



# FAMILY SHIELD MINISTRIES

Take up the shield of faith (Eph. 6:16)

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*The Shepherds heard the angels announce the birth of Christ and went in haste and found their way to Mary and Joseph, and the baby as He lay in the manger (Luke 2:16).*

Dear Family Shield Friend,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year! We pray that you and your family go in haste to hear the story of the birth of Christ as the Shepherds did so long ago. God gives us precious gifts, doesn't He! We are thankful for all God's gifts and we know you are, too! God sent us His only Begotten Son, gives us faith as a free gift, forgives ALL our sins, and gives us eternal life. The incarnation is a great and joyous event. God came to save us (Matthew 1:23)! No wonder we love to give gifts at Christmas.

## **Reaching, Serving, and Equipping Individuals and Their Families for Christ**

"Thank you for hosting the special event that featured four ex-Mormons who shared how they came to know Christ and why they left the Mormon Church (LDS). Our daughter is an active Mormon. Sometimes we lose hope that she will come to know Christ, but hearing how God transformed their lives and brought them into a personal relationship with the Savior gave us renewed hope for our daughter, her husband, and our three grandchildren. It was wonderful to meet others in the same situation following the event." Donna and Peter

"Kay, never forget that you and Family Shield Ministries are building up the Kingdom of God and strengthening His family not only in this life, but for all eternity!" Bill

"My husband and I were having marital problems when I heard your program on "Strengthening Your Marriage." We implemented some of the suggestions and are pleased to tell you that our marriage has gotten stronger. Thanks, too, for helping us find the wonderful church we now attend. We are now in a weekly Bible study and growing in faith every day!" Linda



*"And when they had seen this (the baby in the manger), they made known the statement which had been told them about this Child. And all who heard it wondered at the things which were told them by the Shepherds (Luke 2:17)."*

We encourage you, your family, and congregation to partner with us as together we share the Christmas message and proclaim the Gospel.

**Family Shield Ministries' statistics from the past year include:**

- Produced and broadcast 52 radio programs on 54 radio stations throughout the United States
- The weekly *Family Shield* radio program is heard by more than 815,000 people.
- The follow up/response center service answered calls, took prayer requests, referred people to local congregations, and supplied resources to 314 unchurched people and 7166 Christians who *contacted us*.
- The ministry prayed for or with 292 people.
- Twenty-two (22) educational programs and Bible studies that equip Christians to serve and witness were presented.
- More than 120 volunteers served us using their gifts and talents.

**Family Shield Generations Legacy**

In the fall *Family Shield Express Newsletter* we invited you to vote on and suggest a name for the FSM planned giving program. Thank you for your responses. *Generations Legacy* will be the name for the FSM Planned Giving Program. Please consider participating in *Generations Legacy* and plan to leave a gift to help future generations focus their lives on Christ. If you have already put Family Shield Ministries, Inc. into your will or estate, please let us know so we can recognize you. Did you know you can give an estate gift without changing your will? Or, that you can turn a life insurance policy over to the ministry that you no longer need? You might also consider a transfer from your IRA if you are 70 ½ years of age or older. We would be happy to connect you to an LCMS Foundation Counselor or a Thrivent Financial representative that specializes in estate planning who can assist you with your plans.

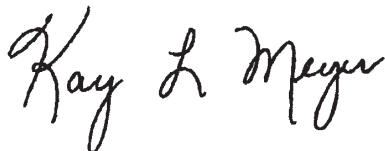
**Hearts Stirred to Give**

We pray your heart is stirred to support our outreach in the ripe and plentiful harvest. We continue plans for the future and invite your prayers for the Lord to lead and direct us. So many people in our world today need to hear the message of God's love through Jesus Christ. Won't you help us reach them?

We're thankful for you and so many other friends of the ministry that partner with us in proclaiming the law and Gospel beyond the walls of the Church. Your gift of \$1,000, \$500, \$100, \$50, or \$25 allow us to continue our mission work. Thank you again for prayerfully considering a gift to support us.

May the Lord continue to bless you, your family, and your congregation.

In His Service and yours,



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