

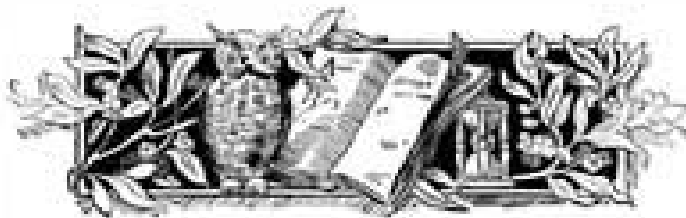


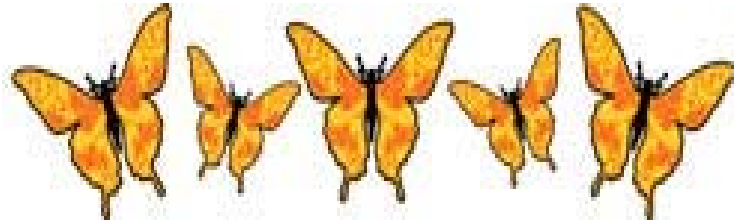
Let my teaching fall like rain and my words descend like dew, like showers on new grass, like abundant rain on tender plants. I will proclaim the name of the LORD. Oh, praise the greatness of our God! He is the Rock, his works are perfect, and all his ways are just. A faithful God who does no wrong, upright and just is He.

Deuteronomy 32:2-4

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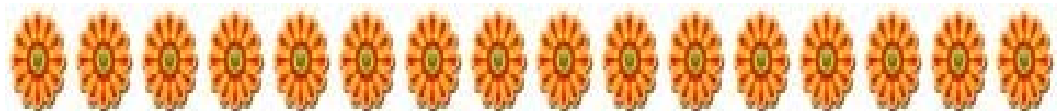
*It's been a rough few weeks—God died, which left us a bit unsettled, then he popped up out of the grave and brought a bunch of holy people with him. He started appearing to people and, when He visited us, He charged us with founding His Church and giving us all sorts of authority we didn't have a clue what to do with. Then, after proving He is actual flesh and blood by eating with us, He vanished again, leaving us with one of those nervous chuckles one has after barely escaping a tragedy. Anyway, Peter decided he needed to get some routine back in his life so we agreed to go fishing. The whole night was an absolute shame to us professional fishermen, but at least it was peaceful.*

*Just after daybreak we heard someone on shore ask, "Children, do you have any fish?" We said, "No." Now the know-it-all on the shore said, "Cast the net on the right side of the boat, and you will find some." As it turned out, he was right, and we had quite a time trying to get those floppin' fish in the boat. Now, we had been through this routine before, so we realized it had to be Jesus. John vocalized it for us and so Peter throws on his cloak and jumps into the water and swims to shore. The rest of us brought the fish to shore in the boat. Once we get to shore, we see Jesus sitting next to a charcoal fire with some fish grilling on it and some hot bread. He doesn't have enough for all of us so he asks us to bring some of our fish. So, Peter goes and grabs the net full of 153 massive fish and brings them to Jesus.*

*What eight men were going to do with 153 fish none of us knew, but when Jesus asked for fish, by golly he got them. Maybe Peter expected another feeding of the thousands, but in any case we were expecting some adventure. So, we're there with the fish and what does Jesus say? **"Come and have breakfast."** I wish I could say we were all in the mood for a great sermon on, you know, how to love people to death and care for their needs and what not, but we were just plain tuckered out. Jesus couldn't have picked more perfect words for that morning: come and have breakfast. Of all the risen-God things in the world Jesus could have been doing, he decided to sit and have breakfast with us. Let's just say, we felt pretty special.*

In this time of finals and graduations and every conceivable form of academic craziness, take a few minutes to sit with Jesus. Maybe once you and Jesus have talked about nothing in particular, especially leaving out the grocery list and the 3 units of science you need to finish by the end of the week, you can think of one or two people who should come have breakfast with you. If Jesus thought eating breakfast with his disciples was worth His time, then eating with your little disciples is worth your time. Eat French fries with your younger kids and drink coffee with your older ones—remind them that they are loved. Of all the things you will regret in 10 years, this won't be one of them.

Devotion by Ali Lane  
2008 Home School graduate, 2012 King's College graduate  
Daughter of Jan & John Lane



Dear SHIELD families,

As you know, Beth Martin has served SHIELD for several years as our Financial/Membership Team Leader. Two of her three children have now graduated and she has recently accepted a part time position with SCAIHS. Beth will be stepping away from her Leadership position to allow her more time to focus on her new situation. We are so grateful for Beth and thank her for her faithful service to SHIELD!

We prayerfully considered whom God would have to fill this role and He led us to Mandy Dufries. Mandy has been serving SHIELD as the Club Coordinator for several years and has graciously accepted this position and has begun working with Leadership. Beth and Mandy will continue working together until they both feel that the timing is appropriate for Beth to step away completely. Please welcome Mandy and pray for her as she makes this transition to Leadership.

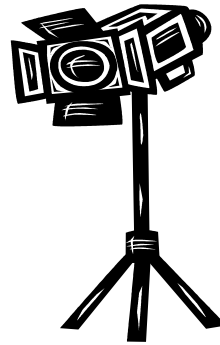
## Thank you to our SHIELD Coordinators and Volunteers:

Thank you to the many Coordinators and Volunteers who sacrificed their time and energy this year to make SHIELD a thriving support group! For those who will be changing to a different area of service, we thank you for what you did this year and look forward to where you will be serving during 2013-14.



## “Coordinator Spotlight”

While all of our coordinators and volunteers give all glory to God while they serve SHIELD, and would probably prefer to stay out of the spotlight, we thought you would enjoy getting to know them a little more!



**Mandy Dufries** has served SHIELD for several years as the Club Coordinator. Mandy and her husband David have 4 children: Mackenzie-10<sup>th</sup> grade, Sarah-8<sup>th</sup> grade, Allie-4<sup>th</sup> grade and Ethan-4<sup>th</sup> grade. They have been homeschooling for 10 years and have been members of SHIELD for 9 years.

**Q. What is your family's favorite activity?**

**A. *Playing board games***

**Q. What is a favorite field trip your family has gone on?**

**A. *Cades Cove, TN and The Wright Brothers Museum, NC***

**Q. What is your favorite SHIELD activity/event?**

**A. *It's difficult to pick just one, but I enjoy seeing the students showcase their talents and academics at Talent Night and Academic Presentation Day.***

**Q. What is your dream vacation?**

**A. *A peaceful cabin in the mountains, away from the busyness of life.***

**Q. What do you find the most challenging about homeschooling?**

**A.** *Those days when no one is motivated to do school or seeing my children get frustrated when they struggle with a lesson. Since I grew up in the public school setting, I find it especially challenging to not get caught up in the world's idea of school. I have to remind myself to prioritize our school day by seeking God first.*

**Q. What is your favorite book?**

**A.** *Little Women*

**Q. What are your hobbies?**

**A.** *I enjoy reading, cooking, gardening, writing, decorating, crafting, singing, piano.*

**Q. What is your favorite food/recipe?**

**A.** *Anything chocolate.*

**Q. What is your favorite verse or passage of scripture?**

**A.** *2 Corinthians 4:16-18 Therefore we do not lose heart. Though outwardly we are wasting away, yet inwardly we are being renewed day by day. For our light and momentary troubles are achieving for us an eternal glory that far outweighs them all. So we fix our eyes not on what is seen, but on what is unseen, since what is seen is temporary, but what is unseen is eternal. And Matthew 6:33 But seek first his kingdom and his righteousness, and all these things will be given to you as well.*



## Calendar of Events

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| <b>May 3 (Fri)</b>    | <b>Field Trip:</b> Battle of Columbia, 9:00 am - 2:00 pm   |
| <b>May 10 (Fri)</b>   | <b>Field Trip,</b> Menchies Kitty Korner, 1:00 pm  |
| <b>May 10 (Fri)</b>   | <b>Drama Club Presentation,</b> Palmetto Church of Christ, Irmo, 7:00 pm                         |
| <b>May 17 (Fri)</b>   | <b>Achievement Night,</b> Riverbend Church, Lexington, 6-8:30 pm                                 |
| <b>May 23 (Thurs)</b> | <b>Chick-fil-A Spirit Night Yearbook Signing &amp; Fundraiser,</b> Lexington Chick-fil-A, 5-7 pm |

See below for details on many of these events

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*Whatever you do, work at it with all your heart, as working for the Lord, not for men.*

*Colossians 3:23*



**Field trip:****Battle of Columbia Living History and Education Day**

**Date:** Friday, May 3, 2013  
**Time:** 9:00 am – 2:00 pm  
**Cost:** Students \$3 each, parents are free  
Plan to bring a packed lunch.  
**Contact:** Leslie Ballard, [wahoolb@bellsouth.net](mailto:wahoolb@bellsouth.net)

**This field trip is now closed. Final attendance was submitted last month.**

There are 15 educational stations that run 15 to 20 mins. each. Here is a list of the educational stations:

- \*Naval Submarine-HL Hunley-the full size replica will be on site for the class
- \*Infantry Campsite- learn how the troops lived
- \*Infantry Drill- re-enactors explaining weapons and accoutrements
- \*Cavalry-re-enactors demonstrating maneuvers
- \*Artillery-re-enactors discussing artillery pieces and showing shells used during the war
- \*Blacksmith and Forging Operations
- \*19th Century Military Engineering
- \*Medical and Surgical presentation
- \*SC Confederate Relic Room and Artifacts
- \*1860's Carpentry
- \*1860's Cooking
- \*Ladies Fashions
- \*Post Office
- \*First person impression of Generals Robert E. Lee, Thomas "Stonewall" Jackson and Jeb Stuart
- \*Entertaining drama about a soldier returning home from war

See <http://www.wadehamptoncamp.org/bfc-index.html> to learn more about the Battle of Columbia Living History and Educational Day.



**Field trip:**  
Menchie's Kitty Korner

**Date:** Friday, May 10, 2013  
**Time:** 1:00 pm  
**Cost:** \$5 per child  
**Contact:** April Wallace, [aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:aprilw1982@yahoo.com)

**Spots are still open!**

What's Happening ~ The kids will be able to see the process of yogurt making. Learn about food safety. Learn about the nutritional facts in a fun way. Tour the kitchen and find out how it all started. Follow up with a yogurt and toppings.

Parents will need to purchase their yogurt. This should be a fun, educational afternoon.

To sign up, email [Aprilw1982@yahoo.com](mailto:Aprilw1982@yahoo.com). Put 'Menchie's' in the subject line. Send payment to 193 Mill House Lane, Lexington, SC 29072 **no later than May 5**. This is so I can get a final count and prepay for everyone going. If we have a strong response I may need to break us up into different time brackets. I will let you all know.

Excited about another fun field trip!

## Drama Club Play

"Friendship: The Silver-Lining of War"

Friday, May 10th, at 7:00 pm at  
Palmetto Church of Christ in Irmo.  
(7000 Nursery Rd, Columbia, SC 29212)

Tickets are \$2 per person, or \$5 per family and will be sold at the door.

The play was written by a SHIELD parent along with several drama club students. It is set in WW2, so it will make a great field trip if you're studying American history this year.

In addition, it will feature a few SHIELD musicians and snacks will be available for sale.

If you have any questions, contact Leah at [leah.tilghman@gmail.com](mailto:leah.tilghman@gmail.com).



## SHIELD's Achievement Night 2013

Friday, May 17th, 2013  
Riverbend Community Church  
1015 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072

**Deadline to register: Friday, May 3**

6:00 pm-Yearbook distribution and signing  
6:30 pm - 8:30 pm –Achievement Night Recognitions  
Cake and beverages following

Come together to celebrate all God has done in our home schools this year! This year our Achievement Night will have the following elements:

Celebrating Kindergarten & High School Graduates  
Celebrating Academic Achievement by Class  
Yearbook Distribution & Cake!

In addition to K Graduation and Senior Recognition, SHIELD offers certificates for every student finishing 1st -11th grade:

**You must rsvp for this by Friday May 3<sup>rd</sup>**

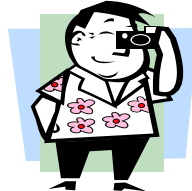
Send student/s name and grade completing to Tracy Taylor at  
[ttaylor24@sc.rr.com](mailto:ttaylor24@sc.rr.com).



**We hope to see you all there to celebrate another year!**

## Yearbook News

### Important Yearbook Information PLEASE READ!



We are already starting to work on next year's yearbook. You may now submit pictures for the 2014 book. Most pictures taken with a phone are not high enough resolution to work in the yearbook, so please keep that in mind. You may email your photos to [shieldpictures@gmail.com](mailto:shieldpictures@gmail.com).

Please, one picture per email and include a description of what's happening and who is in the photo.

Thank you in advance. We couldn't do it without your help.

Wondering where to pick up your yearbook...

### **Achievement Night**

Friday, May 17th, 2013 at Riverbend Community Church 1015 Corley Mill Road, Lexington, SC 29072.

We will be distributing books starting at 6pm.

### **Chick-fil-a Spirit Night Fundraiser**

Thursday May 23rd, 2013 Lexington Chick-fil-a 5560 Sunset Blvd, Lexington, SC.

5-7pm. This is a fundraiser for our yearbook. They donate a portion of the sales of those that mention SHIELD that day to us, so come out and have some yummy Chick-fil-a and get your friends to sign your yearbook.

*If you can not make either of those please contact Josie Seacrist at [pjseacrist@yahoo.com](mailto:pjseacrist@yahoo.com) to arrange pick up.*

## SHIELD's Lending Library

Keep the Lending Library in mind as you finish up your school year and are looking for a place to donate your used curriculum. It is a great way to free up space on your bookshelves for new curriculum while at the same time blessing other SHIELD families.

Also, as you make plans for next year, the library can be a great resource if you are considering buying curriculum but would like to take some time to look through the book first. You can check out a book for an entire school year!

The Lending Library is available to all SHIELD members. Contact Jenny Stallings at [jen9874@msn.com](mailto:jen9874@msn.com) or 803-808-5365 for more information.

## SHIELD Membership 2013-2014

We will begin accepting membership applications for the 2013-14 year in June. At that time, we hope to have an online application available to simplify the process for all involved! We will be available at Achievement Night to answer any questions you have concerning membership, however we will not be taking applications at that time. Watch your e-mail for updates concerning the 2013-14 application process.

To help you with your planning, the cost for SHIELD Membership for 2013-2014 will be:

- \$15 SHIELD Membership ONLY
- \$15 SCHEA Membership (optional)
- \$30 SHIELD & SCHEA Membership

Note: a \$10 late fee will still apply for current members who renew after August 31, 2013.

If you have any questions, please contact our Membership Coordinator, Mandy Dufries, at [sixdufries@gmail.com](mailto:sixdufries@gmail.com) or 996-1379.

## Join the Field Trip Team!

Do you have a few good field trip ideas?

Would you be willing to organize a few field trips for SHIELD members during the 2013-2014 school year?

SHIELD is looking to add a few new members to the Field Trip Team! We are hoping to gather a team of 4-5 volunteers who are willing to organize several field trips each in the upcoming school year. A team-planning meeting will be held in July to share ideas, plan a variety of trips, coordinate them on the calendar, etc. Then each volunteer will plan a few field trips each to have a GREAT year of field trips!!

Will you join the team?

Email our Field Trip Coordinator, Rebecca Becker,  
at [jandbbecker@aol.com](mailto:jandbbecker@aol.com).



## Members' Services

Do you or someone in your family have a service to offer other homeschoolers? If so, please send the information to Karen Collins at [kscollins2@icloud.com](mailto:kscollins2@icloud.com).

### Babysitters:

Hannah Goude, Red Cross Certification in babysitting and CPR  
(803) 951-0943 or 312-4095. [janeygoude@sc.rr.com](mailto:janeygoude@sc.rr.com)

Lauren Goude, Red Cross Certification in babysitting and CPR  
(803) 951-0943 or 312-4095. [janeygoude@sc.rr.com](mailto:janeygoude@sc.rr.com)

### Other:

Jessica Smith, [jessica](mailto:jessica), 803-260-2473 Independent Distributor of Herbalife. Call for a free Health Evaluation and Body Scan. [smith.nutrition@gmail.com](mailto:smith.nutrition@gmail.com) (803) 996-3631

Sherri Almeida, Owner of Palmetto Children's Music, LLC (Locations in Columbia and Lexington)  
We offer music classes for children birth to age five and the adults who love them. (803) 546-7930  
[www.PalmettoChildrensMusic.com](http://www.PalmettoChildrensMusic.com)

Shelley Cannon - Bee Trail Farm, LLC – we sell local bees and honey! 803.360.7978 [Beetrailfarm@gmail.com](mailto:Beetrailfarm@gmail.com)

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Kayla Tilghman, Melodic Memories, advanced student violinist with other strings accompaniment. For weddings and other special events. For more information please email [melodicmemories2@gmail.com](mailto:melodicmemories2@gmail.com) or contact Leah Tilghman at 920-8475.

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Michael Lucas, Mortgage Broker with Coldwell Banker Mortgage, 803-315-8880, [michael.lucas@mortgagefamily.com](mailto:michael.lucas@mortgagefamily.com)

Laura Scaggs and Sherrie Morrison (Laura's mom): Bluegreen Resort rentals ([www.bluegreenonline.com](http://www.bluegreenonline.com))  
Fantastic opportunities for year-round "field trip vacations"! Contact Laura at 477-1667 or email [glebs4@windstream.net](mailto:glebs4@windstream.net) or Sherrie at [mismo5@hotmail.com](mailto:mismo5@hotmail.com)

# SHIELD Leadership & Coordinator Panel

## 2012-2013

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