

# south shore fellowship

"it's all about relationships"  
bridgman, michigan



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*Aloha,*

*June 2010*

I'm going to design a bumper sticker. I want it to say:  
Don't Flap!....Soar - Isaiah 40:31.

Maybe it should just be a sticker to be stuck in front of my face...on my dash board, my mirror, etc. If it's on my bumper everyone will see it but me!

I've realized that over the years there are 2 things that really help us get through life....God's Word and friends that read God's Word. I was talking to my friend Melissa, recently, about "stuff" and she told me that God really speaks to her through hawks. She went on to describe how she loves to watch them as they catch the current and just soar and glide through the sky. God has used many things in nature to speak to me but I must admit I'd never thought about watching hawks.

The next morning I was out for my walk and just happened to look up to see a hawk in the sky. He was amazing to watch. As he soared above me I thought about how free and relaxed he seemed. I was anything but that. I'd been wrestling with a few anxious thoughts for several days.



I got home and the phone rang. It was Melissa asking for prayer. It was then she said, "I'm flappin'! I'd rather be soaring, but I'm flappin'!" We both laughed and I told her I was going to use that term from now on. Since then, it has begun to catch on with several friends who know us.

I've seen several hawks since then. Who knew they were up there? All I needed to do was to look up!

I've been watching them and I must say that they do very little flappin'! It's been a great reminder to me as I go through my days.

Stuff happens. When it does I always have the choice to flap or to just soar. Sometimes....no, most times....I just flap myself silly and then I remember to let go and let God just take me along for the ride.

I mentioned many times that David (from the Bible) is my mentor. David went through some "stuff". Sometimes he would get to flappin' but most of the time he soared.



Psalm 16:8 says, "I have set the LORD continually before me..." I love that visual reminder. It is so easy to forget that LORD is in our circumstance. He wants to be there. He wants us to be purposeful about putting Him there. He wants us to call on Him. So, I've written that down and stuck it to my bathroom mirror....to remind myself to keep the LORD continually before me...

I don't know what you are going through right now but I do know God wants to be a partner in it. We just need to lean into him and ride the current of His love.

**"But those who trust in the LORD will find new strength. They will soar high on wings like eagles. They will run and not grow weary. They will walk and not faint." Isaiah 40:31**

## SSF Updates:

**Wednesdays - 9:00am** -Men's Bible Study, at the Roma's in Bridgman. Call Bill Erkelens for more info. (708-785-1051)

**Saturdays - 10am**- S.U.R.F. Bible study at WEKO Beach Cafe. Bring your journals and be ready to share. If you have never tried this study, feel welcome to come and check it out.

**Sundays 9am**- worship service-WEKO Beach Café ( You can buy an annual café pass for only \$5). Bring the kids. We now have a nursery and Sunday school classrooms downstairs.



Joanna & Allie teaching Logan, Jack, Alexa & Ashley



Logan & Ashley

**Sunday June 27<sup>th</sup> 7pm** WEKO Beach-free concert. Jeremy Morris and friends will be doing Beatles songs.

**Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup>**-water baptism following 9am service-contact Pastor Jack if you are interested. Howard Engnel and family are planning to join us.

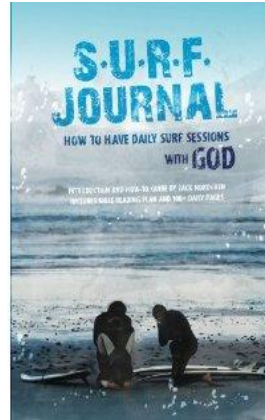
**Sunday July 4<sup>th</sup> 6pm**-Food, fireworks and fellowship at Bill & Melissa's (6984 Kruger Rd, Three Oaks MI.).

**Mon-Wed-Fri 8:30am** at WEKO Beach House  
FREE aerobics class with Maree Nordgren call 465-6264 for more info

*Aloha Kie Akua,*

*Jack & Maree,*

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