy 4:12 says, "Don't let anyone look down on you because you are young, but set an example for the believers in speech, in conduct, in love, in faith and in purity." Even if you are young, having knowledge of what God would have you do gives you responsibility and strength that other young people don't have.

Our youths must be exhorted to yield to God in devotion and ceaseless prayer so that they may be empowered in the might of God. Their spiritual strength, as 1 John 2:14 says, comes from the Word of God that abides in them. The Word is not kept out of their lives,

but always embraced, studied, believed and obeyed. It states, "I have written to you young men, because you are strong, and the Word of God abides in you and you have overcome the wicked one."

Here at FIREHOUSE REVOLUTION, our youth will be empowered in the might of God. They will walk in their Spiritual strengths; they will run and not grow weary; they will walk and not be faint because the word of God abides in them; and they have overcome the wicked.

We are so blessed being part of this great fire that our youth are walking in.



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

COMING THIS SUMMER!

JULY 14-18

6:00-8:30 PM

AGES 3—6TH GRADE



Kids in grades 1-5
growing with Jesus

Nursery News

Our preschoolers are welcome to attend VBS!

They will have their own age-level experience in our “Alaskan Wilderness” with caring volunteers to guide their steps.



*“Let the little ones come to Me...”
Infants through kindergarteners’ starting life in Jesus’ love*

Ladies' Life

By Lynn Ahrens

Our Shield of Faith Ladies enjoyed a wonderful Luncheon at the Golden Coral Restaurant on the second Saturday in February at 1 pm. The food was exceptional for those of us who were able to get steaks they offer. It happened to be offered that day without us having to pay extra for it. It seemed to be a perfect place for those of us who have to watch whatever we eat due to health issues. We definitely enjoyed the fellowship and

in addition, we were totally blessed while Shannon Ward sang “In the Garden” acapella, as tears began to flow throughout the room.

We usually have a luncheon every third month, however, there will not be a Luncheon in May. Instead, on May 10th a Mother/Daughter event is being planned by Megan Morgan. Please contact her or contact the church for more information.

On May 16-17 our Ladies of Faith will be on a retreat at “The Springs Ministry” in Gladwin, MI. At this point we are full. However, we

remind you ladies to secure your position with a down payment, assuring us that you definitely are going.

On Saturday, March 8th, the ladies of SOF will be making Easter Cards in the children’s ministry room in the admin building to be given to shut-ins, etc., at 10:30 a.m. You may bring a friend (12+ to 100) to practice your creativity. Lunch will be offered. It’s a fun time to be had when we’re getting together to make something that will bless another. Come and have fun. Good news: spring is actually on its way!!!

1 Thessalonians 5:16 – “In everything give thanks.”

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POINTING THE WAY TO
JESUS!



An Adage from Pastor Adam
SPRINGING FORWARD

Isaiah 43:18-19 “Do not remember the former things, nor consider the thing of old. Behold I will do a new thing, now it shall spring forth; Shall you not know it? It will even make a road in the wilderness and rivers in the desert.” Church, this is the season that we shall spring forth. The Lord declares it over us—that we prosper having hope and a future. I know this is true. Philippians 1:6 tells us that we can be confident in this, that He who began a good work in you will carry it on to completion until the day of the Lord.



Being sprung forth spiritually means experiencing a sudden vibrant awakening or renewal in one’s spiritual life. Like a plant springs up from the ground in the springtime signifying a new phase of growth, insight or connection to a higher power is often associated with the feeling of a deep inner transformation and increased awareness. Shield of Faith, scripture tells us to have that awareness when He is doing something new, so embrace it, allowing it to spring forth, and watch God make you a new path in the wilderness. See the river flowing in areas you can’t imagine. I am excited to see God doing a new thing here at Shield of Faith. I choose to embrace the new, expecting to see signs and wonders breaking out, open doors, new paths, rivers of living water flowing in and through the body of Christ.

Spring forth, Church!



Men’s Moment

Many thanks to our men’s ministry for putting money toward a new stove for the kitchen!

