



FAMILY SHIELD MINISTRIES

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



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Dear Family Shield Friend,

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year!

A lot of wonderful ministry continues as Family Shield Ministries accomplishes its vision and mission. Kay Meyer retired. She now serves as a Board Advisor, especially during the transition. The Lord is encouraging and equipping Board members to accept new and expanded leadership positions. The Lord continues to lead us! Here are some of the things being accomplished:

- Rev. Mark Frith, the Family Shield Board chairman, has taken on a lot of new responsibilities. Please pray for him.
- Our CPA, John Brugere of Brugere & Co, accountant, Brian Deubel, and our Board Treasurer, Curt Wittbracht, help us ensure financial health & stability, analyze financial data, and make wise financial decisions.
- We recently hired our first Business & Ministry Coordinator, Shirley Durrwachter. She works with Family Shield outsourced staff, the Board, our volunteers, and makes sure everything runs smoothly and efficiently. Shirley was a Project Manager for 25 years for Maritz Motivation and currently works part-time for us and Visiting Angels.
- Rev. Dr. Mark Femmel is now our lead podcaster. He records & produces the Family Shield radio program and podcast. He volunteers his services and is pastor of Zion Lutheran Church

in Maryland Heights, MO. He also serves on the FSM Board of Directors. Listen to some of his programs here: <https://familyshieldministries.com/category/podcast/>

- Dave Powell does the quality editing of the Family Shield programs.
- Michele Caldwell prepares the podcast and our twice a month newsletter.
- Gary Duncan distributes the program to up to 50 radio station affiliates each week throughout the United States. Learn more about our radio affiliates here: <https://familyshieldministries.com/radio-ministry/>
- Family Shield hosted a “Faith Family Reunion—Prodigal Parent Ministry Training” on October 26 for Parents of Prodigals. Paula Isakson, the founder of Faith Family Reunion, traveled from Colorado to lead the event. Everyone who attended was blessed, encouraged, and equipped! One parent said, “This event encouraged and helped me learn how to keep the communication lines open with my son. Thank you.”

The election of current & new Board members will be held soon. Please join us in prayer for wise decisions and Godly wisdom.

We continue to strengthen individuals and families for Christ. As a nationally Recognized Service Organization of the LCMS, we invite your prayers and continued support! We ask that you join us in prayer as the Lord helps us expand and strengthen our work in the ripe and plentiful harvest. Who does the Lord have in mind as our new executive director? Who can help us secure the funding needed for our expansion? Please keep these things in your prayers.

The Family Shield Board of Directors hosted a “Celebration of Ministry” Open House for our 30th anniversary and Kay Meyer’s retirement on Sunday, November 10 at Concordia Lutheran Church in Kirkwood, Missouri. What a wonderful blessing and honor!

We pray your heart is stirred to support our gospel focused work in the ripe and plentiful harvest! Pray that the Lord leads and directs us. So many people in our world today need to hear the message of God’s love and forgiveness through Christ. *Won’t you help us reach them?*

Your gift of \$1,000, \$500, \$250, \$100, \$50 or \$_____ will allow us to continue our outreach. Thank you for prayerfully considering a gift to support us.

We pray you have a blessed Christmas with family and friends! May the Lord bless you and keep you in His care!

In His Service and yours,



Rev. Mark Frith
Family Shield Ministries Board Chairman