



*Gather. Glorify. Grow. Go.*

Shalom Baptist Church Newsletter

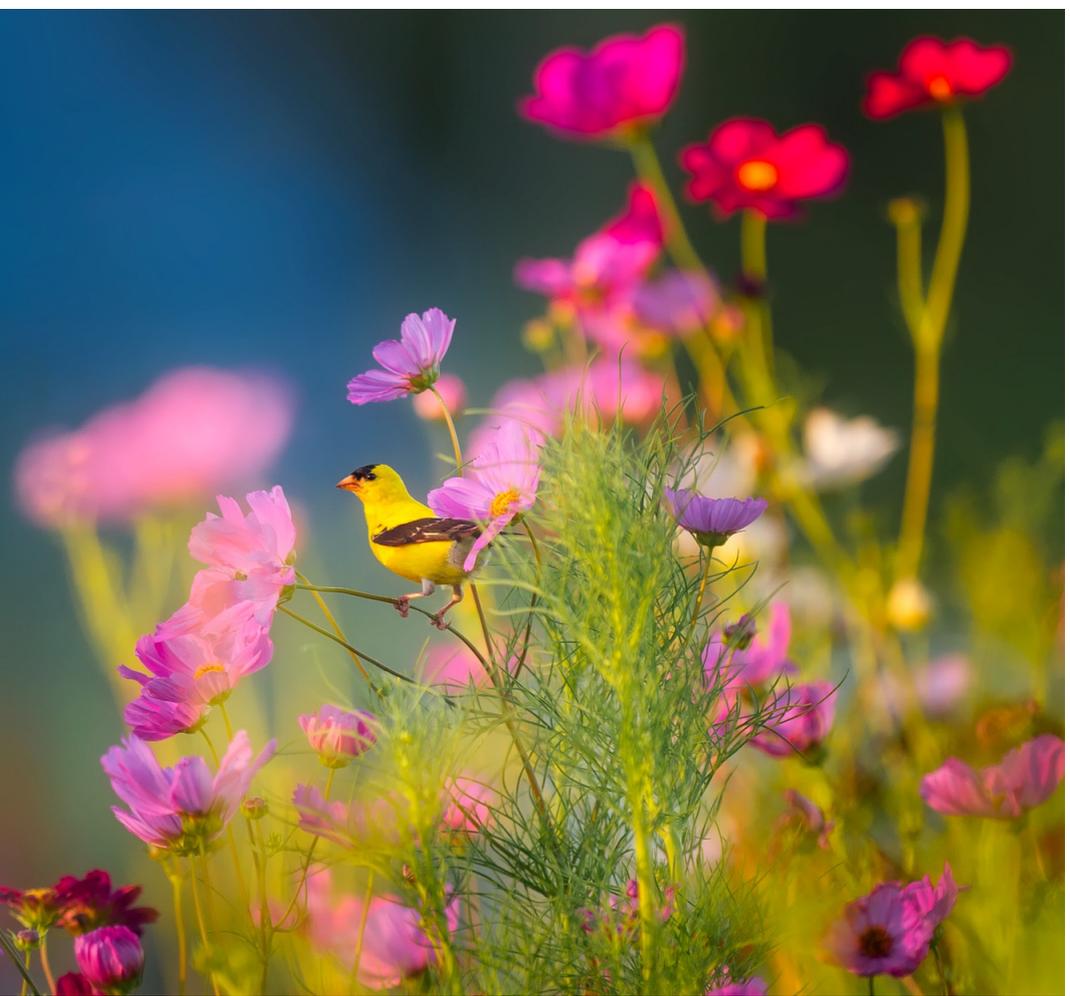
April 2024



# THE SHALOM NEWSLINE

*"May the God of hope fill you with all joy and peace as you trust in him, so that you may overflow with hope by the power of the Holy Spirit."*

ROMANS 15:13



## Church Staff

Rev. Mark Miller.....Senior Pastor  
 Jean Dart.....Minister of Music & Worship  
 Rev. Nate Puller.....Youth Minister  
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 Jeff Farrier.....Church Musician  
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**Church Office Hours**  
 Monday: 7:30am-5pm, Tuesday: 8am-2pm, Wednesday: 7:30am-3pm  
 Thursday: 8am-2pm



# Mark's Minute



Happy April, Shalom! I love April because of the rich and vibrant colors that spring forth from the ground, from our gardens and from the trees (...even though my allergies aren't too fond of that "springing forth"!)

First, we are FINALLY updating our church directory! The last time Shalom did an "official directory" my girls were 10 and 6 (they are now nearly 18 and 21!). So, here's what you need to know about "updating your/your family picture". On Easter Sunday morning, the prayer room will be open from 8:00 AM through 12:30 PM (except during the worship services). Simply grab your family and come to the prayer room to get an updated picture to be put in our NEW church directory. Pictures will ALSO continue on the following Sundays in April (April 7, 14, 21-pictures will be taken in the lobby those weeks). Simply "get in line" and get a brand new, updated picture.

Second, we, as a church, are planning and preparing for something NEW and FRESH on Sunday, May 5. On that day, WE WILL HAVE ONLY ONE WORSHIP SERVICE AT 9:00-9:30 AND NO SUNDAY SCHOOL THAT DAY. After our condensed time of worship, we will all move into the Gym in order to pack meals together for "Rise Against Hunger". We will have a nursery for babies and preschoolers, but I have learned that this event is great for those "from age 5 to age 95". Chairs will be available to those who need them, and our Shalom goal is to pack 10,000 meals from 9:30-11:00. This will not be a worship service, per se, but rather a "service of worship". Everyone who wants to participate must register...and registration information will be in bulletins and via the newsletter.

And third, Shalom is seeking to identify, raise up, and train some new small group leaders (called "Grow groups") that will meet throughout the week in homes or in the church starting in September. If you want to learn more about being a grow group leader (or, if you are interested in hosting a grow group in your home), we will have an informational meeting soon (TBA). Furthermore, if you are looking for a way to connect with others... and grow as a disciple, begin praying now about being a part of one of these new grow groups starting in September!

What an exciting time to be a part of Shalom! I hope that YOU will join us in these new and fresh endeavors on the horizon!

In Him,  
*Pastor Mark*





April 3rd  
**CHICKEN CASSEROLE**

April 10th  
**LASAGNA**

April 17th  
**BLACKENED CHICKEN STRIPS.**

April 24th  
**BBQ**

**Cost:** \$5.00 for adults  
\$2.00 for children  
\$12.00 per family

Each week reservation cards will be in the bulletin. Please fill out a card and put it in the offering plate or call the church office with your reservation by 3:00pm Monday and leave a message.

Shut-In of the Month:

*Beverly Jo Harris*

**6177 Rolling Forest Circle  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

Please remember Beverly Jo this month by sending her a card or calling. It means so much to our Shut-Ins, that they are remembered and that we still care.



Meet our Deacon for the month of April:

*Mitzi Hubble*





## Strength in the Journey

Strength in the Journey is a ministry for those who have lost their spouse and are seeking the support of others navigating a different path in this life's journey. You are welcome to join our next meeting on **Monday, April 15th**. We will meet at Shalom at 2:45 pm and go to Texas Roadhouse for a late lunch/early dinner.



**Just Breathe  
Caregiver  
Support Group**  
Monday, April 22nd  
7:00 pm



**Cancer Support Group**  
Tuesday, April 23rd  
11:00 am



The Sisters in Service Circle meets Monday, April 8th at 10:00 am in the Co-Ed classroom. For more information contact Ann McFaden.

The Beloved Circle meets Tuesday, April 9th at 6:30 pm in the Believer's classroom. For more information contact Virginia Ryan.

### From the Office:

- Church office closed on Monday, April 1st in observance of Easter.
- Church Council Meeting-Tuesday, April 2nd at 7:00 pm.
- May Newsletter entries are due Wednesday, April 24th.



We are updating photos for our pictorial church directory. Please stop by the lobby on the following Sundays:  
April 7th  
April 14th  
April 21st

### Upcoming Events:

May 5th, 2024: Rise Against Hunger. See page 8 for more information.





The Tuesday morning men's Bible Study will continue its study of the Book of Joshua during April. Please join us at 8:30 every Tuesday as we study and grow.

On April 7th, a team on Shalom men and women will depart for the Bland Ministry Center at 2:00 p.m. We will spend three days completing the projects the Center has lined up for us and return home on the evening of April 10th. Please let Ken Hein know if you are interested in going with the mission team. This trip is open to both Shalom women and men.

On April 13th, the second Saturday of the month we will have a men's breakfast and begin our oil change ministry. Breakfast will be served at Shalom at 8:00 and our oil change ministry will begin shortly thereafter. The oil change ministry is held at Billy Norman's house located on Little Florida Rd. off of Rt. 360. If you miss the breakfast to help with the early oil changes, breakfast will be brought to you.

The Men's Ministry will be preparing the Wednesday night church meal on April 24th. Our menu will be a BBQ dinner.

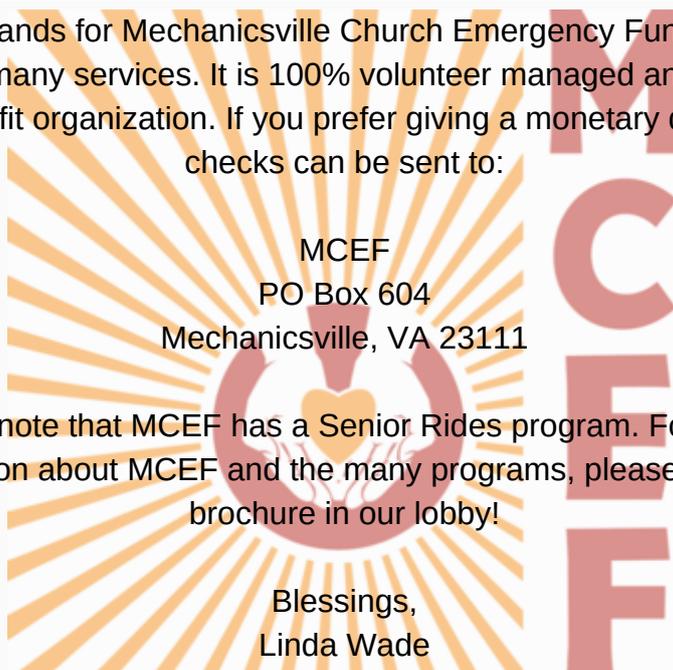
Please join us for these opportunities to gather, fellowship and grow.

MCEF stands for Mechanicsville Church Emergency Functions and provides many services. It is 100% volunteer managed and operated non-profit organization. If you prefer giving a monetary donation, checks can be sent to:

MCEF  
PO Box 604  
Mechanicsville, VA 23111

Please note that MCEF has a Senior Rides program. For further information about MCEF and the many programs, please pick-up a brochure in our lobby!

Blessings,  
Linda Wade



*The earth and everything in it, the world and its inhabitants, belong to the Lord; for he laid its foundation on the seas and established it on the rivers." Psalm 24:1-2*

*Happy Earth Day!*

APRIL 22ND





## KIDS CORNER

**A BIG THANK YOU TO ALL OF OUR VOLUNTEERS WHO HELPED MAKE OUR CHILDREN'S EASTER EVENT A SUCCESS! WE HAD OVER 40 FAMILIES, OVER 75 CHILDREN, OVER 25 VOLUNTEERS AND 15 CAKES! THANKS AGAIN FOR SERVING THE FAMILIES IN OUR COMMUNITY!**



## MOM & Me

**An overnight Retreat for Any Mom, Grandma, Guardian, or Missions Leader & Elementary-Age Daughters  
April 26th-28th at Eagle Eyrie  
Please contact Kathy Seay if you are interested in going.**



**Touch-A-Truck**  
Saturday, June 1st 10 am-1 pm  
Shalom Baptist Church Parking Lot

# centrikid **\*SAVE THE DATE\*** camps **JUNE 24-28, 2024**

CentriKid is a high-energy, intentional, gospel-centered overnight camp for 2nd-6th graders. Their mission is to help kids experience the time of their lives and learn more about the message of Jesus Christ. This takes place through track times, rec, worship, Bible study, church group time, and a variety of other fun events. CentriKid Camps are committed to providing content that is rooted in Scripture, a safe location, kid-friendly programming, and staffers who are deeply invested in your kids.

**For more info, or to let us know you may be interested:  
email [jjclib@gmail.com](mailto:jjclib@gmail.com)**



The Youth have had a wonderful month of March. We really enjoyed our trip to the movies to see *The Ark* and *The Darkness* movie that was in theaters for a limited time. We were able to learn so much information about the history of The Flood and how it has impacted our world today.

We are looking forward to April and have many events coming up. On April 1st (during, Spring Break) we will meet to go bowling at Bowlero. Then on April 11th we will have a Skate Night at Ashland Skateland. We will have a trip for homeschool students to go to Mount Crawford on April 15th. Mount Crawford has the world's largest book fair, and we will go to get ice cream afterwards.

Fuge camp is quickly approaching! In April we will begin meeting with parents and youth about the details of our trip. We are looking forward to what God will do in the life of our students at camp this Summer.

### April Anniversaries

- 3rd Bert & Cathy Childress
- 12th Geoff & Lydia Baldwin  
David & Michele Nelson
- 16th Chuck & Leisa George  
Robert & Karen Stokes
- 23rd Dan & Ann McFaden  
Paul & Lori Sherwood
- 26th Kevin & Laura Kelly

### April Birthday's

- 2nd Joan Anderson
- 3rd Margaret Schools
- 4th Thomas Cochran  
Janis Garbett  
Riley Taylor  
Debbie Taylor
- 5th Louise Scott
- 6th Janice Carswell  
Shirley Winebarger
- 10th Page Baber  
Vicki Trice
- 11th Kevin Lane
- 13th Stan Nabors
- 17th Gerry Mick
- 18th David Booth  
Lori Sherwood
- 20th Sara Smith
- 22nd Li-Anne Jennings  
Annette Logan
- 23rd Ed Kidder  
Sally Norman
- 24th Chuck Townsend
- 27th Dawn Tyree
- 29th Robert Anderson  
Mason Brannagan





 **RISE AGAINST HUNGER®**

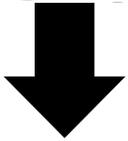
***Shalom Baptist Church***

***Sunday, May 5th***

***9:00 am worship***

***9:30-11:30 Meal Packaging***

**Scan to register**



***Help us package  
10,152 meals to  
fight global hunger!***

**or go to:**

**[events.riseagainsthunger.org/ShalomBaptist2024](https://events.riseagainsthunger.org/ShalomBaptist2024)**

Shalom Baptist Church, we will be packing over 10,000 meals for Rise Against Hunger.

The Worship Service time starts at 9:00 am in the Sanctuary. Then from 9:30 am to 11:30 am (or when we finish) we will be in the gym packing meals.

Children are invited to be a part of this ministry opportunity; however, we will have a nursery that day as well as movie room for younger elementary age kids who may need it.

If you are unable to stand for that long, you can be seated and work as well.

We ask that you **PRE-REGISTER!** If you need help registering, please call the church office at 804-746-7737 and Kelly can help get you registered.





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### **Shalom's Calendar QR Code:**

Open your camera on your smart phone. Move your camera so the QR code is in the frame. You'll see the code's URL appear, tap on it to open that URL.

