

FAMILY SHIELD MINISTRIES



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

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The virgin will be with child and will give birth to a son, and they shall call Him Immanuel which means, God with us" (Matthew 1:23).

Dear Friend of Family Shield,

Soon we'll again celebrate Christmas, the birth of our Savior and Lord. In the Bible verse above we are told that Mary was with child and was a virgin. And we learn that Immanuel means, "God with us." Two important messages about our Savior that we can share with family and friends during the Christmas season.

Christmas is a great time to tell others about our Savior and Lord. Christmas music can help us share our faith with those who might not yet know Jesus and encourage those who do know Him. One of my favorite Christmas songs is:

Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King;
Peace on earth and mercy mild,
God and sinners reconciled!"
Joyful, all ye nations, rise,
Join the triumph of the skies;
With th' angelic host proclaim,
"Christ is born in Bethlehem!"
Hark! the herald angels sing,
"Glory to the newborn King!"

How do you share your faith in Christ during the holidays? One of my favorite memories when our three children were growing up was going Christmas caroling with families and friends from our congregation. Not only were we enjoying time together, but we were also sharing our faith in Christ with those we visited.

Family Shield Ministries continues to proclaim the gospel and God's Word, strengthens individuals and their families for Christ, shares the Lord's forgiveness and love for all people, and reaches and transforms those we do not yet know Christ.

Thank you for your prayers and support! Your support makes our work in the ripe and plentiful harvest possible.

A Message from an LCMS Pastor

Our congregation has been a supporter of Family Shield Ministries for many years and has had Kay Meyer speak to our Bible study classes. Why do we support Family Shield when there are so many different groups and organizations that we could support? Because the primary goal of Family Shield builds up and preserves individuals and families in Christ by providing resources and information that does just that—helps them know Christ.

It is often said that the family is the building block of society. That is quite true. For that reason alone, it is important to support families in Christ.

Moreover, when it comes to the care of the pinnacle of God's creation, human life, what institution did God create first? He did not first create civil governments or even the Church. No, God created marriage and the family as the first and primary institution to provide care and love for His beloved human creatures. That is why we believe it is critically important to support families in Christ and thus also support Family Shield Ministries in their efforts to reach and equip families for Christ. You can read more stories of those we reach and equip here:

https://familyshieldministries.com/those-weve-touched/

We encourage you to support us through your prayers. Pray that the Lord would guide and direct us as we continue reaching beyond the walls of the church with the gospel. Pray that more Christians learn about our work. And support us with a one-time financial gift, a monthly gift of any amount, or by putting us in your will or estate. Whether large or small, your gift allows us to reach those that do not yet know Jesus and equip Christians to serve and witness in their daily lives.

May Jesus, whose name is above all names, bless and keep you in His care!

In His Service and yours,

Kay L. Meyer

Founder, President, and Host

Rev. Mark Frith, Chairman

P.S. The Board of Directors of Family Shield Ministries, Inc. pray you have a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!