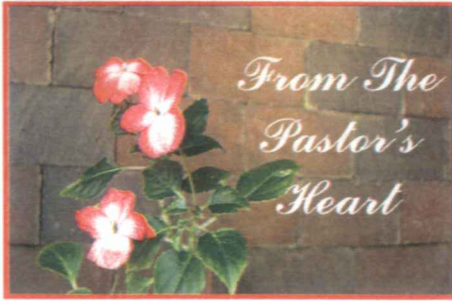


FAITH TALK

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Facts of Faith

- Faith—substance, faith is like an anchor. Keep a faith attitude.
- Faith—the dynamic that releases the power of God in the life of the believer.
- Faith is agreeing with God and His Word.
- Faith is like an invisible support system.
- Called to trust God in circumstances that look impossible.
- Called to believe God- that His promises will be fulfilled when the difficulties are overwhelming.
- We are to have a faith that endures; if God is to be pleased by our lives. 2 Timothy 2:3.
- When faith is exercised we gain an increasing measure of God at work in our lives. As seen in the lives of the heroes of faith. Hebrews 11:1
- Faith quickens our confidence in God and His promises.
- Faith makes it possible for us to continue on in difficult times.
- Remember God's faithfulness—New every morning. Lamentations 3:23
- **Any temptation to quit the race must be resisted!**
- Strength to continue not only comes from God our Father but also Christian brothers, sisters, and friends as we assemble together. Hebrews 10:25
- It is not the testing of our faith that brings glory to God, it is the fact that our faith has met the test and has been found strong enough to stand the testings and trials and difficulties that come to us.
- If we stand still and trust God, the very circumstance which seemed to spell defeat for us will bring defeat to the enemy.
- Have more faith in God and His word than the thing that troubles you.
- Our faith will serve as a reassuring anchor in the midst of the storm or any crisis.
- No matter how great the problem, your tongue can turn it around, when you speak the Word of God.
- The word believe is a verb that shows action. Everyone acts on what he or she believes in their heart.
- To overcome any problem: Believe God, trust God and speak God's Word.
- Keep a faith attitude: focus on the answer found in God's Word and not on the problem.
- Stand firm in your faith. You can triumph (rejoice or shout the Victory) in Christ always at all times on all occasions continually. 2 Corinthians 2:14.
- Nursing troublesome memories is like taking a constant dose of poison in your system.
- Forget the troublesome memories... please... it's a new day with you and God!

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In the Wonderful Name of Jesus,
Pastors Bob and Susan Tilton



Youth Talk

We are having a great time with our Youth! Building a relationship with this special group of kids is fun and full of surprises! Most have embraced our "Youth Group Boundaries to Follow" and they understand how important it is to be a godly example to each other as well as our younger Youth. They have been encouraged by the standards that have been set in the classroom and word has come back to us that these standards are being set in their homes. God's ways are much better than our ways and the Youth are getting it!

It is our goal that The Shield of Faith Youth present themselves in a manner that is going to bless them for years to come. We sincerely encourage them to draw close to the Lord in a personal relationship as well as stress the importance of obeying His Word so that blessings can flow into their lives.

Below is our "YOUTH GROUP BOUNDARIES TO FOLLOW:"

No body contact – No horseplay, holding hands, piggy back rides, arms around another, violent activities, etc.

No running around – This means inside or outside. We don't want anyone to get hurt.

Proper attire – Please, no shorts or skirts above the knee. No tank tops, spaghetti straps or strapless shirts allowed. Proper covering will be provided for those who are not covered. It is our desire to protect ALL and to set a standard that is appropriate for God's people.

Footwear – All footwear must stay on the feet during our meetings.

Stay in building – Only when given permission by Youth Leaders are you to leave. This includes restroom, dismissal time, or if a parent picks you up. It is our goal to keep you safe.

No loitering – Once you are dismissed there will be no loitering in the breezeway. Youth are to enter quietly into the sanctuary and have a seat in the back row until the service has ended.

No interruptions – When someone else is talking, please be courteous and kind. Raise your hand if you have a question or comment to make. Please do not distract others from learning.

Degradation of character, cursing, and gestures – Let's keep our comments to ourselves. This means absolutely under NO circumstances should anyone be cursing, making inappropriate gestures, whispering or name calling, even in a 'teasing' manner.

Teen Leaders – For those who are considered leaders in our group, a higher standard will be imposed on you than others. Among these standards are the following:

Be here

Be a godly example—Others are watching and learning by your example

All extra curricular activities must exalt Christ

Be willing to be a servant – the best servants make the best leaders ;)

*These boundaries are in place to protect **everyone** involved. Anyone violating these will be disciplined accordingly.*

Thank you for praying for our Youth and supporting them! They are a FANTASTIC BUNCH!!!

-Michele Dotter

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- Romans 12:3—"...God hath dealt to every man the measure of faith."
- Hebrews 11:1—"Now faith is the substance of things hoped for, the evidence of things not seen."
- Ephesians 2:8—"For by grace are ye saved through faith; and that not of yourselves: it is the gift of God."
- Romans 10:17- "So then faith cometh by hearing, and hearing by the Word of God."
- Romans 10:8—"But what saith it? The Word is nigh thee, even in the mouth, and in thy heart: THAT IS, THE WORD OF FAITH," (This is the Rhema word which you speak out of your mouth!)
- Romans 5:1—"Therefore being justified by faith, we have peace with God through our Lord Jesus Christ."
- Romans 1:17—"... The just shall live by faith (not feelings.)"
- Philemon 6—"That the communication of thy faith may become effectual by the acknowledging of every good thing which is in your in Christ Jesus."
- Hebrews 11:6—"But without faith it is impossible to please Him: for he that cometh to God must believe that He is, and that He is a rewarder of them that diligently see Him."

Recipe of the Month**Banana Pudding**

1 14oz can of sweetened condensed milk
1 ½ cups of cold water
1 box of vanilla pudding mix (4 serving size box - the small box)
2 cups (1 pt) of whipping cream - must be sure to whip it thoroughly
36 vanilla wafers
3 medium bananas

In a large bowl, combine the milk and water. Add the pudding mix and beat until blended.

Chill for five (5) minutes.

Fold in the whipping cream (again make sure that you have blended it thoroughly until it is fluffy. Spoon one (1) cup pudding mixture into 2 ½ quart glass bowls. Top with 1/3 each vanilla wafers, bananas and pudding. Chill and serve.

-Rhonda Hill

Chillie's Corner

"You Took My Parking Space at Church"

This should wake us up.

One day, a man went to visit a church, He got there early, parked his car and got out. Another car pulled up near the driver got out and said, " I always park there!

You took my place!"

The visitor went inside for Sunday School, found an empty seat and sat down. A young lady from the church approached him and stated, "That ' s my seat! You took my place!" The visitor was somewhat distressed by this rude welcome, but said nothing.

After Sunday School, the visitor went into the sanctuary and sat down. Another member walked up to him and said, " That ' s where I always sit! You took my place!" The visitor was even more troubled by this treatment, but still He said nothing.

Later as the congregation was praying for Christ to dwell among them, the visitor stood up, and his appearance began to change. Horrible scars became visible on his hands and on his sandaled feet. Someone from the congregation noticed him and called out, "What happened to you?" The visitor replied, as his hat became a crown of thorns, and a tear fell from his eye, "I took your place..."

"I Pray Father That You Will Guide This Pen on This Paper..."

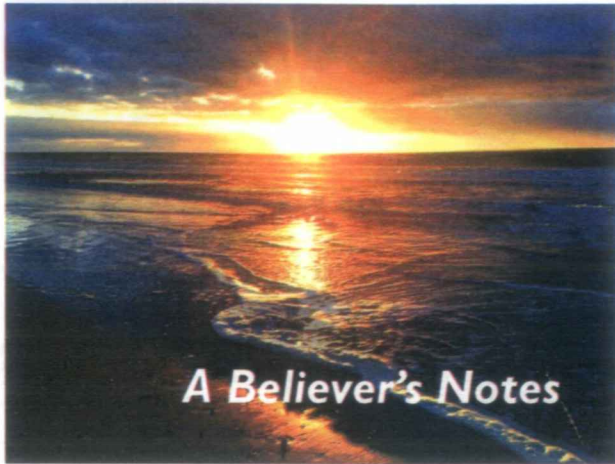
A time is coming, it's fast approaching. A time of judgment—a time of accountability. God allows trials as a test—to see if we are trustworthy of His knowledge and revelation. Do we cherish the gifts or do we squander them away because "we" don't like what we have been given?

The devil is ripping apart the hope, faith, and love God has instilled in His people. Are we no better than the unbeliever who goes about their day ignorant of God when God's people know and choose to disregard and run away from their path? Satan is having a grand time tossing us to and fro. Once our time is up, it is up. There will be no do-overs.

God is calling His people to unite, give up this foolishness, stubbornness, pride, revenge, child games. He is in control and has put us where He wants us.

He is calling—are we listening?

- Melissa Bachelor



Faith in all the Right Places...

God no longer has to thunder His Word at us from heaven like in Old Testament days. These days He lives in the hearts of believers, so He speaks to us from the inside instead of the outside. When it comes to healing He has already spoken.

He has already said, "By Whose stripes (Jesus) ye were healed." 1 Peter 2:24.

He has already said, "I am the Lord that healeth thee." Exodus 15:26.

He has already said, "The prayer of faith shall save the sick and the Lord shall raise him up." James 15:5.

God has already done His part. So we must do ours. We must take the Word that He has spoken, put it inside of us, and let it change us from the inside out. Every thing—including healing—starts inside of you. Your future is literally stored up in your heart. Matthew 12:35 confirms that.

Take the Word of God and deposit it in your heart. Just like you deposit money in the bank. Then you can withdraw on it whenever you need it. When sickness attacks your body, you can tap into the healing Word that you have put inside of yourself and run darkness off! You can do this—don't speak words of sickness, and disease, discouragement, and despair. Speak words of healing and life, faith, and hope.

"Put away from thee a forward mouth, and perverse lips put far from thee." In short, you speak the Words of God and call yourself healed in Jesus' Name. That may not be easy for you to do—But you must do it anyway, because for faith to work, it must be in two (2) places:

- 1) In your **heart**
- 2) and in your **mouth**

"For with the **heart** man believeth unto righteousness, and with the **mouth** confession is made unto salvation." Romans 10:10

So get into the Word. Fill your heart with the good treasure of God's Word for your healing, and speak from your heart that Word in faith. Then you will have your faith in all the right places.



Kids Corner
(We are ALL His kids!)

ELIJAH & THE FIRE HORSE CHARIOT



Kids Corner

“Elijah and the Chariot of Fire”

2 Kings 2:1-14

2Ki 2:1 And it happened when Jehovah was to take Elijah up into Heaven by a whirlwind, Elijah went with Elisha from Gilgal.

2Ki 2:2 And Elijah said to Elisha, Please stay here, for Jehovah has sent me to Bethel. And Elisha said, As Jehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they went down to Bethel.

2Ki 2:3 And the sons of the prophets at Bethel came forth to Elisha, and said to him, Do you know that Jehovah will take away your master from your head today? And he said, Yes, I know. Keep silent.

2Ki 2:4 And Elijah said to him, Elisha, please stay here. For Jehovah has sent me to Jericho. And he said, As Jehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. So they came to Jericho.

2Ki 2:5 And the sons of the prophets at Jericho came to Elisha and said to him, Do you know that Jehovah will take your master away from your head today? And he answered, Yes, I know. Keep silent.

2Ki 2:6 And Elijah said to him, Please stay here, for Jehovah has sent me to Jordan. And he said, As Jehovah lives, and as your soul lives, I will not leave you. And the two of them went on.

2Ki 2:7 And fifty men of the sons of the prophets went on and stood afar off across *from them*. And both of them stood by the Jordan.

2Ki 2:8 And Elijah took his mantle and rolled *it* up, and struck the waters. And they were divided here and there, so that both of them crossed over on dry ground.

2Ki 2:9 And it happened when they had gone over, Elijah said to Elisha. Ask what I shall do for you before I am taken away from you. And Elisha said, please, let a double portion of your spirit be upon me.

2Ki 2:10 And he said, You have asked a hard thing, *but* if you see me taken from you, it shall be so to you; but if not, it shall not be.

2Ki 2:11 And it happened as they went on and talked, behold, a chariot of fire and horses of fire *came*, and they separated between them both. And Elijah went up in a tempest into Heaven.

2Ki 2:12 And Elisha saw, and he cried, My father, my father, the chariot of Israel and its horsemen! And he saw him no more. And he took hold of his clothes and tore them in two pieces.

2Ki 2:13 He also took up the mantle of Elijah which had fallen from him, and went back and stood by the bank of Jordan.

2Ki 2:14 And he took the mantle of Elijah that had fallen from him, and struck the waters, and said, Where *is* Jehovah, the God of Elijah, even He? And he also hit the waters, and they parted here and there. And Elisha went over.



Health Check

“So encourage each other
And

Build each other up”

I Thessalonians 5:11

www.preventionlane.org/jpeg

According to the National Council on Alcoholism and Drug Dependence Inc., our Nation’s #1 health problem is alcoholism and drug dependence. For decades, NCADD and their National Network of Affiliates have seen how the disease of addiction not only affects the individual, but millions of family members. Fathers, mothers, single parents, couples, regardless of ethnicity or social group, rich or poor....drug and alcohol abuse can destroy relationships. Most of all, young children and adolescents suffer the greatest from the effects of the abuse of alcohol and drugs in the family. But, with help and recovery, both for the individual and the family, families can heal together.

What Can Families Do?

Learn about Alcohol, Drugs, Alcoholism, and Addiction. Knowing about it helps to understand what you are up against.

Seek help and support for yourself. Not only does the alcohol or drug user need help so do you, even if you don’t realize it at the time. You and other family members need and deserve appropriate education, help and support in finding healthy ways to overcome the negative effects of the disease.

Learn what you can do to help. Treatment programs, counseling, mutual aid/support groups are all options for getting help. Only the person using alcohol and drugs can make the decision to get help, but you can help create the conditions to make that decision more attractive. Seeking help and support on your own can encourage interest in treatment or self-help. Look into treatment options and costs together and express your belief that treatment will work.

If needed, consider family intervention. If the person you are concerned about is unable or unwilling to seek help, you should consider a planned, professionally directed **intervention**. Intervention, with support of a trained and experienced interventionist, is a powerful tool for the family to receive education, guidance and support, with a focus on getting the person to accept treatment.

Be patient with the recovery process. As with all chronic illnesses, everyone needs time to recover and regain health. For both the individual and family member, there may be relapses or breaks in treatment. Old tensions and resentments may flare up occasionally. Learn from these events and stay focused on recovery.

Hope and pray for long-term recovery. While addiction to alcohol and drugs has no known cure, the disease can be stopped once the individual abstains from alcohol and other addictive drugs. Today, there are millions of Americans living life in long-term recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs.

Reference: www.ncadd.org

This information is intended to supplement, not replace, your health care sources.

- Alisa Wetzig

All About Me “Debra Oliver”

Debra Oliver has been a faithful member of The Shield of Faith Church for about twenty (20) years. She was saved at an early age and loves to study and read the Bible.

Living on a ‘mini’ farm with three large dogs, fifteen (15) outside cats, and about thirty to thirty-five roam free chickens, keeps Debra very busy. She spends most of her time doing the usual things like dusting, vacuuming, keeping things tidy and clean, along with doing dirty laundry ;). You might find her on the porch with her cup of coffee, Bible in hand. You might find her in the kitchen cooking and trying new recipes. You may even find her out walking her dogs.

Revelation 12:11—”And they overcame (conquered him—being satan, the evil one) by means of the blood of the Lamb and by the utterance of their testimony, for they did not love and cling to life even when faced with death (holding their lives cheap till they had to die for their witnessing).” This scripture is one of Debra’s favorite because it tells you how to overcome and that you can overcome. We can be over comers as we should be!

You will find that Debra is content where she is physically yet looks forward to growing spiritually. She will tell you that she loves her husband and family and knows that God has called her to make a home of love, faith, prayer, and peace. She enjoys helping where she can in the Body of Christ and being especially good to her brothers and sisters in Christ as she prays and lifts them up. It truly makes her happy.

Debra testifies that God is real and that He loves us. She prays that we will have a revelation of His love every day.

You inspire us Debra! We enjoy hearing God’s word spoken through you and cannot wait to hear it again soon!

Debra’s Squash Casserole

Debra received this recipe from a friend she used to work with about twenty years ago. She hopes you enjoy it as much as she has.

- 2 cups squash
- 1 cup evaporated milk
- 2 eggs beaten
- 1/2 lb sharp cheese (grated)
- 1 cup Pepperidge farm cornbread dressing (optional)
- 1 large onion (diced)
- 2 Tbsp self rising flour
- 1 stick margarine (room temp)

Cook squash and onion together in a small amount of water until soft then drain. Mix all ingredients except cornbread dressing. Put in a greased baking dish (glass works best). Put dressing on top (if desired). Bake at 350 degrees for thirty (30) minutes and enjoy!

Upcoming Events



The Shield of Faith Youth Group has been preparing to minister to Knightsville Elementary students on April 14, 2012. Some of these kindergarten, first, and second graders have never seen a puppet show! We will be enjoying some quality time with these children after the show to help them create their own puppets.

You can see some of the puppetry at The Shield of Faith Church on Sunday, April 15th, 2012 during the morning service. See you there!



Sunday School Events

Children's Sunday School

*We look forward to
seeing you on
Sunday at 9:45am!*

For the month of April, the Children's Sunday School class will be continuing our study on Elijah. We have been in I Kings and will be continuing into II Kings. We learned about some exciting miracles last month, but this month we will see some of the trials Elijah went through as well. After Elijah had to flee from the evil Queen Jezebel, Elijah felt depressed and all alone. I Peter 5:7 says, "Cast all your anxiety on Him because He cares for you". We will talk about how we can do this every day, and that God cares even when we feel bad. Then, we will see how Elijah began to train his successor, Elisha. We are going to hear the story how Elijah went up to heaven, and how Elisha asked for and RECEIVED the same power that Elijah had received from God. Then, Elisha continued forth in Elijah's path hearing from God, speaking God's prophecies and performing miracles. We are going to learn how WE can also look for ways to help others. Finally, don't let your kids miss Easter Sunday! What a special day! We are going to go back and talk about the greatest message of history, or as I like to say, "His story". It seems like a sad story at first, and then we see Jesus in all His majesty and glory as we learn of his resurrection from the grave. We are going to spread the message that our Jesus is alive and with us today! Hallelujah! "...Oh, praise the greatness of our God!" Deut. 32:3 Can't wait to see your children and discover all God's blessings, miracles and promises together. Please have your Bibles ready!

- Rachel Ferguson

Men's Sunday School

Join us for Men's Sunday School and let us dive into the word of God together!

Sunday School Events—Continued

Ladies Sunday School

The Ladies are coming up to the end unit 1. The overall title of this book is God's Creative Word, which will be taking them through The Gospel of John. **Unit 1:** The Word Was in the Beginning took them through a series of lessons on the Awe and Wonder of God. This was an awesome unit because it started with *Lesson 1 – Wisdom's Part in Creation*; *Lesson 2 – The Word Became Flesh* showed us how Jesus Christ Himself (wisdom) became a person (flesh). The role of wisdom in creation signifies the part Jesus the Son played in creation. *Lesson 3 – The Wedding at Cana* where Jesus turned the water into wine. *Lesson 4 God's Word Saves* showed us just how much God loved us because He sent His Son to save us. *Lesson 5 – Embrace the Truth* will be showing us how some people responded to the truth about Jesus as well as how to identify some biblical truths that we need to embrace. *Lesson 6 – Dawn of a New Day (Easter)* is a very important lesson because it will show us how Jesus brought us salvation through His death and resurrection. **Unit 2:** The Word Is Here and Now is about Discernment. **Unit 3:** The Word Will Be will focus on Conviction. Missy reminded us not too long ago that the Gospel of John is considered to be the foundation for all Christians especially new Christians.

As a Christian, the fact that Jesus gave His life for us to gain eternal life should make a huge difference that shows every minute of every day. Our lives should be a reflection of that Wonderful Gift from God the Father. This is where He wants us to be as we grow and mature in the Word daily. This is one of the reasons that the Bible and Pastor Bob encourage us to constantly study and memorize scriptures. It is in the scriptures where we will be able to see and learn the Promises and everything else that God has for us. It will also help us to see that death is not a final thing for us; it is just the beginning for a Christian. Even though we will miss the person who dies, if they know Jesus Christ as their Lord and Savior, we will see them again and He will help ease the pain of the loss (if we allow Him to). We need to set aside some time each day to thank our Heavenly Father for the sacrifice He made when He allowed His Son Jesus Christ to die on a tree for you and me.

Take some time to evaluate your relationship with Jesus Christ. Set an appointed time for prayer; then wait to hear from Him. While you are waiting on His answer, surround yourself with the Word to build up and strengthen your faith; mature spiritually. Because Jesus arose from the grave, we now have the promise of eternal life and that promise should change our view of the things that are going on now in the world today. And it should definitely change the way that we live from day-to-day. Don't let your natural views and/or visions distort or change your spiritual views and/or visions.

January

Psalm 37:5 (KJV)

⁵Commit thy way unto the LORD; trust also in him; and he shall bring it to pass.

February

Proverbs 29:25 (KJV)

²⁵The fear of man bringeth a snare: but whoso putteth his trust in the LORD shall be safe.

March

1 John 4:16 (KJV)

¹⁶And we have known and believed the love that God hath to us. God is love; and he that dwelleth in love dwelleth in God, and God in him.

April

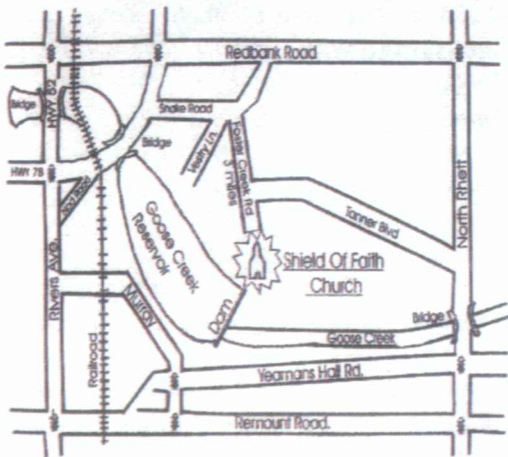
Romans 8:18 (KJV)

¹⁸For I reckon that the sufferings of this present time are not worthy to be compared with the glory which shall be revealed in us.

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Deepening our Relationship with Him...



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***Next deadline to submit articles is:
Wednesday, April 18th.***

April 2012

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 Palm Sunday	2	3	4 RLYP Puppetry Practice 7-8:30pm	5	6 Good Friday	7
8 Easter Sunday	9	10 Praise Team Practice 7-8pm	11 Youth Birthday Blast for Mar/Apr	12	13 RLYP 6-8pm Puppetry Practice	14 RLYP 8am-12pm Knightsville Elementry
15 RLYP Puppetry	16	17	18 Article Deadline	19	20	21
22 Water Baptism (tentatively)	23	24	25 Administrative Professionals Day	26	27	28
29	30					